

# ***MORE 34***

*September, 2002*

## **CALENDAR**

Sept. 9 – Troop Meeting @ Thomas 7-8:30

Sept 16 – BOARD OF REVIEW @ Thomas 7-8:30

Sept 20-22 – Apple River Canyon Camp Out

Sept 23 – COURT OF HONOR @ Thomas 7-8:30

Sept. 28 – Highway Clean-up

Sept 30 – Troop Meeting @ Thomas 7-8:30

Oct. 7 – Troop Meeting @ Thomas 7-8:30

Oct 10-12 – Fall Camporee – Lakota

Oct 21 – Troop Meeting @ Thomas 7-8:30

Oct 28 – Troop Meeting @ Thomas 7-8:30

Nov. 2 – Highway Clean-up

Nov 4 – Troop Meeting @ Thomas 7-8:30

Nov. 8-10 – Spelunking Camp Out

Nov. 11 – BOARD OF REVIEW @ Thomas 7-8:30

Nov. 13 – Parent's Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 18 – COURT OF HONOR @ Thomas 7-8:30

## **WELCOME BACK**

We have started off our scouting year and it looks to be a great one. The TLC (Troop Leader Council) met in August and has planned out the first few meetings. The TLC is a group of Scouts who hold positions in the Troop (Patrol Leaders, etc) and any other Scout who wants to be involved in the planning of the Troop meetings and events. We are a boy-run Troop.

## **KICK-OFF PARENT'S MEETING**

This meeting was back on August 21<sup>st</sup> and we want to thank all the parents who came to this important meeting. The Troop Calendars and other important information was distributed. If you have not received your Scout's folder, please be sure to pick it up at the next Scout meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **PARENT'S MEETING**

The next Parent's meeting is on **Wednesday**, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson's, 1614 W. Lexington Dr., AH at 7:00 p.m. Parents, since this is a boy-run troop, this is your opportunity to learn what is happening in the Troop, how things are planned and what direction the troop is headed. Please reserve the time for this important meeting.

## **BOARDS OF REVIEW**

These meetings are usually one week before each Court of Honor. If your son is ready for a rank advancement he must have had a Scoutmaster Conference before the Board of Review. Please work with your son to make sure the Scoutmaster Conference is scheduled as soon as your Scout is ready, and not at the last minute.

## **COURTS OF HONOR**

Attendance at the Courts of Honor has been very low. The Court of Honor is the time when all the families get together and recognize all of our Scouts' achievements. Please plan on having the entire family attend our next Court of Honor on September 23<sup>rd</sup>!

## **REMINDER**

Please turn in your Scout Information and Driver's Information sheets that were mailed to you in earlier in August. We need these to update the Troop's database.

## **NAPOWAN – 2002**

36 scouts attended Camp Napowan this summer and earned a total of 138 merit badges along with having a great time. This is a new Troop Record!!!! Congratulations to all Scouts. Plans are ready being made for next summer's trip. A very special thanks to Jim Ray for organizing all the boys, parents and paperwork to help this week flow smoothly. Also, thank you to all the parents who accompanied the boys during the week. We could not have a successful week of camp without you.

## **HIGH ADVENTURES:**

**SCUBA DIVING – 2002** – The SCUBA trip is over and there are many stories and pictures that came back with the divers. Over 100 photos are posted on the website already. We will be having a display at the November Court of Honor to share some of their experiences.

**PHILMONT – 2003** – 22 of the 24 spaces have been filled for the 2 crews. **The next payment of \$197 is due on or before 9/23/02.** We will meet next fall and winter to discuss crews, training hikes, method of transportation to Cimarron, NM and possible side sight seeing trips. Any questions, please talk to Gary Thrall or Mike Malzahn. Check out the website for important information to begin planning for this exciting, must-do trip for all scouts.

## **FUNDRAISERS**

Popcorn and Wreath sales will be starting very soon. It was agreed upon that the Scouts will earn 10% of their popcorn sales and \$2 per unit sold for wreathes (except cemetery easels). This money will be placed into their Scout Bucks account and can be used to pay for future camp outs. This is also a great way to help defer the cost of Napowan and High Adventure trips. Help is needed for both popcorn and wreath distribution. Please contact Mari Malzahn @ (847) 670-7905 if you are able to help.

It was also mentioned about selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts instead of chocolate bars this year. Parents decided to discuss this further at a future Parent's Meeting. If you have any suggestions for other fundraisers, please let us know.

## **ANNUAL DUES**

Rechartering time is in the near future, so it is time to collect the annual dues of \$40. If your Scout is also an OA member, please pay his \$10 dues also at this time. Dues should be paid to Sue Jackson by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY** (Service Hours)

Troop 34 is responsible for roadside clean-up along the Frontage Road between Rand & Dundee Road. Next dates are September 28<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Permission slips will be distributed when the time draws near.

## **ALUMINUM RECYCLING**

Please remember to save your aluminum cans and bring them to the Troop Meetings (rinsed and crushed). Mike Malzahn is collecting and will bring them to a recycling center. The money raised goes towards paying for the propane used on camp-outs.

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

Be sure to check out the website. Most of the Troop information will be available on this site, along with permission slips for future outings.

## **NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL?**

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**ADULT TROOP POSITIONS** – There are still many positions open that require minimal time. Please check out the list of positions at the September Court of Honor and sign up where you can give us some assistance. **WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!!**