

# Troop 211 Newsletter

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## Adults Need to Update Your Youth Protection Training



It is very important that all adults in the troop be aware that to accompany any scouts on a campout you **MUST** complete your Youth Protection training. This is to help keep our Scouts safer both in Scouting and in their daily lives. Effective with the upcoming re-charter period, Youth Protection Training (YPT) for leaders must be current throughout the entire 12 months of the charter period in order to reregister. This policy will require that all leaders renew their YPT bi-annually. The YPT certification is good for 2 years, but it is good practice to renew it annually.

In order for the troop to include you on our re-charter this fall, your training record must show that you have updated your training. Please retake the course this month. It only takes about 30 minutes of your time and will help the troop. For detailed instruction on how to take your training online, see page 2 of this newsletter.

## This Month's Meetings

**Nov 4th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Nov 11th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Nov 18th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Nov 25th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

## First Aid Merit Badge



Troop 211 was graciously invited to earn the First Aid merit badge with the Sea Cadets and Chief Sbraccia. It took them 2 days, each 7 hours long to earn this badge, to become Certified in CPR, and to have all first aid requirements up to First Class! Congratulations to the following scouts for accomplishing this feat!

**Joseph Thomas**

**Avery White**

**Jacob Elbode**

**Dominic Sbraccia**

**Koa Hansen**

Special congratulations to **Jonathon Tezak** for earning this badge AGAIN!

## How to take your Online Youth Protection Training

### FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to **www.my.scouting.org**. If this is your first time here click 'Create an Account' to create a username and password.

You will be asked a few of questions with associated drop down lists. You will be asked if you know your member ID number, enter your member ID number if you know it. Otherwise, choose No.

On the next screen enter your personal contact information and email address, once entered, click on the button near the bottom labelled:

Click to Accept Terms and Conditions.

Then enter the security code from the image and then click on the Next button. After all that, you will be prompted to enter a username. Make it a good one! You can click on the Check Availability button to verify that it is available. Once you have a username chosen, you will then be presented with some more fields to fill out. Security questions and answers, the usual fare. After you have submitted the proper papers and a blood sample, you will be presented with a screen that states that an E-Mail has been sent to your account. Click on Continue to continue.

### Take YPT!

Click on the logo for Youth Protection Training on the right hand side of the screen. You could also go to the HOME menu on the left of the screen, click My Dashboard. Either way, you will see a listing of courses near the bottom of the screen. Click on Take Course on the Youth Protection Line. This will start the course presentation.

It should take about 30 minutes. Once completed please send a copy of your training certificate to Matt Smoger. To do so, choose the option to print the certificate at the end of the training. Caution! When the training is complete you will also have the option to view a letter from the Scout Executive before printing your certificate. When you close the letter it may close your browser session. You will have to log into My.Scouting.Org again to print the certificate. Email your completed certificate to [msmoger@att.net](mailto:msmoger@att.net) or bring a hardcopy to the next troop meeting.

### If you have any questions, let us help!

Email us at [tztmyc@gmail.com](mailto:tztmyc@gmail.com) or [msmoger@att.net](mailto:msmoger@att.net).

## What Happens to a Scout?

For every 100 boys who join Scouting, records indicate that:

- **Rarely** will one be brought before the juvenile court system
- **4** will become Eagle Scouts
- **17** will become future Scout volunteers
- **12** will have their first contact with a church
- **1** will enter the clergy
- **5** will earn their church award
- **18** will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life
- **8** will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system
- **1** will use his Scouting skills to save his own life
- **1** will use his Scouting skills to save the life of another person

## November Webelos Weekend

Our November camping trip will also be our yearly Webelos overnight. The planning for our annual Webelos Weekend is well underway! This event will occur on November 20-22nd at the Lions Club Field. Each year, we invite local packs to come out and camp with us for one night and experience our scouts in action.

In order to get plenty of Webelos out and participating in this event, we are in need of a few parents to serve as ambassadors. This would involve introducing yourself via email to the Cubmaster and the Den leaders, inviting them to come to a meeting and the November campout and following up with them to answer questions and encourage boys to join our troop.

Plans for the weekend include the scouts taking the webelos through various stations and activities, which may include first aid, fire building, cooking, orienteering, archery, etc. During these activities, adults have a chance to get to know our parents and learn about the troop.

Following these stations, the Webelos are invited to stay overnight and experience cooking, a

campfire program and flag retirement ceremony.

Webelos dens MUST have adult supervision in order to stay overnight. If you are able to help out by becoming an ambassador for Troop 211, please contact either Matt Smoger or Stu Resch. As always, we will need adults on hand at the event and overnight! Please consider joining us during this event. This is an easy one - close to home and no latrines!



### Photos Needed

If any parents have photos from our September Court of Honor, please upload them to our Facebook page or send copies of them to Matt Smoger. We would like to put together a slide show of the scouts at their Eagle Ceremony!

### District Roundtable Meeting

The next District Roundtable meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th at the Utica United Methodist Church. The church is located at 8650 Canal Rd, Sterling Heights, MI, 48314

All adult scout leaders should try to attend these meetings if possible.

## Popcorn Fundraiser



The date for our Popcorn fundraiser has finally come! All order forms should be turned in on Nov. 4th to Mr. Molczan along with one check, which should be made out to Troop 211.



## Scouting for Food Campaign

Every November, Scouts across America gather food for charitable organizations in their area. It is now time for us to gather the non-perishables and get them ready to deliver to a local food pantry. This Saturday, November 7th is

our troop food collection day. Please remember to bring all of the food items your scout has collected to the Lion's Club Field. The scouts will be sorting, and counting and the food for delivery. Should you have any questions, please contact Bill Ward.



## Bottle Drive for Troop 211

We will be doing yet another fundraiser in November, but this time it is to help pay for the repairs and upkeep of our troop trailer! On

November 14th, we will be doing a bottle drive! Assistant Scoutmaster Alan Lavigne will be working with the boys to coordinate pick up schedule and to determine who will be manning the bottle return stations AND at where! Stay tuned!

## Upcoming Parents Meeting

**The next parents' meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 16th at Green Street Tavern.**

We encourage at least one parent from each family to attend the meeting and be part of the planning process to put together the best possible program for our scouts.



## October Outings Report

### Space Wars Camporee

Our first fall campout of the year was a trip to Stony Creek Metropark, in Shelby Township, MI to the Chippewa District, Space Wars Camporee!



This was a great opportunity to camp at Stony Creek Metropark since they have opened up one of the picnic areas to rustic camping. The fall Camporee event is always enjoyed by the scouts.

This years theme was Space Wars and the district did an awesome job with the events. From a 10 ft



tall AT-AT to a 12ft wide X-Wing fighter! The scouts that attended had to team lift the fighter with the "Force", answer trivia questions to get C-3PO's parts to assemble, and even race speeders!

The weather wasn't as cooperative as we would have liked, but hey, we're scouts! We can handle it!

**Special thanks** to Stuart Resch for organizing this trip and for all he does to facilitate camping throughout the scout year!

### Red Wings Night

Our troop had the opportunity to be the color guard during the national anthem at the Joe Louis Arena! We had a great turnout and it was great to see our senior scout leaders on the ice!



## Congratulations

Thanks and congratulations to our recent Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) trainee. Josh Thomas has completed his training and is officially an ASM! Other parents are currently working on completing their training and we encourage anyone who is interested to talk to the adult leadership for more information on becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster.

### Additional Adult Training

We would like as many parents as possible to take the following courses online *in addition to* **Youth Protection** (which is required of adults participating in troop events):

- **This is Scouting**
- **Boy Scouts: Fast Start**
- **Troop Committee Challenge -**

These courses should only take you about 30 minutes each to complete on [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org). Once completed please print out the certificate and get a copy to Matt Smoger. While you are focused on getting trained, feel free to take any of the other courses available, such as:

- **Trek Safely**
- **Weather Hazards**
- **Safety Afloat**
- **Safe Swim Defense**
- **Climb-on safely**

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Smoger

## Get Connected

Just in case you aren't already aware, Troop 211 has a Facebook page! Contact Brian Arnold for specifics and sign up for our new Facebook page to keep up with the latest activities and information in Troop 211.



## Great News for 2016!

NEW boy scout merit badge announced! The Procrastination merit badge! The launch date has yet to be determined and it should be available sometime next year.

Maybe.



## Eagle Scout Service Projects



In September, we had two scouts with approved projects that will be starting this fall.

Keegan Wooten will be refurbishing the baseball diamond at Immaculate Conception Church. He plans to schedule several work days in November.

Jared Lavigne has been working on building an all new fire pit and gathering area at the Lion's Club Field! He had scheduled two weekends in October to start and complete the work. He has already completed the work and several of our younger scouts have assisted!



If your scout needs service hours for rank advancement, helping out on an Eagle Scout Service Project is a great way to earn them! Also, as an adult, please make an effort to go out and see what our scouts can do! It is a great way to get to know the boys and see their leadership abilities first hand.



***The Troop believes that no scout should be excluded from activities because of financial considerations - this includes Summer Camp, High Adventure, Jamborees and monthly campouts!***

***We have a fund that can help with this issue. If you require further details, please contact Bill Ward with requests or concerns.***

## Wreaths Across America



There will be a spaghetti dinner that supports a great organization, Wreaths Across America, on Thursday, Nov. 12 to purchase wreaths for every veteran's gravesite in Oakwood and St. Mary Queen of Creation cemeteries. The dinner will be held in the main hall of VFW Post 7573, 35011 23 Mile, (across from Kroger). Doors open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It's an all-you-can-eat meal for a free-will donation. Please be generous! The menu includes pasta with meat or marinara sauce, salad, rolls, dessert and hot and cold beverages.

Veterans eat free and will receive a special gift. There will be basket drawings and a 50/50 drawing.

Not able to attend, but want to sponsor a wreath? The cost is \$15 each. Mail a check payable to: Wreaths Across America, mailed to Curves, 35453 23 Mile, New Baltimore, MI 48047.

Questions? Call devoted chairpersons Mickie Mellon at (586) 855-6992 or Tammi Graber at (586) 716-2523.

The Laying of the Wreaths ceremony will take place at both cemeteries on Saturday,

Dec. 12, at noon. We need to know how many scouts will be attending to help place wreaths. We also need to have an adult please chair/co-ordinate this event. Anyone interested in assisting please contact Josh Thomas or Matt Smoger.

## Summer Camps

The boys will need to choose, and quickly, the Summer Camp that they wish to attend next year (2016). The options that are available are:

- **Falling Rock Scout Camp**
  - Falling Rock is located on 12637 Houdeshell Rd, Newark, OH
  - <http://www.skscouts.org/camp-falling-rock-boy-scout-summer-camp/>
- **Custaloga Town Scout Reservation**
  - Custaloga Town is located on 7 Boy Scout Ln, Carlton, PA
  - <http://frenchcreek-bsa.org/custaloga-town.php>
- **Camp Rotary Scout Camp**
  - Camp Rotary is located on 3201 S Clare Avenue, Clare MI
  - <http://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/properties/camp-rotary/>

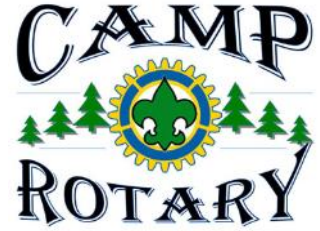
Parents, please have the boys read the descriptions of the camps on the next page and have them ready to decide which camp they want to attend. We need to know which camp your son has chosen so that we don't miss out on a great opportunity!

**Please see the next page for more information on these camps!**



## Camp Rotary

Set on one of the country's clearest spring-fed lakes in Michigan's lower peninsula, Camp Rotary boasts perhaps the most beautiful waterfront of any Scout camp in the state and is able to offer a huge variety of programs that you may not find anywhere else. From our amazing waterfront activities like; fishing, paddle-boarding, motor-boating, kayaking and rowing, Scouts will have an opportunity to stay wet all day!



With over 1100 acres, Rotary is also prepared to thrill the landlubber as well. Scouts will have a blast at our Night Crawler program where they can climb or zip line to the light of the moon. Unique camp programs like Rustic Putt-Putt, Movie Night, Muzzle Loader Pistol Shoot, Big Daddy Bass Tournament are the reason that Scouts keep coming back to Rotary for their summer camp experience.

Of course no camp would be complete without advancement, and Rotary has that too! With over 72 merit badges offered at our Scoutcraft Skill Center, Nature Center, Industrial Arts area and our Handicraft center, Scouts will be amazed at what they can accomplish in just one week.

## Custaloga Town Scout Reservation



When attending CTSR you will find a camping program that will meet the needs of every Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Adult Scouter. Additionally, a wide variety of camping opportunities are offered throughout the year. In the Boy Scout Summer Camp Program a first year camper program (called Guyasutha's Braves) is offered, as well as more challenging programs for the experienced Scout. These include canoeing, climbing and rappelling, biking, boating and much more.

Custaloga Town provides a shower facility, a fully equipped dining hall, a First Aid building staffed 24 hours a day by certified medical personnel, supervised boating and swimming, a field sports program with .22 rifle, archery, and shotgun ranges; a nature building, craft lodge, scout craft area, a climbing tower, the trading post, and much more. Custaloga Town Scout Reservation provides each unit with a campsite, which contains two-man tents on wooden platforms with bunks, picnic tables, bulletin board, flagpole, campfire area, washstand, and a latrine. All sites have a pavilion with picnic tables available. There are also modern facilities available for adults to use at their leisure.

## Falling Rock Scout Camp

Located 11 miles north of Newark, Ohio, Camp Falling Rock sits on more than 600 acres of land with rolling hardwood forests, streams and waterfalls, and scenic meadows. Large rock formations provide a beautiful backdrop to a historic covered bridge. Camp Falling Rock's facilities include: A well equipped Dining Hall, plenty of lodges and tent camping sites, a pool, a brand new shooting sports pavilion, a climbing tower and an activity field. The Frontiersman Program, Foxfire Day Program, and Natural Rock Rapelling. Camp Falling Rock is proud to have its own man made lake. We offer several boating merit badges as well as Kayaking BSA. Any individual interested in participating in aquatic activities must pass a BSA swim test.



## Troop Committee

**Matt Smoger** – *Troop Committee Chair*

586-855-2553

**Bill Ward** - *Scoutmaster*

586-725-5352(home) (586) 883-3072(cell)

**Stu Resch**– *Outdoor Committee Chair*

586-524-2226

**Sally Ward** – *Advancement Committee Chair*

586-883-3070

**Josh Thomas** - *Secretary*

586-557-2184

**Dave Molczan** – *Treasurer*

810-444-5727

**Jeffrey Wooten** - *Troop Commissioner*

586-909-5177

*Please see the troop roster for the Youth Leadership contact information.*

## Adult Leadership

**Scoutmaster**

Bill Ward

**Assistant Scoutmasters**

Alan Lavigne

Pat Tezak

Josh Thomas

Brian Arnold

## Calendar of Key Events

**Nov 7th** – Scouting For Food - Lion's Club Field- 7:30 PM

**Nov 12th** - Spaghetti Dinner @ VFW Hall for Wreaths Across America

**Nov 14th** - Bottle Drive Fundraiser

**Nov 20th-22nd** - Webelos Weekend  
Campout, Lion's Club Field

**Dec 12th** - Wreaths Across America - Wreath Placement Day.

### 2016

**Jan** - HODAG

**Feb 14th** - Scout Sunday at local churches

**Mar - 18th-20th** - D-Bar-A New Scout Campout

**Apr** - Silver Trails Campout

**May 6th-8th** - Dorchester International  
Camporee

**Jun 26th-Jul 2nd** - Summer Camp

**Jun 29th-Jul 13th** - Philmont Scout Ranch Trip

**Please see Scoutlander for more  
detailed information.**

## Mark your Calendars!



**Summer Camp 2016  
dates:**

**Sunday June 26 to  
Saturday July 2**