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October, 2004

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 18th	Court of Honor @ Thomas MS	Nov 15th	Troop Meeting & Parents Mtg @ Thomas
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> -24th	FALL CAMP-O-REE	Nov 19-21	Horsemanship Camp Out
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Meeting @ Thomas MS	Nov. 22nd	NO MEETING
Nov 1st	Troop Meeting @ Thomas MS	Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	BOARD OF REVIEW @ Thomas MS
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Meeting @ Thomas MS	Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	First Aid Meet
		Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	COURT OF HONOR @ Thomas MS

\*\* SEE ATTACHED UPDATED CALENDAR FOR MORE INFORMATION \*\*

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**PARENTS MEETING** - Attached please find a copy of the Minutes from the Parent's Meeting held on August 30, 2004. **The next Parent's Meeting is on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Middle School.** Please have at least one member from each family present.

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**COURTS OF HONOR** – Please plan on having the family attend all the Courts of Honor this year along with your Scout. The Court on Honor is when we get to recognize the Scouts on their achievements and awards and your attendance is important to them. Treats and drinks are provided after all these meetings.

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**EAGLE CEREMONY** – FYI, we will be having a special Eagle Ceremony for Kevin Benes and Tom Mussar at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kevin and Tom both earned their Eagle award a year ago, but went off to college, so a ceremony didn't get planned.

Please plan on being at Thomas to pick up your Scout before 8:00 and stay for this ceremony. The last ½ hour of the regular meeting will be dedicated to this Eagle Ceremony.

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**ANNUAL DUES** – Dues in the amount of \$45 (+ \$10 for OA members) are now due. Please bring your dues to the October 18<sup>th</sup> Court of Honor and give to Cynthia Riley, the Troop treasurer.

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**NAPOWAN 2005** – Mark your calendars. Next year's summer camp will be from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>.

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**ALUMINUM RECYCLING** – Please remember to save your aluminum cans and bring them to the Troop Meetings (rinsed and crushed). Mark Ziegenhorn is collecting these cans and bringing them to the recycling center. The money raised is used to purchase propane gas for the camp-outs.

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**TROOP WEBSITE** – <http://troop34.nwsc.org>

Most of the Troop information, including permission slips, calendar changes and newsletters, will be available on the website. Please check the website often for updates.

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**NEWSLETTERS** – We will be trying to publish a newsletter every couple of months to keep you information on what the Troop is doing. If you have anything you would like to publish in this newsletter please e-mail Sue Jackson at [djacks1614@comcast.net](mailto:djacks1614@comcast.net).

MINUTES FROM PARENT'S MEETING  
AUGUST 30, 2004

The following items were discussed at this Parent's Meeting:

1. Committee Positions – People need to know and understand their position and attend the Parent's meetings. The more active the Committee is, the better the Troop will be. A list of the current Adult Positions is attached. Please let us know if you can help fill any of the empty slots.
2. Need to have adults sign up to be active Assistant Scoutmasters. These adults should be able to commit to go through training, attend the Troop Meetings and most camp outs. The Troop will reimburse you for any training costs. We need the adults to GET INVOLVED!
3. Mr. Marion announced that this is his last year as Scoutmaster. We need to have someone step up for this position as of August, 2005. Mr. Marion will be around next year to train the new Scoutmaster and help the transition go smoothly. If you are interested, please talk to Mr. Marion.
4. NAPOWAN – 16 scouts attended this year and all had a very good week. Along with earning numerous Merit Badges, the Scouts also earned the Lord Baden Powell Award. To do this they had to pass a daily camp inspection, complete a service project and the boys had to run the campsite. Congrats to our Scouts on this award. Also, the mulberry trees that have plagued our campsite for many years have been taken down, so we won't be getting any more mulberry stains on the tents and gear!
5. We need to move the Scouts to take on more leadership so we can be a true "boy run Troop". We will work on teaching the boys how to run the program.
6. Need to get the permission slips and money in 2 weeks before an outing so plans can be made for travel and shopping. Tour permits are usually due in Council 2 weeks before the outing. A minimum of 5 or 6 Scouts must be signed up for an outing. If we get less than that, we might cancel it.
7. We are a full uniform Troop. Please send your Scout to all meetings and on the camp outs in full uniform (shirt, scarf, pants & belt). Also, the Scouts should wear their blue Troop t-shirts during the camp outs. This helps the leaders identify our boys when we are out. If you don't have one, please talk to Mr. Marion.
8. Do not send any pop, chips, cookies or candy on the camp outs. Please send water, trail mix or healthy snack to have during the ride. A snack is always figured in the menu for when the Scouts arrive at the campsite. Also, please be conscious that we have some Scouts with nut & peanut allergies.
9. If you have volunteered to take Scouts shopping for food before a camp out, please review the menu and shopping list with your Scout and make sure it covers all they need and the amount of people they are feeding. The menu needs to come back, so it can go on the camp out. Also, please do not change the menu without consulting Mr. Marion first.
10. It was decided to set Camping fees at \$25 per person for each camp out. If the camp out is more than the \$25, the Troop will pay the difference (except for more costly outings like rafting, canoeing, etc.).

11. After each camp out, the tents are hung in Mr. Thrall's garage so they can completely dry out before being stored away. We need a couple more locations to do this. If you can give us some spare space in your garage for a day or two after a camp out, please talk to Mr. Marian.
12. In the near future, we will need a new location to park the Troop Trailer. We need some volunteers to contact local businesses, etc. to help with locating a new spot. Also, we need to investigate obtaining insurance on the contents of the trailer.
13. We need people available to pull the trailer to the outings. Currently we only have a couple people who can pull the Troop Trailer. If they are not available to attend an outing, we won't be able to go. Therefore, if you can help with this, please talk to Mr. Marian.
14. The Historian's job is to take pictures at all outings. We currently supply the Historian with disposable cameras and it was asked if it would be better to purchase a digital camera for the Troop's use. It was decided that we would continue purchasing the disposable cameras. Then we would not have to worry about the Troop camera being damaged or lost.
15. Highway Clean-Up – Our Troop is responsible for cleaning up the stretch of Wilke Road between Rand and Dundee Roads. This will be done 3 or 4 times a year. Check the website for dates.
16. We are also looking for more community service projects. If you are aware of any projects that the boys can work on, please let Mr. Marion know.
17. Approved Equipment Needs:
  - Purchase 20 Tent Tarps to prevent punctures on the tent floors – cost is approx. \$500
  - Purchase a battery booster so that the trailer does not need to remain hooked up to the vehicle that towed it. Doing so puts a strain on the vehicle's battery.
  - Purchase a battery-powered light for the trailer to be used when the trailer has no power source