

Troop 211 Newsletter

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Tent Maintenance and Health Hazards

After a campout the scouts who have used one of the troops tents are required to take it home, open it up and air it out. Unfortunately, not everyone is doing this. We are usually not aware of this until the NEXT campout when the next set of scouts tell the adults that the tent smells bad.

This is due to mold and fungus that is building up in the tent while it sits in the bag. This can turn in to a health hazard if not properly taken care of. If your scout suffers from breathing issues, this could exacerbate it.

The troop committee recommends that all scouts take a dryer sheet and put it INSIDE THE TENT, not just the bag to help with the smell. This way we can assume that the tent was pulled out, and hung up/set up to dry. The tents are on average \$125.00 and the troop just purchased these at the beginning of the year! If you have any questions or concerns, please check with one of the Assistant Scoutmasters for more information.

Important Reminder

We need your help!

Our troop plans a lot of great events and trips for our scouts! If your scout is attending these trips and events, your family should be participating in a few every scout year. We have a small group of extremely dedicated parents who go on the majority of trips.

Please attend one of our upcoming trips or plan to spend a day or two at Summer Camp. You will be able to learn more about what goes on, see the scout leaders in action, be able to help the scoutmaster and assistant scout masters get to know your son better, and you will be doing your part to help this troop run smoothly.

If you have questions or concerns, please speak to Pat Morgan or Matt Smoger.

This Month's Meetings

Apr 6th- NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

Apr 13th- NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

Apr 20th- NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

Apr 27th- NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM



March D-Bar-A Campout

We had a successful campout at the D-Bar-A scout ranch on April 18th - 20th! It was our first campout with the new scouts that have crossed over to our troop from Pack 82 and Pack 372! We stayed in the Draper Cabin, and we had some leaders "rough it" outside in tents!! Brrr!!!!

The scouts worked as Patrols and cooked their meals for the first time! We also had a chance to shoot some 22. rifles at the range and learn about orienteering from Mr. Tezak and Mr. Thomas!

Special Thanks to Mr. Dave Murray, and Mr. Zachary McCormack for participating and helping to shuttle the scouts to/from camp! We are always needing parents to step up and help with getting the scouts to and from camp outs! Without you, they would not have the chance to experience the Great Outdoors!



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 April

We will be camping at the Silver Trails Scout Reservation in Jeddo, MI. The troop has camped in this wonderful scout reservation annually, and the scouts enjoy coming back!

This will be the first campout of the year, for the new scouts, where we will be sleeping in tents. Please check the weather a few days before we leave to ensure that you have packed the correct gear!!

We will be participating in a conservation project for the camp while we are there. Bring some work gloves and be advised that the scouts will be getting dirty, so extra clothes are a must!!

We will also be teaching the scouts about knife safety, and the axe yard.

This is to help the scouts earn their Totin Chip card. This is a rank requirement as well as a BSA requirement. If a scout carries a knife, he MUST have his Totin Chip!

Upcoming Parents Meeting

The next parents' meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18th 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.

Do You Have Outgrown Scout Gear?

The troop would like to start a bin of “uniform extras” which can be borrowed by scouts or adults. If you have outgrown items, please bring them to a meeting and donate them to our bin. If you have other items that may be useful to another scout, please let Mr. Thomas know.

We are also looking for Merit Badge Books that are no longer needed. If you have any Merit Badge books that you no longer want and they are still in decent shape, please consider donating them to the Troop Library for other to use. Summer Camp is coming and there could be some scouts looking for a particular book. Please see Joseph Thomas if you have any to donate.

STEM Adventure is Coming!!

In celebration of the upcoming Earth Day, the second Great Lakes Field Service Council STEM Adventure will be held at STAGE Nature Center and will bring together NOVA Counselors and STAGE Naturalists in an effort for our Boy Scouts to get hands on experience with achieving the NOVA Shoot! Module.

The sessions will include building straw rockets, NERF physics, and Marble Run and Roller Coaster Physics.

The event will held on April 17th, 2016 at the STAGE Nature Center in Troy, MI and will cost \$20 per scout/adult that attends. It will be from 12 (noon) - 4pm.

If you are interested please contact Josh Thomas for more information.

Adult Leadership Training

The troop highly recommends that any adult interested in becoming an assistant Scoutmaster to please complete I.O.L.S. and Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training. There will be more courses offered throughout the year.

I.O.L.S. (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills)

April 15th-16th, 2016 @ D-Bar-A Scout Ranch, Metamora, MI

To register: <https://scoutingevent.com/?GLIOLS04151>

April 29th—May 1st, 2016 @ Highland State Recreation Area—Group Campsite, White Lake, MI

To register: <https://scoutingevent.com/?GLIOLS040316>

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. Once completed please print out the certificate and get a copy to Pat Morgan. 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 Pat Morgan

District Roundtable Meeting

The next District Roundtable meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14th 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!

Welcome New Scouts!!

Welcome new scouts to Troop 211! These scouts are joining us from Pack 82 and Pack 372:

Logan Brooks	James Gray
Matthew Murray	Tighe Staskiewicz
Braeden Strable	Luke Laethem
Logan Laethem	Joseph Barnard
Austin Yatros	Samuel Rusch
David McCormick	Dominic Gilbeaux
Nicholas King	



New Patrol Names

Congratulations to the new scouts for deciding on a patrol name for their individual patrols! We now have a Cobra Patrol and the Cougar Patrol to compete and cooperate with the Warrior Patrol, and the Poseidon Patrol. Now if we could only get our older scouts to decide on a name.....



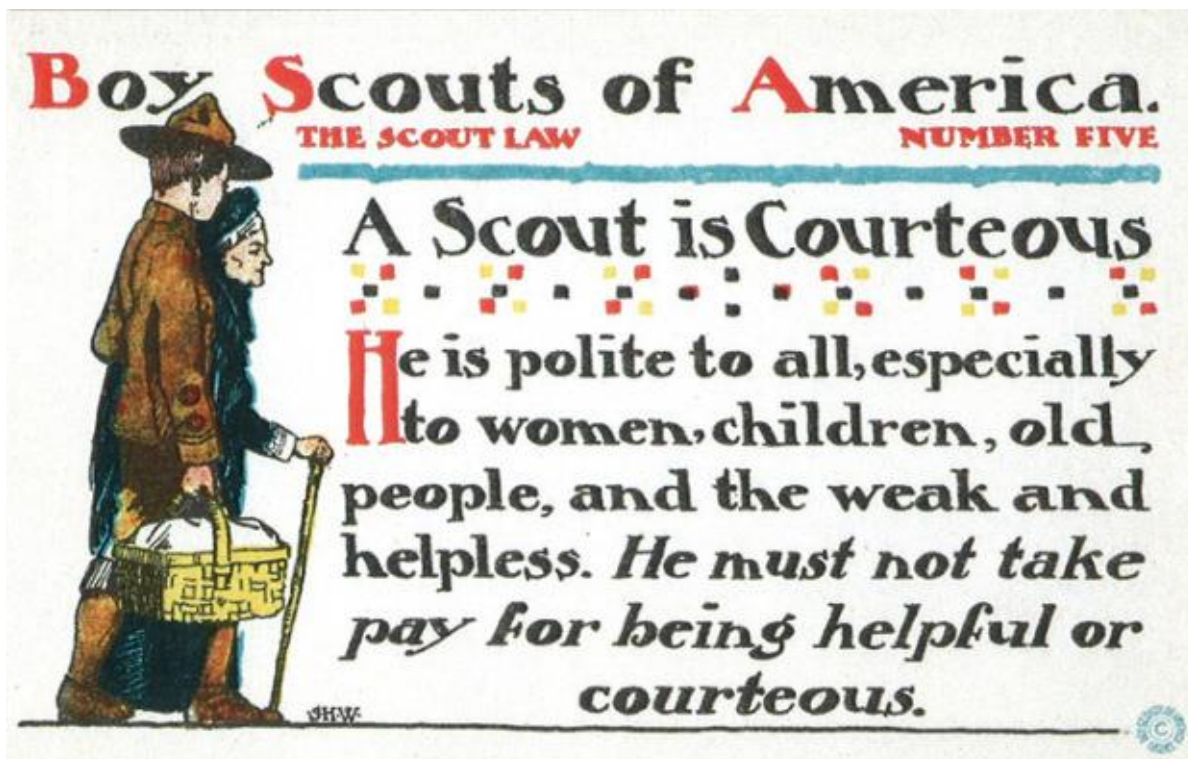
Advancement Report

Congratulations to the scouts that advanced in rank in March:

<u>Scout</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dominic Sbraccia	Tenderfoot
Dylan Myers	Tenderfoot
Avery White	First Class
Jeremy Molczan	Life Scout

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

Pat Morgan – *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*

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Tiffany White - *Secretary*

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Dave Molczan – *Treasurer*

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Jeffrey Wooten - *Troop Commissioner*

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

Adult Leadership

Scoutmaster

Bill Ward

Assistant Scoutmasters

Alan Lavigne

Pat Tezak

Matt Smoger

Josh Thomas

Calendar of Key Events

Apr 17th—STEM Adventure

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– Wright Patterson AFB 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

