

RED AND BLACK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Registration - Adult registration is due by the 1/11/16 Troop meeting. An annual registration fee is \$50 per adult leader. If you paid with your scout registration earlier this year, you are all set, thank you! Please check that your Youth Protection is up to date (does not expire before 3/1/16). Youth Protection needs to be current for the new charter year, which starts 3/1/16. Any adult who does not turn in their registration or updated youth protection by 1/11 will not be included on the charter. Thanks to everyone who is up to date.

OA Dues - Any scout or adult who is a member of the Order of the Arrow needs to turn in their \$10 dues by the 1/11/16 meeting to keep that membership current.

Bromley Ski Weekend - Bromley is holding a scout ski weekend 2/5-2/7. Anyone wishing to go should submit payment by Monday 1/11. The cost is \$56 for a one day lift ticket, \$40 add-on for lessons, \$38 ski/boot/pole rental, \$10 helmet rental. There are weekend and 2-day packages as well. Parents should plan on attending with their scouts.

Troop Meetings - Just a reminder that scouts should attend troop activities wearing either a class A or class B uniform; and participate in the troop activities.

Credit Card Payments - Troop is now set up to accept credit card payments <http://www.troop246bsa.org/shop>

Scout Leader Training

At the last committee meeting, the committee and the scoutmasters agreed that training for youth leadership positions should be mandatory for ALL scouts wishing to hold a leadership position in the troop. Adults are needed to provide this training for each position. Due to the logistical issues that the troop has run into in the past when trying to schedule a training day, it will be the scout's responsibility to schedule time with the adult volunteer for their position. The training must be done by January 31st, before the positions turn over. Please keep an eye out for emails from Michael Anderton, Alex Bianconi, and Michael Lilholt.

Parent Activities

We will hold a parent meeting this Monday, 1/11, starting shortly after meeting announcements. Please plan on attending. We also will be holding our first parent social on Monday 1/18 at the Elks starting at 7 pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know the other parents in a social setting instead of a meeting. Adults only please.

SAVE THE DATE - CALENDAR

1/22/16 - Scout Sponsored Dinner
 2/6/16 - Bromley Ski Weekend - sign up with Mr. Bianconi
 2/6/16 - Klondike Derby at Camp Boyhaven
 2/7/16 - Pancake Breakfast
 7/17-23/16 - Summer Camp at Wakpominee (Note the new date)



Order of the Arrow

Reminder that meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at Corpus Christi Church. Next meeting is 1/12/16.

IMPORTANT ADULT LEADER NEWS

The future of this troop depends on adult volunteers! We are still in need of a Committee Chair for next year. We are getting ready to start the charter process, so it is an ideal time to shadow Ms. Whimple and Ms. Pollay to learn the process. Committee Chair is a required position to maintain our charter. If a new chair is not identified when Ms. Whimple and Ms. Pollay step down, the Troop will lose their charter. If you are unsure of what the role entails and would like more information, please contact Ms. Whimple and/or Ms. Pollay.

Silver Beaver Award - Mr. Lumpkins will be receiving the Silver Beaver award at the annual Twin Rivers Council recognition banquet. The Silver Beaver award recognizes Mr. Lumpkins' distinguished service to the Troop, Council and Community. Be sure to congratulate him when you see him!