

RED AND BLACK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bingo Prize Donations - We are still in need of prizes for our annual bingo night on 12/21. Item donations should be \$10 or under and suitable for boys ages 11-17. Each Scout should walk away with a prize.

Popcorn Buyout Due - The popcorn fundraiser is a mandatory fundraising activity for all Scouts. If your Scout did not sell popcorn this year, the buyout is \$50. If your Scout did not sell the Troop minimum, please see Ms. Laing, Ms. Pollay, or Ms. Whimple to find out what your buyout is. Buyout payments are now past due.

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. Youth Protection needs to be current for the new charter year, which starts 3/1/16.

Credit Card Payments - The Troop is now set up to accept credit card payments for Troop activities, with a small fee. Adult registration and popcorn buyout are now set up on our website at <http://www.troop246bsa.org/shop>

SCOUTMASTER BOARD OF REVIEW

The Troop will now be enforcing our policies regarding scheduling Board of Reviews. A BOR will not be scheduled if the Scout is not current in their dues and other monies, as outlined in the advancement section of our Troop Handbook. This includes dues, popcorn sales/buyout, camping fees, etc. If you are unsure if your Scout is current, please see Ms. Laing, Ms. Pollay, or Ms. Whimple.

Appropriate Language - Scout Law

We have received some complaints from families of new scouts and Webelos attending Webelos Watch regarding the inappropriate language of older Scouts. As your SPL announced several weeks ago, the portion of the Scout Law that says "A Scout is clean" includes speech as well as body. Please speak with your Scout about what language/topics are appropriate at Scouting events, particularly around younger Scouts and Webelos. Scouts who are caught using profanity/inappropriate language at Troop events will result in disciplinary action being taken by the Troop.

SAVE THE DATE - CALENDAR

12/21/15 - Troop Elections and Bingo Night
 12/29 - Lock In - Scout Overnight at Elks
 1/4/16 - Webelos Watch
 2/6/16 - Bromley Ski Weekend - sign up with Mr. Bianconi
 2/6/16 - Klondike Derby at Camp Boyhaven
 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. Availability to assist with the charter next year is uncertain. 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 - In case you missed the 12/7 Troop meeting, it was announced that 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!