

# 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.

## This Month's Meetings

**Nov. 2nd-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Nov. 9th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Nov. 16th-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

**Nov. 23rd-** NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

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

## Toys for Youths in Need

This year Troop 211 will be participating in a toy drive for the underserved youth in our area. We are asking the scouts to bring in a toy appropriate to their age for another youth in need.

The toys will be collected between now and the December 14th troop meeting. Bill Ward will be collecting them and once completed he will deliver them to the Lion's Club for delivery to the community. Let's take some time this holiday season and find a little cheer to spread to our community!

## Advancement Report

Congratulations to the all of the scouts that advanced in rank in October!

<u>Scout Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Luke Laethem	Scout
Matthew Murray	Scout
Samuel Rusch	Scout
Logan Brooks	Scout
Braeden Strable	Scout
Aiden Whitehead	Tenderfoot
Brenden Resch	2nd Class

## Boy Scouts of America's Newest Eagle Scout!



Troop 211 is honored to announce that Jared Lavigne has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout!! The ceremony was held on October 16th, 2016 at the Lion's Club in Ira, MI. Jared worked hard on all of his scouting endeavors with his father, Allen, right behind him encouraging him to reach the peak! Congratulations to Jared!!



## New Baltimore Flag Dedication

Troop 211 was able to participate in the dedication of Michigan's Tallest Flag Pole on October 15, 2016! We had a great turn out and we even got to hang out with some scouts from Troop 209!! It was a wonderful experience and I hope the scouts remember this for many years to come!



## Scout Night at the Joe

Troop 211 once again participated in the Scout Night at the Joe on October 8th, 2016. This event was sponsored by Olympia Entertainment. We had four of our scouts go out on the ice and stand by Karen Newman while she sang the Star-Spangled Banner! Congratulations to Avery White, Ryan Morgan, Jeremy Molzcan and Jonathan Tezak!! All scouts received a patch and a baseball hat!! We also had a bunch more scouts attend up in the stands to cheer our scouts on! The Red Wings played hard and won their game against the Maple Leafs!



## Eagle Scout Service Projects

Keegan Wooten had been refurbishing the baseball diamond at Immaculate Conception Church as his Eagle Scout Service Project. He had scheduled two weekends in October to start and complete the work. With the assistance of his troop the work has been completed!! Great work scouts, and congratulations to Keegan!

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.





## Summer Camp has been chosen!!



### Welcome to Camp Frontier

Pioneer Scout Reservation is a Boy Scout camp located near Pioneer Ohio that is owned and operated by the Erie Shores Council. This 1,100 acre reservation is the home to Camp Frontier, the premiere summer camp in northwest Ohio. Camp Frontier is the summer home for over 3,000 Scouts from all over the Midwest. The Camp boasts over 100 staff members each summer who have been trained by Scouters and business professionals alike. Above all else; customer service, merit badge instruction and Scouting spirit are key focal points in our training and will be very apparent when you attend Camp Frontier this summer.

PSR is also available throughout the rest of the year to Scout and Non-Scout groups for camping, hiking, fishing, canoeing, rappelling, climbing, skiing, sledding, and much much more.... The reservation is available for school groups, football camps, cross county camps and other organizations. A COPE course (*Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience*) is also available for a fun-filled, teambuilding, and challenging experience to Scout and Non-Scout groups.

Once your scout has selected his merit badges, he may have some pre-requisites that he will have to complete. The following is a list of those that have pre-req's:

Camping	Citizenship in the Nation	Citizenship in the World
Communications	Emergency Preparedness	Fire Safety
Geocaching	Hiking & Backpacking	Personal Fitness
Personal Management	Pioneering	Scouting Heritage
Search and Rescue	Sustainability MB Req 1	

### 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

## New Fall Fundraiser for Scout Accounts!

Dear Parents/Guardians and Participants,

I am very excited to announce the upcoming fundraising event! For those of you that are familiar with **Butter Braid® pastries** – you'll be glad to know that they're back! For those of you that are not familiar with Butter Braid® pastries – you'll wonder how you ever lived without them!

Please visit [www.raisingdoughfundraising.com](http://www.raisingdoughfundraising.com) for more

information on these incredible, filled pastries. Be sure to visit the "submit wow" page to read what others are saying!

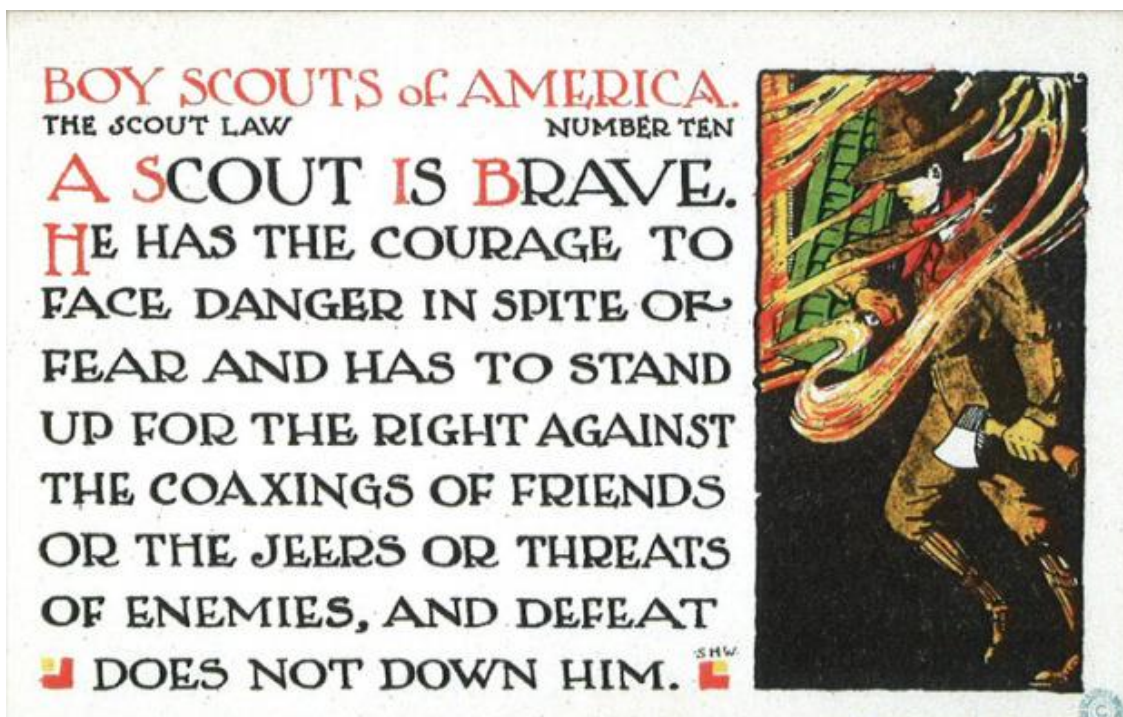
**Each individual has a goal to sell 20 pastries.** Our group will earn \$6 per each pastry sold. Feel free to contact me with any questions, and **thanks for doing your part** to make this fundraiser a success!

Sue Smoger

Important Dates	To Remember
Fundraiser Starts:	Nov 9, 2016
Fundraiser Ends:	Nov 30, 2016
E-mail/Call-in totals:	Dec 2, 2016
Delivery Date/Arrival Time:	Dec 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Fundraiser Purpose:	Summer Camp
Goal Per Person:	20 items

*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.*



## 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 11-13th 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 fireman chit, fire building, cooking, hiking, totin chit, 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.

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!



## 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 5th 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.

## Wreaths Across America



There will be a spaghetti dinner that supports a great organization, Wreaths Across America, on Thursday, Nov. 9th 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. 3rd, 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.



## Great News for 2017!

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.

## Swimming & Pizza Party

The troop committee is in the process of gathering information on a Swimming/Pizza Party at the Anchor Bay Aquatic Center on December 17th.

The scouts would be able to swim for 2 hours then we would head over to the Civic Club for the pizza party. This would be in place of our normal troop meeting on either Dec 21st. Details are still emerging. Please check with your scout or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters for more information.



## 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, November 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.

## Scoutmaster Minute

At the end of every troop meeting I stand in front of the scouts and try to inspire them, make them look at the world around them or even look inward at themselves. They are all growing into fine young men, who will be great contributors to the world around them.

They won't achieve that because of a Scoutmaster Minute.

They won't achieve that solely because of the Boy Scouts.

They will achieve it because they have parents that believe in them. They believe that their son can be great and do great things. Scouting helps them on their way, like a great staircase leading them to greater heights.

Without your support and participation our sons would not be where they are today. So I thank you. With your continued support and participation we can help them to achieve, to succeed, to soar with the Eagles!

Thank you,

Josh T.

## District Roundtable Meeting

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

**Pat Morgan** – *Troop Committee Chair*

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**Kellie Strable** – *Advancement Committee Chair*

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**Tiffany White** - *Secretary*

586-260-3046

**Dave Murray** – *Treasurer*

586-524-4760

**Jeffrey Wooten** - *Troop Commissioner*

586-909-5177

*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

**Nov 5th** - Scouting for Food

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

**Dec. 3rd**—Wreaths Across America

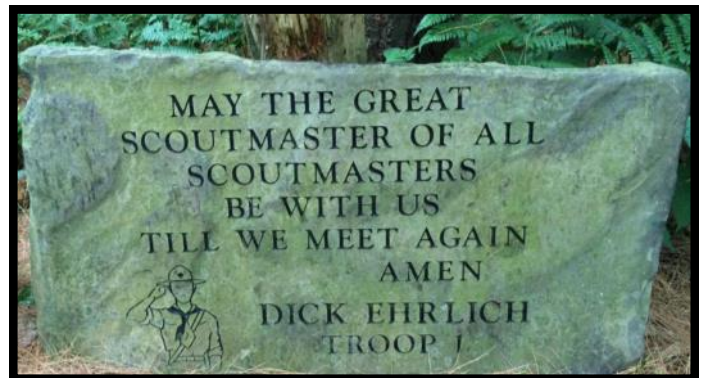
**Dec. 14th**—Last collection day for toys.

**Dec. 17th**—Holiday Swimming/Pizza Party

**Dec. 21st**—No Meeting.

**Dec 27th**—Wood Working Merit Badge

**Jan 7th**—Wood Working Merit Badge



## Mark your Calendars!

**Summer Camp 2017 dates:**

**Sunday July 23 to**

**Saturday July 29**