

Troop 211 Newsletter

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Summer Camp Volunteers and Medical Forms

It is time to prepare for Custaloga Town 2016. Camp week is June 26 through July 2. As returning scouts know, summer camp at Custaloga Town is a great place to earn merit badges, participate in fun activities and forge bonds with fellow scouts.

Please let our Summer Camp Coordinator, Matt Smoger know if your son plans to attend camp this year. The next payment (\$50) is due by **May 2**. Please make your check payable to "Troop 211," and give to either Dave Molzcan or Matt Smoger at the next troop meeting.

Some of our scouts have money in their fundraising accounts. Scouts can apply that balance to Summer Camp if they wish. If you would like to know the amount that is in your son's account, please contact Dave.

Required Medical Forms

Every scout who attends Summer Camp

must provide a medical form. Parts A, B and C of the form are required, and must be signed by your scout's doctor.

Also needed is a copy of the front and back of your medical insurance card. These forms are good for one year, so if your son had his physical last July, he may still be current. These forms are due by June 1. Make your son's Physical appointment now!

ADULTS NEEDED

Adults will be needed to attend camp and help us to meet our requirement of having six parents on site at all times. All adults attending summer camp, must be registered, and have medical forms A, B, and C submitted. An email will be going out from Scoutlander with a link to a sign up page. As an adult, if you attend camp for less than 72 hours, your doctor does not need to sign your medical forms.

This Month's Meetings

Mar 2nd- NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

Mar 9th- NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

Mar 16th- NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

Mar 23rd- NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

Mar 30th- NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

Dorchester Volunteers and Medical Forms

If your son or adult is participating in the Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee in May, you must provide a completed medical form. Please see Matt Smoger for copies. These need to be filled out and returned ASAP.

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January Hodag Outing

The Hodag is a one day, one night (second night optional but encouraged) winter campout in which Scouts compete in Patrols/Crews/Dens in events variously emphasizing Scout skills, teamwork and spirit. It is 100% created and run by the youth of the Pon-Man Order of the Arrow chapter. Youth-led units compete to win The Coveted Golden Coffee Thingy.

Why call it a Hodag? The word “Hodag” comes from an alleged mythical beast (like the Loch Ness Monster or Big Foot or Paul Bunyan’s Babe the Blue Ox) exhibited to the public in a large-scale prank in the 1890s in Rochester, Wisconsin. The prank ended when the Smithsonian Institution announced it would investigate the existence of the Hodag.

Our intrepid scouts attended this year’s Hodag on January 29th and 30th. They competed in a ton of events which included a sled race! Great job guys!



January Winterfest

Our troop participated in the 22nd Annual Lion's Club Winterfest in downtown New Baltimore on January 31st! The scouts stood together and cranked out a couple hundred pancakes and sausage links for the pancake breakfast! They even got to serve the Mayor!! Later we had a very brave scout attempt the Polar Bear Plunge! Way to go Sergei Smoger!!



Custaloga Town Scout Reservation



Custaloga Town Scout Reservation (CTSR) is located in north-east Pennsylvania near the city of Carlton. It is approximately 4 hrs and 55 mins from New Baltimore. The troop has been to this great Scout camp before and we are looking forward to going back!

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.

Upcoming Campout in March

We will be heading out to D-Bar-A scout ranch on March 18th - 20th! It will be our first campout with the new scouts that have crossed over to our troop from Pack 82 and Pack 372! We will be staying in one of the cabins, and if there is overflow, the older scouts can "rough it" in one of our troop tents!!

The scouts will be organized into Patrols and will be working as a unit to cook their meals for the first time! They will also have a chance to visit the rifle range, and learn about, and earn, their Totin' Chip!

The troop leadership will be present to ensure that all scouts are safe and have a great time!! We are looking for a few more adults to attend, please see Matt Smoger or Pat Morgan if you are interested!

Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14th 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.

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

Scouts In Space

Of the 312 pilots and scientists selected as astronauts since 1959, at least 207 have been identified as having been Scouts or active in Scouting.

The list includes:

39 Eagle Scouts	25 Life Scouts
14 Star Scouts	26 First Class Scouts
17 Second Class Scouts	13 Tenderfoot Scouts
10 Webelos Scouts	25 Cub Scouts
2 Wolf Scouts	1 King's Scout*
27 who were Girl Scouts	3 Explorers*
And 32 with unknown ranks	

Of the 24 men to travel to the moon on the Apollo 9 through Apollo 17 missions, 21 were Scouts, including 10 of the 12 men who physically walked on the moon's surface, and all three members of the crew of Apollo 13. Three travelled to the Moon twice.

All three of the astronauts who died in the Apollo 1 fire, four of the seven who died in the Challenger launch explosion, and five of the seven who died in the Columbia re-entry explosion were Scouts.

*King Scout is the highest rank in the National Scout Organization of Thailand.

*Explorers are part of The Scout Association, which is the largest Scouting organization in the United Kingdom

Some more notable Eagles

Gerald R. Ford - 38th president of the United States

Mike Rowe - Host of "Dirty Jobs" television program

George Meyer - Writer and producer of "The Simpsons"

Clive Cussler - Adventure novelist and successful amateur marine archaeologist

William DeVries - Cardiothoracic surgeon who performed the first successful permanent artificial heart implant.

Philo Farnsworth - Inventor of the first electronic TV.

Don Garlits - Considered to be the "Father of Drag

Racing", created first successful rear-engined Top Fuel dragster.

Charles McGee - Tuskegee Airman; holds an Air Force record of 409 fighter combat missions flown in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam

Matt Paradis - Center for the Denver Broncos; Super Bowl 50 champion

Daniel Reynolds - Lead singer of Imagine Dragons

Steven Spielberg - Academy Award-winning film director, film producer, and screenwriter

Stephen Breyer - Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Scoutmaster Merit Badge

Introducing a new merit badge for summer camp.



1. Take Morning and afternoon naps daily.
2. Rummage through all the Trading Post stock and not buy anything.
3. Go to the nature area and tell about the massive hawk you saw in your yard last week.
4. Go to Scoutcraft area and try to show off that fancy knot you used to know.
5. Complain about the sights on the 22's.
6. Hunt down the air conditioned buildings between naps.
7. Hassle four staff members daily.
8. Have 5 cups of coffee minimum daily unless forbidden by allergy or religion.
9. Wait for Troop to show up in front of dining hall at meal times.
10. Avoid latrines; search out flush toilets.
11. FOOLISHLY BELIEVE YOU CAN BEAT THE STAFF IN VOLLEYBALL OR ANY OTHER GAME.
12. Make merit badge counselors nervous by watching over their shoulders.
13. Help lost campers find program areas.
14. Ask, "Why can't I just take my vehicle in and unload it?"
15. Chase Scouts out of your lawn chair.



District Roundtable Meeting

The next District Roundtable meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10th 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.

Photos Needed

If any parents have photos from any of our events, 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!



Philmont Scout Ranch Crew

Next year we will be sending a group of boys to the Philmont Scout Ranch in July 2016!! Philmont Scout Ranch, located near Cimmaron, NM, is the Boy Scouts of America's largest national High Adventure Base. It covers 137,000 acres - about 214 square miles - of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rocky Mountains in northern New Mexico.

Philmont Scout Ranch operates 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps. Philmont has high mountains with rough terrain and elevations that range from 6,500 to 12,441 feet! Our boys will be going for 12 days and will be attempting the 106 mile hike!! To participate, scouts must be 14 years of age OR completed 8th Grade and be at least 13 years of age prior to participation. So start your training today!!

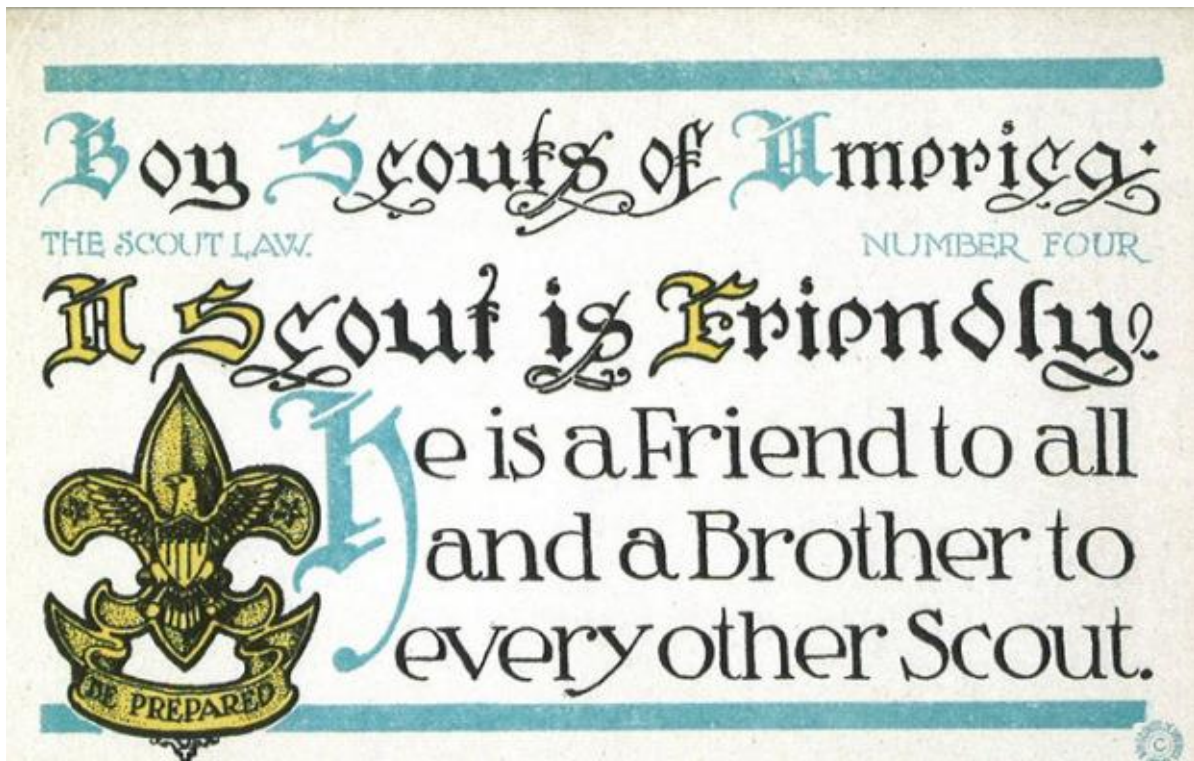
Advancement Report

Congratulations to the scouts that advanced in rank in February:

<u>Scout</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dominic Sbraccia	Tenderfoot
Dylan Myers	Tenderfoot

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.



Troop Committee

Matt Smoger – *Troop Committee Chair*

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Bill Ward - *Scoutmaster*

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Stu Resch– *Outdoor Committee Chair*

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Sally Ward – *Advancement Committee Chair*

586-883-3070

Josh Thomas - *Secretary*

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Dave Molczan – *Treasurer*

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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

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
Brotherhood Camporee

Jun 10th-11th - Relay for Life event.

Jun 26th-Jul 2nd - Summer Camp

Jul 29th-31st– Campout

Jun 29th-Jul13th - Philmont Scout Ranch Trip

Sept 16th - 18th - Lakeport Family Campout /
Court of Honor

Sept 23rd - 25th - Rendez Vous 2016!

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

Mark your Calendars!

Summer Camp 2016 dates:

Sunday June 26 to

Saturday July 2

