



SMOKE SIGNALS



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Upcoming Events

April:

- Monday 1, – 7:00 p.m. Troop Meeting
- Monday 8, – 5:30 p.m. PLC, 7:00 p.m. Flodder-buck Auction
- Monday 15, – 7:00 p.m. Troop Meeting
- Monday 22, – 7:00 p.m. Troop Meeting
- Friday 26, to Sunday 28, – Spring Camporee
- Monday 29, – 7:00 p.m. Troop Meeting and OA Elections

Scribe's Announcement

By: Thomas Luehrmann

I have a few announcements for all who it may concern. First, due to getting articles for the newsletter at the very end of the meeting, I am unable to go over the typos in a lot of the articles. Therefore, I ask that I receive the articles at the start of the meeting since I cannot take an article if I do not have time to go over the quality of it.

Second, the next time I receive articles from the patrol leaders I will only take them with a roster of the members of the patrols.

Third, since the next article will mark the halfway point of our terms, I ask that all Positions of Responsibility that have any articles turn them in to me because some positions require a minimum of three articles, and I want those positions to have a little bit of a cushion of time in case anything happens that may keep them from turning in an article at a later date.

Announcement

By: Luke Sherman

I will be arriving to the meeting around 35 minutes early to work on requirements with those under 1st Class. If you have not already, come talk to me so I can figure out which requirements you need to rank up.

Patrol Articles

PETA

By: Alex Wissmann

Our last month was good. We have become masters of dragon tails through methods that were questioned by those same losers that lost. It is with this that I say, Make Troop 555 Great Again (MT555GA) and make the Patrol for the Eating of Tasty Animals (PETA) great again.

Fellowship

By: Jonathan Klaus

Fellowship has had a great time together. We have been planning for our patrol outing, and we have gained some new members. Our patrol outing is us having a survival outing. We are going to Mr. Dilt's property and camping out in his woods. Our patrol consists of nine people: Jacob the Wise, Joseph the Game Keeper, Benjamin the Mace, Austin the Teacup Lover, Aidan the Cook, Jonathan the Thomas the Tank Engine, Blake and Jack the To Be Determined, and Noah the Survivalist.

Rohirrim

By: Trip Reid

I am just standing in for our patrol leader. He is sick today. He knows more about this than I do so I'll tell a joke instead.

Vegetarian: noun, the local village idiot who is incapable of hunting, fishing, or riding.

BSA Annual Health & Medical Record for scouts and adult participants

By: Mrs. Eavey

The Scouting adventure, camping trips, high-adventure excursions, and having fun are important to everyone in Scouting—and so is your safety and well-being. Completing the Annual Health and Medical Record is the first step in making sure you have a great Scouting experience. **So, what do you need?**

At minimum, all scouts and adult troop participants should have Parts A and B of the BSA Health & Medical form on file with the troop. Parts A and B of the BSA Health and Medical form can be completed by the scouts' parent/guardian. **This form should be updated and submitted annually to the troop.**

For scouts and adult troop participants participating in activities/events that exceed 72 hours (ie: **Summer Camp, NYLT, High Adventure outings**), Part C of the BSA Health and Medical form is also required. Part C of the BSA Health and Medical form must be completed by certified and licensed physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, or physician assistants.

Q. Why does BSA require all participants to have an Annual Health & Medical Record?

A. The BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) serves many purposes. Completing a health history promotes health awareness, collects necessary data, and provides medical professionals critical information needed to treat a scout in the event of an illness or injury. It also provides emergency contact information.

Additional information and forms can be found at www.scouting.org

Funnies

By: Noah Sherman

Question: What do you call an immigrant to Sweden?

Answer: Artificial sweetener!

Question: What is the difference between a comma and a cat?

Answer: One has claws at the end of its paws, and the other has a pause at the end of its clause!

By: Noah Ramsey

The mustard is late. He says, "I'll ketch-up."

Adult Article

By: Brian Tyler

I would like to first congratulate the newly elected Troop leadership on their election to new positions. Your Troop has expressed a trust in you that they can count on you. For those of you who are now holding positions, I challenge you to take a close look at two things early in your term.

The first of those is your contract. The contract holds valuable information about what the Troop expects from you in the position. This should set the baseline for you to perform against. It has been built based on past needs as well as looking at potential growth opportunities for each role.

The second thing to review is what you feel the Troop needs from your position. Sometimes the baseline can be a good example but might miss opportunities about how the position might be able to take on new requirements. Always look at any position of responsibility in life as an opportunity to leave your mark. In life there will be many opportunities to do something for others. Unfortunately, how you perform at these activities in real life will determine if you are asked to do additional tasks.

Moral of the long story cut short? Do Your Best. Always. You may not have an opportunity to set a better example. People see what you are doing now and assume you will continue to deliver that same level of performance with anything you choose to do. There will be times when your best might not be good enough, but there are few times when less than your best should be given.

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By: Noah Sherman

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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

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