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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Rank Requirements</u> - 1/30/17 Troop Meeting - the focus will be to work on rank requirements. Please plan on attending to fulfill your current rank requirements, and bring your book! Older scouts, please plan on helping.

<u>Scout Leader Specific Training</u> - Monday 1/30/17 5:30-8: 30 pm at Elks Club. Presented by Betty Fitzgerald, this assistant scoutmaster required training is a great opportunity for all interested parents to become more informed about scouting and the importance of supporting a boy led troop. Please feel free to attend!

<u>Youth Protection Training</u> - Parents are requested to review the <u>YPT publication</u> with their scout each year. We will ask you to confirm that you have reviewed this information, rather than present it to the troop as a group.

<u>Cyber Chip</u> - BSA has added a new requirement to ensure Internet Safety and Awareness. Parents - please review the age appropriate <u>module</u> with your scout, and we will discuss at a future troop meeting to ensure all scouts earn the Cyber Chip. An annual review module is available to maintain the Cyber Chip.

<u>Rank Requirements</u> - The Boy Scout Handbook was revised for 2016. Beginning in 2017, all ranks must meet the new requirements. A supplement is provided at <u>bsa.org</u> to print and insert into the existing handbook.

<u>Court of Honor</u> - The next court of honor will be February 27, 2017. Avoid the rush - Please see any assistant scoutmaster to review your rank requirements and schedule a scoutmaster conference. If you are ready for a board of review, please contact Mr. Pastore.

<u>University of Scouting</u> - 3/18/17 at Shaker High School - Twin Rivers Council offers a one day workshop - lots of interesting scout related sessions aimed to train parents about all aspects of scouting. Cost is \$12, you choose topics of interest.

Webelos Cross Over

We have 9 scouts crossing over into our troop, beginning February 11th. If you are available to help with either cross over, please contact Mrs. Coons. Additionally, please reach out to the new parents to welcome them.

Parent Activities

We will hold a parent meeting Monday, 3/20/17, starting shortly after meeting announcements. All parents are encouraged to attend to meet new members. Please plan on attending.

SAVE THE DATE - CALENDAR

2/4/17 - Klondike Derby at Camp Saratoga

2/19/17 - Campout at Boyhaven

2/24/17 - Campout at Elks

2/25/17 - Cub Scout Winter Carnival at Elks

3/11/17 - Camp overnight at TBD

4/8/17 - New Scout Overnight at Elks

7/16-22/17 - Summer Camp at Wakpominee



Order of the Arrow

Reminder that meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at Corpus Christi Church. Next meeting is 2/14/17.

Troop246 website

Our website has recently been updated. If you photos or other information you would like to see added to the website, please contact Mr. Weeks.