

TROOP 575 NEWSLETTER

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Scoutmaster's Corner

Scoutmaster Jeff Love

Another year has come and gone. Happy New Year.

Looking back on 2008, Scouts in our T575 earned 80 merit badges and 29 rank advancements. Of the rank advancements, 3 scouts achieved rank of Eagle. In 2009 it appears there will be at least that many Eagles again. These are great achievements and all of the Scouts should be proud. Trips were made to Peaceful Valley for shooting and summer camp, Tahosa back packing, Snow Mountain Ranch for tubing, Air Force Football. Also numerous Eagle and community service projects.

Looking forward, we have lots of fun and adventure planned in the coming year. Summer camp will be at Ben Delatour Scout Ranch to help celebrate their 50th anniversary. The High Adventure camp will be either Chisholm Trail in Texas or Teton High Adventure in Wyoming. Scouts are currently being asked to input their choice for High Adventure. For some of our shorter camps we will have winter camping in January/February and again have a shooting campout. A trip to the Sand Dunes N.P. is set for August, for once we will be there when it is warm! Others campouts are still in the planning stage.

Now as we plan for the New Year would be a good time for all Scouts to take a look at where they are in their road to Eagle. I suggest each Scout take inventory of requirements for rank advancement or merit badges and rededicate yourself to achieving your goals. For those Scouts nearing Eagle, 18 years old comes quickly and projects take time. Don't wait, be prepared!

Once again Happy New Year to everyone,

Yours in Scouting,
Jeff Love

The Spot

Scout Chris M.

The Spot was a lot of fun for everyone. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts came to climb and have fun. The Spot provided instruction for everyone. After the instructions were given, the older scouts wandered around to climb whatever they wanted while the younger scouts stayed with the instructors. We all climbed the Giant Stand Alone Boulders and the Climbing Walls.



Upcoming Events:

- ? Feb. 10: Troop Elections
- ? Feb. 17: Board of Review
- ? Feb. 22: Klondike
- ? Feb. 24: Court of Honor
- ? March 17: Board of Review





Sacred Heart of Mary Leaf Rake

Scoutmaster Jeff Love

November 8, 2008

I want to thank everyone who participated in the leaf rake at SHM on November 8. The Church very much appreciates the effort the Troop puts forward every year on this event. It seemed like there was an awful lot of leaves this year. Rich the assistant caretaker thinks it was because all of the leaves were off the trees. We had 16 Scouts and 9 parents helping.

A special thanks to Mr. Normen for the monkey bridge. The Cub Scouts and smaller Boy Scouts really appreciated the trip across the river of piranha!

Congratulations to the two teams that tied for first the dessert cooking contest. I am sure they will enjoy their prizes of the Dairy Queen gift cards. All of the desserts were great. Maybe next year we cook lunch as well!

December Court of Honor

Scout Chris M.

December 2, 2008

At the Court of Honor we honor the Scouts who are moving up in rank and the ones that are getting badges. It's a lot of fun. This time we had some Webelos join in with us. After the ceremony we had a party!

The refreshments were provided by Patty Dance and Robin Dean. The food provided was subway sandwiches with all the condiments (by Patty), and donuts, blueberry-rhubarb crumble, and pumpkin delight with cool whip (by Robin). The new 7-up with pomegranite, classic coke, root beer and sparkling water with cranberry and a variety of chips were served.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Scout Blaine G.

January 10, 2008

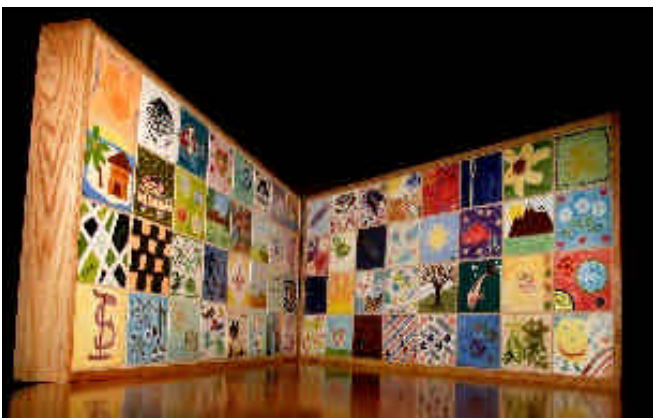
The Christmas tree pickup was January 10th. We had two trucks, one trailer, and an SUV thanks to the adults. There were about nine scouts and five adults that collected about 175 trees. The all seemed to have a great time during the four hours of fun. The trees were delivered to the Superior tree recycle center for free, but with a requested donation of \$10 per tree for approximately \$200 total. The first part of the project was the rolling of the 3600 fliers, followed by the distribution of the fliers. This was done by four families. For the actual tree pickup, we divided into four groups, and each group took a section of Superior declared by a map.



Jack Evans Eagle Leadership Project Photo Album

Scout Jack E.

Project presented December 11, 2008





Chris Lawrence Eagle Court of Honor

*Chris, Dale, and Rebecca Lawrence
Court of Honor, January 11, 2009*

The Eagle Court of Honor for Chris Lawrence was held on January 11, 2009 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. Brian L. and Ryan D. did a great job as Master of Ceremonies in addition to all the boys who participated in making this a special night for Chris. Mr. Normen spoke about the Trail to Eagle. We would like to especially thank former Scout Masters, Mr. Kinz and Mr. Brown, for their meaningful words and funny stories as we celebrated Chris' accomplishments. Mr. Wakefield presented the Eagle Scout Charge. The official investiture was done by Mr. Love. Chris also received the God & Life Religious Award presented by his grandfather, Bill Behrens, a retired Pastor of the Lutheran Church.

For Chris' Eagle Project, Troop 575 helped him to distribute almost 4,000 flyers on Louisville doors and collect over 3,700 children's books that were sent to an orphanage in Kenya, Africa. He coordinated this project with Global Education Fund, an organization located in Boulder.

We would like to thank all of the scouts, parents and volunteers of Troop 575 over the past seven years. We have many cherished memories!





Troop Registration Time – Very Important!

It is time for the annual registration for Troop 575. The troop web page is now set up for Scouts, Scoutmasters and Committee members to re-register for 2009. This is an annual occurrence.

IMPORTANT, everyone who is a Scout or troop leader needs to complete the process. Go to the troop website: www.troop575.org and click on the registration link. Please do this by February 13th. After that date, if you wish to register you will need to fill out paperwork again.

Also, please complete the registration for your vehicle. It makes it so much easier for leaders of campouts if we have your vehicle information in our system and it saves us calling you to get the data.

Quartermaster's Report

Scout Brock A.

Hello, I am your outgoing Quartermaster, Brock Anderson. Now that our patrol cook-boxes are clean and organized, I wanted to let you know that there are some new things in these cook-boxes. On the inside of each lid, there is a board with two papers on it. One has diagrams of how to put the cook-boxes back together correctly so that each box is put away consistently, and the second has the inventory of what is inside of each cook-box. Here are two pictures that are on the diagram sheet:



Troop Website

Almost certainly, you have visited the Troop website at www.troop575.org at some point. Scouts and parents alike often use the site to learn about merit badges, rank advancement, high adventure, or to access the troop newsletter. In fact, our site gets between 300 and 500 visits every month. It has become an important part of how the troop communicates with its members, and how it projects its image outside the troop. Robin Dean is currently our troop webmaster.



Experienced Uniform Exchange Program

To make a uniform donation...

- ✍ We accept all BSA uniforms including Cub Scout and adult uniforms, clean or dirty.
 - ... Pants, Belts, Socks, Shorts, Shirts, Hats, Pants, etc...
 - Leave your old uniform in the “Experienced Uniform” collection bag, hanging in the troop closet.
- ✍ If you plan on replacing your uniform with a new or experienced uniform,
 - From your donated shirt, remove only...
 - ✍ ...your rank patch from the left chest pocket.
 - ✍ ...any patch on the right chest pocket.
 - ✍ ...your patrol patch on the sleeve.
 - ✍ **Please leave all other patches on the shirt!**

If you would like an experienced uniform...

- ✍ Contact David Normen, 303.666.4394 or dnormen@comcast.net, to check on availability.
- ✍ At your fitting, bring your rank and patrol patches. As a service they will be sewn on for you!
- ✍ To offset BSA's loss from the sale of a uniform, please consider making a donation to Friends of Scouting.

Why get an experienced uniform?

- ✍ Experienced uniforms are available to anyone.
- ✍ Experienced uniforms come with all the patches sewn on!
- ✍ Going to Big Horn Leadership Training and need BSA shorts or socks for only a week? Get an experienced uniform!

Volunteer – Our Troop Depends on It

Troop 575 is a "boy led" troop. Over time, the Scouts are given more and more responsibility in leading various activities in the troop. As they advance from one rank to another, they are assigned more complex duties and more is expected of them. Still, parents have a responsibility to help the boys learn by being good "guides". As in any organization, a Boy Scout troop requires a fair amount of work to be well run.

Without strong participation on the part of the adults, the troop simply can not sustain itself and could eventually fail. I think we can all agree that this would be the most unfortunate of all outcomes, but it does happen to troops all over the country every year. The troop, in effect, just runs out of gas and stops working.

Troop 575 assumes that at least one parent of each Scout will serve as a volunteer for the troop. Volunteer service can be accomplished in many ways. They may serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Member, lead a fundraiser, oversee a campout, etc. There are always numerous tasks that need to be accomplished - some on a continuous basis, others as individual events. Whatever you decide to do, your help is always appreciated, and you can be satisfied that you are helping your son and his fellow Scouts have a better Scouting experience.



Of course, you benefit as well by being able to dedicate some time away from the household to your son's activities. You can watch him learn and grow in ways few parents are able to do, while setting a great example for him to follow. What could be better than that?

To volunteer, contact the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chairperson, or any committee member. If you do not know one of these, ask any uniformed adult leader at a Patrol meeting or ask your Scout.

Also, see the parents' page on our web site at: http://www.troop575.org/parents_page.htm

Troop Calendar

Go to <http://www.troop575.org/Pages/CalPage.htm> for the current calendar.

Board of Review Coming Up? -- Be Prepared

Scout rank advancement always involves a visit to a Board of Review (BOR). It gives the Scout an opportunity for a final review and approval for each new rank. Being prepared and knowing what to expect makes the BOR a very positive experience. There are several things to think about when planning for a BOR, all of which can be found on our web site at: http://www.troop575.org/BOR_Guidelines.htm Scouts and parents should take the time to become familiar with this web page... in advance.

Snow Mountain Ranch Photos

December 5-7, 2008.

