



SMOKE SIGNALS



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Scoutmaster Minute Breakdowns

By: Thomas Luehrmann

Over this term I have collected the Scoutmaster minute times for each week. Since the end of term is looming, I have developed this spread sheet presenting the times of each Scoutmaster minute, the average time, how close Mr. Tyler came to a true Scoutmaster minute each time, and the average difference between a true Scoutmaster minute and his minute. Enjoy!

Time (min:sec)	Average Time	Deviation	Average Deviation
2:17	2:17	1:17	1:17
1:02	1:39	0:02	0:39
1:22	1:33	0:22	0:33
0:50	1:22	0:10	0:27
0:47	1:15	0:13	0:24
1:40	1:19	0:40	0:27
1:48	1:23	0:12	0:25
1:04	1:21	0:04	0:22
1:50	1:24	0:50	0:25
1:51	1:27	0:51	0:28
1:16	1:26	0:16	0:27
2:53	1:33	1:53	0:34
2:00	1:35	1:00	0:36
1:06	1:33	0:06	0:34
1:11	1:31	0:11	0:32
1:30	1:31	0:30	0:32
1:30	1:31	0:30	0:32
2:05	1:33	1:05	0:34
1:34	1:33	0:34	0:34
1:01	1:31	0:01	0:32
2:01	1:33	1:01	0:33
1:54	1:34	0:54	0:34

Patrol Articles

Rohirrim

By: Derek Patchett

The Rohirrim patrol has had some thrilling activities. During the wonderful Spring Camporee, we learned and were tested on emergency preparedness. Guiding each other through maze was extremely exciting while harder than expected. Thomas and Aidan woke up Sunday morning with another troop's dining fly on top of their tent. We surely won't forget the May Overnighter. First, we took the time to teach the Cub Scouts how to build a fire and properly fish. Towards the end we also took time to properly dispose of many American Flags. Feel the heat! Overall my favorite part was getting to watch Luke throw a perfectly good shoe into the lake (Sorry Abraham), but no one was more surprised than Mrs. Tyler.

Fellowship

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Upcoming Events

July:

- Monday 1, – 7:00 p.m. Troop Meeting
- Monday 8, – 5:30 p.m. PLC, 7:00 p.m. Troop Meeting
- Monday 15, – 7:00 p.m. Troop Meeting
- Monday 22, – 7:00 p.m. Troop Meeting
- Thursday 25, to Sunday 28, – Multiday Survival Outing
- Monday 29, – 7:00 p.m. Elections

Funnies

1. I am terrified of elevators...
...so I am taking steps to avoid them.
2. Two snakes were slithering through grass. The first one asked, "Are we poisonous?"
"No, why?"
"Because I just bit my tongue!"

Elections

By: Thomas Luehrmann

Elections are just around the corner, so everybody should think about a position they want to hold. After you decide what position you want, it is a good idea to advertise that you are running, because it gives people time to think about their options. Also, bringing a well prepared speech improves the chances of being elected. I have yet to see a Scout with a well prepared speech lose an election.

However, it is necessary to fulfill the obligations of a position of responsibility. Why run for a position if you aren't going to do it? Furthermore, fulfilling your contracts will show the other Scouts that you actually do fulfill the promises that you make, meaning that they will be more likely to vote for you in the future. I hope that everybody tries their best to run for a position and fulfill it to the best of their ability.

If you have any questions or comments about how to make the newsletter better please let me know. Or if you want to put an article in the next newsletter get it to me by the second week of the month. You don't have to hold a troop position to place an article in the newsletter. Email me at: T.A.Luehrmann@gmail.com or call me at: 812-546-5811

Scribe of Media-Thomas Luehrmann

APC = Annual Planning Conference

By: Mark Luehrmann

The APC is the once-a-year process by which Troop 555 decides what it wants to do and creates the calendar showing when it wants to do those things. It is where the Scouts (That's YOU!!) set the direction for the Troop. The APC is run by the Senior Patrol Leader in cooperation with the Scoutmaster.

Troop 555 conducts the APC over the course of 3 meetings:

- August 7 – Bartholomew County Library Conference Room – 5-9 pm
- Review past year
- Create Troop goals for new year
- August 12 – Troop meeting – 9-Box ranking of activity ideas
- Vote on high-adventure ideas
- August 14 – Bartholomew County Library Meeting Room 3 – 5-9 pm
- Review Troop goals
- Review top ideas from 9-Box
- Pick monthly outing activity from the top rated ideas.

Success of the APC is dependent upon your participation. That participation starts now with you coming up with GREAT IDEAS for outings. Write your IDEAS on post-its and give to your Patrol Leader to bring to the APC. What can we do that would create the **greatest outing ever** for YOU and YOUR Patrol?

Announcement

By: Noah Sherman

There were three Scouts. Two walked into a bar, and the other one ducked. He then went on to get his uniform inspected and had a great time at the Flodder Bucks Auction.

The moral of the story is to pay attention while you are on your way to get your uniform inspection.

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