

# Troop 211 Newsletter

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## Scout Sunday

**What is Scout Sunday and why should you be excited?**

Scout Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the second Sunday of the month, but Michigan Crossroads Council has declared every Sunday in February a day of celebration! This will give your unit time to plan, coordinate, and execute a wondrous day of celebration.

### What is Scout Sunday?

Uniformed Scouts and Scouters across the country greet the congregation where their unit is chartered, and participate in worship service, receive religious awards and/or conduct service projects to benefit their place of worship. With some planning, a cold-weather camping trip might just be the ideal challenge for your Scouts.

### Why should our troop get involved?

What better way to show your appreciation to your chartered organization than to show the entire congregation what Scouting is about?

### What should I wear?

Class A uniform, clean and pressed. Remember, a Scout is reverent.

Oh did we mention... There's a patch for that!



## February Outing Forecast

The month of February will be a busy month for our troop! We will be participating in the New Baltimore WINTERFEST at the end of January followed by the first weekend of Wood Badge for our THREE adult leaders from the 5th to the 7th. Then on the 12th to the 14th, the scouts will be going on their second campout of 2016 to the Silver Trails Scout Reservation in Jeddo, MI. This will be their first Klondike, which is similar to the Space Wars Camporee last October.

The scouts will be participating in sled races, so we will need to get our sled ready. Sled? We have a troop sled? Why, yes. We do! But we need a couple of the parents to volunteer some time and energy to help our scouts get it ready for the campout. Please see Stu Resch or Matt Smoger if you are interested in helping out.

## This Month's Meetings

**Feb 3rd-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Feb 10th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Feb 17th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Feb 24th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

## March Euchre Party!

On March 5th, we will be having a Euchre Party at Cedar Glen golf course. This event is adults only and the proceeds go towards our campership program, as well as providing funds for troop transport to and from summer camp.

The Euchre party is a great fundraising event for the troop. The committee is requesting all parents to bring something for the raffle. Items requested could be gift certificates to local area restaurants or stores, and/or a bottle of "cheer"!

If you have any questions, please see Matt Smoger or Kellie Strable.

## Upcoming Parents Meeting

**The next parents' meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 15th 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.

## District Roundtable Meeting

The next District Roundtable meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11th 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.

## Advancement Report

Congratulations to the scouts that advanced in rank in January:

| <u>Scout</u>  | <u>Rank</u>  |
|---------------|--------------|
| Joseph Thomas | Second Class |



## Cranbrook Merit Badges

There are still some opportunities to earn some merit badges at Cranbrook Institute of Science:

- **Astronomy** – Feb 5th, 6p-11p {F} \$40
- **Environmental Science** – May 7th, 9a-4p {F} \$40
- **Geology** – May 14th, 1p-4p \$25
- **Indian Lore** – May 14th, 9a-noon \$25
- **Plant Science** – April 30th, 9a-noon {F} \$25
- **Soil & Water Conservation** – April 30th, 1p-4p \$25

{F} Indicates Scouts should be First Class rank or higher for these workshops.

Please register your scout by telephone at:

248-645-3210.




## Philmont Scout Ranch Crew

Physical training is underway for our intrepid scouts who are participating in the Philmont Scout Ranch Adventure!! Good job Scouts! Keep up the good work and soon you'll be standing on top of Mt. Baldy!! Please see Alan Lavigne with any questions or concerns.



*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.*



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MEDAL FOR  
LIFE SAVING.**


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THE SCOUT LAW. NUMBER THREE.

## A SCOUT IS HELPFUL:

HE MUST BE PREPARED AT ANY TIME TO SAVE LIFE, HELP INJURED PERSONS, AND SHARE THE HOME DUTIES.

HE MUST DO AT LEAST ONE GOOD TURN TO SOMEBODY EVERY DAY.



## 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

## Calendar of Key Events

**Feb** - Scout Sunday at local churches

**Feb 12th-14th**- Klondike Campout at Silver Trails

**Mar 5th**- Euchre Party at Cedar Glen

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

**Apr 22nd-24th** - 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**

