

# 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. You can logon to [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org) and view your YPT certificate to verify that you are up-to-date or if you are close to renewal.

## Bobcat Hunt for Pack 211

Sergei Smoger and Matt Smoger went to the Bobcat Hunt put on for the new Pack 211. The event had the boys making straw rockets that they launched for distance. After that, Scouter Bob DeWar brought out a 2 Liter bottle rocket to test how high the rockets could get. Sergei admitted he had a great time helping all the Cub Scouts and servicing a local Pack to get started.

Matt Smoger

## This Month's Meetings

**Oct. 5th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Oct 12th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Oct 19th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Oct 26th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM



## Lakeport Court of Honor Camp Out

This year we held our Fall Court of Honor at Lakeport State Park and we had the honor of having Jared Lavigne move his rank block to the Eagle Rank! We had to endure rain for Friday evening and the first half of Saturday, but the Scouters above were able to clear the clouds and rain just in time for the ceremony! It was a great joy to have the families attend this outdoor court of honor to see their scouts presented their Merit Badges that they earned over Summer Camp and any advancements in Rank! Thank you to all who attended and brought a dish to pass! The food was very delicious and filling!



## Transition of Treasurers in Troop 211

Dave and Debbie Molzcan have stepped down as Troop Treasurers due to personal circumstances. Thank you so very much, Dave and Debbie for your years of service as treasurers! They will continue on as our popcorn chairpeople. You both have done a great job and we wish you well!

Dave Murray comes to us from Pack 82 as the Popcorn Kernel and Den Leader. Dave, his wife Jackie have scout Matthew Murray in our troop and maybe someday his younger brother Garrett! Thank you Dave!

## Youth Protection and Texting With Scouts

(from Scouting Magazine Sept-Oct 2016) Waiting on the Scout to email or call you back? You could be waiting a long time.

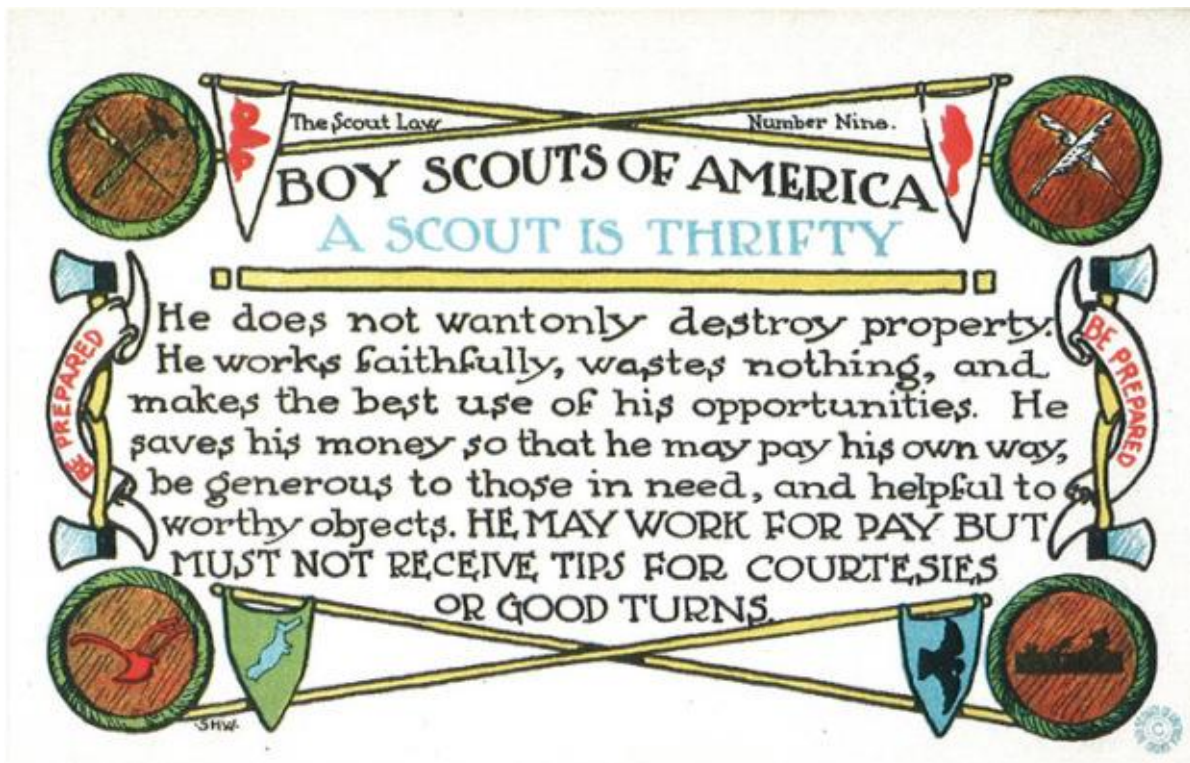
These days, three-fourths of teens have smartphones, and their favorite way to communicate is by texting, surveys show. But how does the Youth Protection rule prohibiting one-on-one contact apply to texting? First, let's review the official Youth Protection guideline on the matter:

"Two-deep leadership and no one-on-one contact between adults and youth members includes digital communication. Leaders may not have one-on-one private online communications or engage one on one in other digital activities (games, social media, etc.) with youth members. Leaders and Scouts should copy a parent and another leader in digital and online communication, ensuring no one-on-one contact exists in text, social media or other forms of online or digital communication."

Troop 211's policy of no one-on-one contact reflects the above. Mr. Thomas explained to the scouts at our September 28th meeting that if they need to contact a leader and they text, they should make it a group text and include their parent(s) and/or another leader.

*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 Pat Morgan with requests or concerns.*





## Rendezvous Scout Challenge 2016 Camp Out

This year the Great Lakes Field Service Council held the 2016 Rendezvous! It was themed after the television show American Ninja Warrior! We had 16 scouts attend and they all participated and completed the Ultimate Scout Challenge Patch! Great job scouts! Special thanks to Stuart Resch, Bill Ward, Zack McCormick, and Matt Smoger for helping to keep an eye on our Ninja Warriors!



## 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 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

## Upcoming Committee Meeting

**The next committee meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17th 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.

## Eagle Scout News

We have an Eagle Court of Honor scheduled for Jared Lavigne on October 16th. Please save the date so your scout can attend and participate in the ceremony! This is a very important celebration for Jared and his family, and can also give your scout something to work toward in his own scouting career.

Also, we have another scout with an approved project that will be starting this October. Keegan Wooten will be refurbishing the baseball field at Immaculate Conception Church in Ira Twp. He has planned several work days in October.

Please look for Facebook announcements and sign up to support these scouts and their projects. Your scout will earn service hours that can help him with rank advancement.

If you are aware of any potential Eagle Scout Projects, please contact Pat Morgan. We have a large number of Star and Life scouts who will be looking for ideas in the upcoming year or two.

## District Roundtable Meeting

The next District Roundtable meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13th 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.



## Troop Committee

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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**

Josh Thomas

**Assistant Scoutmasters**

Bill Ward

Alan Lavigne

Pat Tezak

Matt Smoger

## Calendar of Key Events

**Oct 8th**—Scout Night at the Joe

**Oct 8th**—Keegan Wooten Eagle Project #1

**Oct 15th**—Keegan Wooten Eagle Project #2

**Oct 15th**—Flag Dedication

**Oct 16th**—Jared Lavigne Eagle Court of Honor

**Oct 22nd**—Keegan Wooten Eagle Project #3

**Nov 5th** - Scouting for Food

**Nov 12th - 14th**—Dutch Oven Campout

**Dec 27th**—Wood Working Merit Badge

**Jan 7th**—Wood Working Merit Badge

