



News of the Troop #11

- **New Patrol Leaders' Council:** Congratulations to our new troop leadership team. Dan C. is our new senior patrol leader and his assistant senior patrol leaders are Colin S., Stuart R., and Cameron T. Our new patrol leaders are Trevor O. – Killer Whales, Stephen A. – Cobra, Paul B. – Wolverines, Alex J. – Norseman, and Austin G. – Bobcat. The Eagle patrol is currently without a patrol leader.
- **Troop Leadership Training (TLT):** Select individuals recently completed TLT for their new Positions of Responsibility (PoR). Patrol Leaders Trevor, Stephen, Paul, and Alex and Instructors Jean-Philippe and Ethan are now qualified to wear the “Trained” patch under their PoR badge. TLT is the first tier of the three tier BSA youth leadership training program.
- **Scouting for Food:** The troop is participating in BSA's national service project - the largest food drive in the nation. We have an area north and south of Vale Rd and a bit east of Fox Mill. We might also be assisting Pack 1530 with some of their area. Bags-out is Nov 1 and Bags-in is Nov 8. This only takes a few hours each morning. More information will be put out during this Monday's troop meeting.
- **High Adventure 2009:** Our Philmont and Northern Tier crews have started their planning and preparations. It is possible slots could open up. Contact an adult advisor (Mr. Zaita – Philmont and Mr. Christ – Northern Tier) if you are interested in being considered.
- **Rank Advancement:** As a reminder to scouts and parents, all rank advancement (not merit badge work and service projects) must occur as part of a scout activity and can only be signed off in the handbook by individuals designated by the scoutmaster. A new list of designated individuals will be posted on the website shortly.
- **Positions of Responsibility (PoR):** The following PoRs are currently unfilled: two Quartermasters, Chaplains Aid, Troop Guide for Norseman patrol, Instructors for Knife/Axe, Map/Compass, and Fire-building, and a Patrol Leader (this requires a patrol election) and APL for Eagle patrol. Scouts should let the SPL know if they are interested in one of these positions.
- **Positions of Responsibility patches:** Scouts need to remove the PoR patches when they finish their term of office. This will make it clearer to the rest of the troop who is currently doing what job. Scouts can keep their patches.
- **Dues:** This is a reminder that each scout is responsible for paying \$1 per month which the patrol leader should be collecting during troop meetings. Per the Troop Policies & Procedures, scouts must be current in their dues in order to have a Board of Review. You can contact the Troop Scribe to determine what you might owe.
- **Advancement Cards:** Remember to save those rank advancement and merit badge cards (blue and presentation). You will need them later when putting together your Eagle Scout application. You should be saving these items in a binder using trading card collection display pages.
- **Merit Badge Counselors:** The troop is always looking for more merit badge counselors. Training is available. Contact Roger Christ if you are interested.

YiS, Dwight Reed, Scoutmaster