

# 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. For detailed instruction on how to take your training online, see page 2 of this newsletter.

## This Month's Meetings

Nov 15th - NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM (PLC)

Nov 22nd - NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM

Nov 29th - NB Civic Club -7 PM - 8:30 PM (PLC)

## Patrol Leader Council

All boy scout troops have a council of patrol leaders lead by the Senior Patrol leader. From pg 41 of the Scout Handbook: "Patrol leaders get together with the senior patrol leader and adult leaders this constitutes the Patrol Leader Council (PLC) The PLC meets to consider ideas from all the Scouts and develop a vision for what the troop can achieve in the weeks and months ahead. The patrol leader's council will layout the steps that lead toward that vision and decide how to complete each step to keep the troop moving toward its goals".

Troop 211's PLC meets on a bi-weekly basis, **usually** the first and third Wednesday. We meet 1 hour before our meeting, 6pm—7pm. We discuss the upcoming campouts and events, in addition to the current month's meetings. Please look to this newsletter for the schedule of PLC meetings for each month!

## How to take your Online Youth Protection Training

### FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Go to **www.my.scouting.org**. If this is your first time here click 'Create an Account' to create a username and password.

You will be asked a few of questions with associated drop down lists. You will be asked if you know your member ID number, enter your member ID number if you know it. Otherwise, choose No.

On the next screen enter your personal contact information and email address, once entered, click on the button near the bottom labelled: Click to Accept Terms and Conditions.

Then enter the security code from the image and then click on the Next button. After all that, you will be prompted to enter a username. Make it a good one! You can click on the Check Availability button to verify that it is available. Once you have a username chosen, you will then be presented with some more fields to fill out. Security questions and answers, the usual fare. After you have submitted the proper papers and a blood sample, you will be presented with a screen that states that an E-Mail has been sent to your

account. Click on Continue to continue.

### Take YPT!

Click on the logo for Youth Protection Training on the right hand side of the screen. You could also go to the HOME menu on the left of the screen, click My Dashboard. Either way, you will see a listing of courses near the bottom of the screen. Click on Take Course on the Youth Protection Line. This will start the course presentation.

It should take about 30 minutes. Once completed please send a copy of your training certificate to Pat Morgan. To do so, choose the option to print the certificate at the end of the training. Caution! When the training is complete you will also have the option to view a letter from the Scout Executive before printing your certificate. When you close the letter it may close your browser session. You will have to log into **www.My.Scouting.Org** again to print the certificate. Email your completed certificate to Mr. Morgan or bring a hardcopy to the next troop meeting.

### If you have any questions, let us help!

Email us at **tztmyc@gmail.com** or **pmorgan1home@comcast.net**.

## 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

## November Alternative Cooking Campout Weekend

Our November camping trip has traditionally been our yearly Webelos overnight. This year we are doing something a little different. We will be camping at Camp Miakonda near Toledo, Ohio. This event will occur on November 17-19th.

Plans for the weekend include the scouts taking a hike on one of the many trails that the camp has to offer. This campout will also offer the scouts that need it, the opportunity to work on the Totin Chip, and the Firemn Chit. We will also be visiting the headstone of the camp mascot, Jake the Goose.

Mr. Thomas has also challenged the scouts to use alternative methods of cooking. The camp stoves are off limits! That leaves, Dutch Oven, Open Flame, Foil Packet, or some other means. There must be one item for each meal that has to be cooked!

For the hike each scout will be expected to bring a day pack or cinch sack, hiking shoes/boots, a healthy snack to each on the hike, and a water bottle or two!

The scouts will be sleeping in tents on this

trip, while the adults will get the "luxury" of sleeping in the cabin! The weather on this campout may be cold, so please pack accordingly! Long johns or thermal underwear is a must, as is clean wool or polyester socks to change into at night to sleep in! A knit or stocking hat is also recommended for sleeping as well! If you have any questions please consult the parent handbook for other items of interest to pack. If all else, please feel free to ask one of our adult leaders!



### Photos Needed

If any parents have photos from our September Court of Honor, 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!

### District Roundtable Meeting

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

## Popcorn Fundraiser

The date for our Popcorn fundraiser has finally come and gone! All popcorn has been delivered to Mr. Pat Morgan, and we should have already been picked up. If you have not received your popcorn, please contact Mr. Morgan.



## 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. Saturday, November 4th was our troop food collection day.

All of the food collected was donated to the New Baltimore Lion's Club. They will sort and distribute the food to local area families in need.

We collected over 160 bags of food for the needy. Thank you to all of the scouts and adults that participated.

## Thanksgiving Meeting

The day before Thanksgiving, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be meeting at the Civic Club. We don't expect everyone because we know many are traveling with family, but this a special "fun" meeting!! We will try to have something scout-like to do, but then again maybe not.... ;-)

## Upcoming O/A Meeting

**The next Order of the Arrow Lodge meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7th at United Methodist Church.**

All Order of the Arrow members should try to attend these meetings if possible. Pizza and Pop is available as well as games and upcoming OA information!

The Monthly District Roundtable is also held at the same time and location. We have multiple leaders also attending that are willing to drive any members that are interested in attending.

## Upcoming Committee Meeting

**The next committee meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 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.



## October Outings Report

### Wild Wild West Camporee

Our first fall campout of the year was a trip to Kensington Metropark, in Milford, MI. This camporee was put on by the Renaissance, Mahican, Ottawa and Sunset Districts!



This was a great opportunity to camp at Kensington Metropark, since we have not camped there. The fall Camporee event is always enjoyed by the scouts.



This years theme was Wild Wild West and the district did an awesome job with the events! Panning for Gold, Geocaching, and Tomahawk Throwing were just some of the events. There was also enough mustaches to choke a horse!

The weather wasn't as cooperative as we would have liked, but hey, we're scouts! It rained and rained and rained and rained, but our scouts still had a good time.

**Special thanks** to Stuart Resch for organizing this trip and for all he does to facilitate camping throughout the scout year!



### Great News for 2018!

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.

## Congratulations Mr. Murray!

Thanks and congratulations to our recent Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) trainee. Dave Murray has completed his training and is officially an ASM! Other parents are currently working on completing their training and we encourage anyone who is interested to talk to the adult leadership for more information on becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster.

## 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

## Get Connected

Just in case you aren't already aware, Troop 211 has a Facebook page! Contact Stu Resch or Josh Thomas for specifics and sign up for our new Facebook page to keep up with the latest activities and information in Troop 211.

## Braided Bread Fundraiser

Our troop is having a fall fundraiser for the scouts individual accounts. We will be selling Braided Bread! Matt and Sue Smoger are chairing this event and have passed out the order forms.

The order forms are due back November 29th, and the orders will be ready for pickup on December 9th. So all scouts should be asking all family and friends during this Thanksgiving season to order some very tasty bread, since it is for a good cause!

## Youth Leadership

Our troop is boy run and boy led by these young men listed below.

<u>Senior PL</u>	<u>Avery White</u>
<u>Asst Senior PL</u>	<u>Ryan Morgan</u>
<u>Ray Ban PL</u>	<u>Jacob Elbode</u>
<u>Thunder Rams PL</u>	<u>Cody Gatlin</u>
<u>Blue Phoenix PL</u>	<u>Logan Brooks</u>

PL=Patrol Leader



## Eagle Scout Service Projects

In September and October, we had one scout with an approved project that was completed! Sergei Smoger's project involved quite a bit of landscaping and the installation of a concrete pad around the flag pole. His project was completed before Veterans Day for the ceremony at the VFW Hall. Congratulations Sergei!!

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.

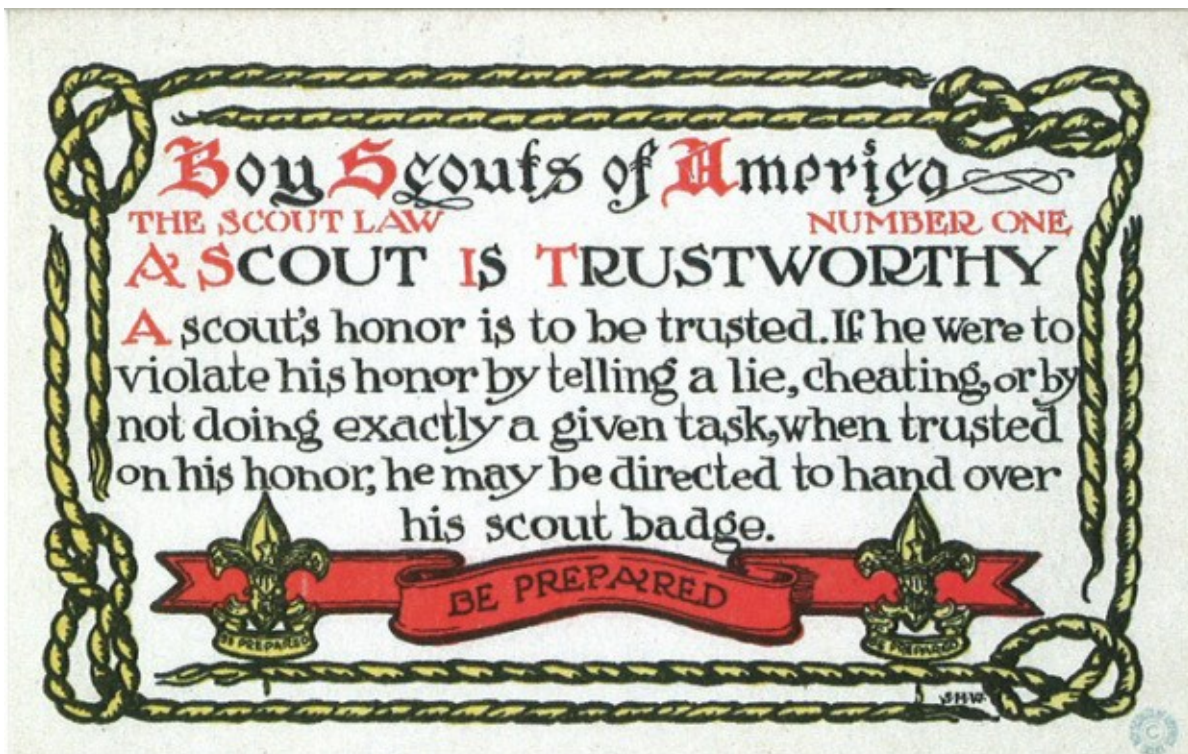
## Advancement Report

Congratulations to the scouts that advanced rank in October:

<u>Scout</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Jacob Elbode	First Class

## November Toy Collection

This November from the 15th to the 29th, the troop will be collecting age appropriate toys or items for the Good Fellows. Please bring a boy (young teen) age appropriate gift to one of the three meetings, unwrapped, and new.





## Wreaths Across America



There was a spaghetti dinner that supports a great organization, Wreaths Across America, on Friday, Nov. 10 to purchase wreaths for every veteran's gravesite in Oakwood and St. Mary Queen of Creation cemeteries. The dinner was held in the main hall of VFW Post 7573, (across from Kroger).

The Laying of the Wreaths ceremony will take place at both cemeteries on Saturday, Dec. 16th, at 11:30. There will be a pre-wreath laying get together at the VFW Hall on 23 mile road in the Cove. This will be a good event for all scouts to attend as this event honors our fallen veterans.

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 Pat Morgan.

## Summer Camps

The boys will need to choose, and quickly, the Summer Camp that they wish to attend next year (2018). The options that are available are:

- Gerber Scout Reservation
  - Gerber is located on 1733 Owassippe Rd, Twin Lake, MI 49457
  - <https://www.michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/properties/gerber-scout-reservation/>
- Camp Owassippe
  - Custaloga Town is located on 9900 Russell Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457
  - <http://www.owassippeadventure.com/>
- Camp Rotary Scout Camp
  - Camp Rotary is located on 3201 S Clare Avenue, Clare MI
  - <http://michiganscouting.org/outdooradventures/properties/camp-rotary/>

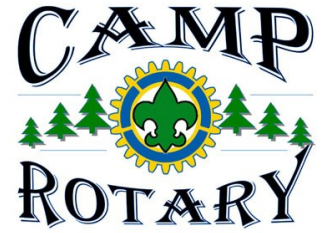
Parents, please have the boys read the descriptions of the camps on the next page and have them ready to decide which camp they want to attend. We need to know which camp your son has chosen so that we don't miss out on a great opportunity!

**Please see the next page for more information on these camps!**



## Camp Rotary

Set on one of the country's clearest spring-fed lakes in Michigan's lower peninsula, Camp Rotary boasts perhaps the most beautiful waterfront of any Scout camp in the state and is able to offer a huge variety of programs that you may not find anywhere else. From our amazing waterfront activities like; fishing, paddleboarding, motor-boating, kayaking and rowing, Scouts will have an opportunity to stay wet all day!



With over 1100 acres, Rotary is also prepared to thrill the landlubber as well. Scouts will have a blast at our Night Crawler program where they can climb or zip line to the light of the moon. Unique camp programs like Rustic Putt-Putt, Movie Night, Muzzle Loader Pistol Shoot, Big Daddy Bass Tournament are the reason that Scouts keep coming back to Rotary for their summer camp experience.

Of course no camp would be complete without advancement, and Rotary has that too! With over 72 merit badges offered at our Scoutcraft Skill Center, Nature Center, Industrial Arts area and our Handicraft center, Scouts will be amazed at what they can accomplish in just one week.

## Gerber Scout Reservation



66 merit badges were offered in 2017. Camp is approximately 3.5 hours from New Baltimore. First opened in 1951, Gerber Scout Reservation is located in the Manistee National Forest near Twin Lake, Michigan. Gerber Scout Reservation operates Boy Scout Summer Camp and Webelos & Cub Scout Summer Camp.

Gerber currently has the capacity to accommodate 425 Boy Scouts, 200 Cub Scouts each week or session. Activities offered at the camp include the Waterfront, Honor Ground, Climbing Tower/COPE, Scoutcraft, Handicraft, Environmental Resource Center, Archery, and Shooting Sports. In 2008, a Technology Center was added to the camp, offering a new-age spin on the traditional summer camp experience.

## Owasippe Scout Reservation

Owasippe Scout Reservation, commonly referred to as "America's Premier Scout Camp", is owned and operated by the Pathway To Adventure Council, Boy Scouts of America. It began operations in 1911 with a limited camping experience getting 40 acres of wilderness property ready for full operation in 1912. The Reservation has operated continuously since that time and now sits on approximately 4800 acres, adjacent to The Manistee National Forest. With over 100 years of experience, we have a long tradition of Scouting excellence at Owasippe that we would like to share with you. Our camps offer varied Scout programs that will enhance your Scout's advancement. Whether you are new to Owasippe with younger Scouts, or have an established troop, we have an adventure that fits every age level.

Here at Owasippe, we want the Tenderfoot or the Life Scout to enjoy his stay; give him the chance to advance in rank, explore the abundant program resources that can be found on the reservation and participate in troop and camp wide activities.



## Troop Committee

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

586-716-5141

**Josh Thomas** - *Scoutmaster*

586-716-8868(home) (586) 557-2184(cell)

**Stu Resch**– *Outdoor Committee Chair*

586-524-2226

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

586-453-6451

**Tiffany White** - *Secretary*

586-260-3046

**Dave Murray** – *Treasurer*

586-524-4760

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

## Adult Leadership

**Scoutmaster**

Josh Thomas

**Assistant Scoutmasters**

Alan Lavigne

Pat Tezak

Bill Ward

Matt Smoger

Dave Murray

Ryan Durrant

## Calendar of Key Events

**Nov 1st** - Braided Bread Fundraiser Starts

**Nov 4th** – Scouting For Food - Premier Lanes

**Nov 15th** - Toy Collection starts

**Nov 17th-19th** - Camp Miakonda Campout

**Nov 29th** - Braided Bread Order Forms Due /  
Toy Collection Ends

**Dec 9th** - Braided Bread Orders Ready for Pickup

**Dec 16th** - Wreaths Across America - Wreath  
Placement Day.

**Dec 22nd** - Christmas Party Lock-In @ Civic Club,  
7pm start / 7am end.

### 2018

**Jan 10th** - Winter Court of Honor

**Jan 19th-21st** - Klondike Derby Camping @  
D-Bar-A Scout Ranch.

**Jan 28th** - Pancake Breakfast @ Civic Club

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

## Next Month:

**Blue Cards:** What are they and how do I get one?

**Lock-In Party:** How can I help?

**Jamboree:** What is it and how can my scout go?