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High Adventure Trip

Mr. O'Brien is busy planning a high adventure trip for next summer. More details will be forthcoming as far as dates, and actual costs.



The trip will be a canoe trip on the Alla-

gash river in northern Maine. We will be traveling around 100 miles and take a little over one week. This will be a great adventure for all.

Although we are still working on the details, here are some things to think about. These are not finalized yet...

- Cost will be around \$600 (this is a rough estimate.)
- Scouts will need to be at least First Class and 13-years old as of January 1st.
- Scouts will need to pass swimmer test, no exceptions!

We have been talking with Troop 61 of

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Rifle Shooting Merit Badge

The rifle shooting merit badge will be held at the Danvers Fish and Game Club on two Saturdays, November 5th and 12th. Only those Scouts who have already registered for the badge may attend. There are three Scouts who will be attending this session. This course is taught by John Koza and Cliff Hermans. Mr. Lynch will be there to help out with the administration of the test and to help with the live fire scoring targets etc...

Week one - 9am to 2pm, instructional with the possibility of some live firing

Week two - 9am to completion (2pm or earlier), written exam and firing for record

At the end of the course, the boys will receive:

- Completed merit badge card
- NRA safety course manual
- NRA safety course certificate
- State police certificate, gun safety program. This can be used when a boy reaches 15 years of age and wants an F.I.D. card. (earning the badge at summer camp does NOT include this gun safety program.)

Anyone who completes the merit badge can then join the DF&GC Junior division without sitting through the classes.

It is too late to sign up for this session, but there will be more. If earning this badge sounds interesting see Mr. Lynch, and your name will be put on the list for the next course.

High Adventure Trip (Continued from page 1)

Saugus (Nelson Miller's Troop) and there is some interest in having them do the trip with us. This has just been discussions so far, nothing definite.

Mr. O'Brien has mentioned this trip, and most likely you already have some questions. We will try to answer some of the common questions now. More will come up, and we will be answering those in the future.

Will everyone be going on the trip?

Most likely the whole troop will not be going. This will be a personal choice between you and your parents. We realize this is an expensive trip, but one which we think will be very enjoyable to those who go. Much like the Jamboree, this is a big commitment, but will be an adventure to be remembered for your entire life.

Will we still be going to summer camp?

That is easy, yes. The Troop will still be going to camp. Much like this year when some of our Scouts and leaders were going to the National Jamboree, we still went to summer camp. Perhaps some of the leaders who will be going on the high adventure trip will not be able to spend the whole week at camp, do not worry, there will be leaders available for camp.

Do I need my own canoe?

No, we will be renting the canoes.

Will I need special equipment?

Like any other trip we go on, there is required equipment. This will be fully explained as the trip gets closer.

Adult Leader Training



Congratulations to Mr. Lynch and Mr. Early for recently completing their Shu Shu Ga training course. This course ran for 5 weeks, every Thursday night. During the classroom part of the course, they learned more about the Boy Scout program; everything from the committee, finances, advancement and lots more. Over a weekend, they put some of these skill to the test while honing their outdoor skills. There was a lot of fun, but they were learning the whole time. It rained a lot. By the end of the weekend, they were pretty much soaked through to the bone. They finally have learned the story of the Shu Shu Ga bird.

Mentoring

At a meeting a few weeks ago, Mr. O'Brien introduced the notion of mentors. A mentor is someone who is experienced in a particular field, and guides someone who does not have that skill or knowledge. We will be having some of our more senior Scouts work one-on-one with other Scouts to help them advance. These mentors will help the Scout to achieve the rank of First Class. They will look at the handbooks to see what requirements need to be finished. Once they have done this, a plan will be devised to complete these requirements. The mentor will work the younger Scout through the requirements, teaching where ever needed.

Mentors were chosen from the most Senior Scouts in the Troop. They are all Life Scouts, and have been in the program for several years. They know their stuff, and want to pass that knowledge and experience along to the younger Scouts.

The mentors are taking on the role of Troop Instructors, but will be working with one Scout in particular.

Popcorn Sales

We will be finishing up the popcorn sales very soon. Let's get out there and sell! As always, part of the profit from your popcorn sales will be held by the Troop in your name. This money can be used to offset the cost of summer camp. This year, anyone going on the high adventure trip can use the money for that.

Mr. O'Brien wants to get the popcorn sales wrapped up within the next week or so. Try to sell whatever you have. Don't forget, the popcorn sales helps the Troop as well as you. The Troop only does one fundraiser each year, so it is up to each Scout to do their best selling popcorn.

Cub Scout News

As some of you may know, the Cubmaster of Pack 119 has stepped down from this position. For the time being, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Lynch will be helping out with the pack. They had their first Pack meeting this week and all went well. Mr. and Mrs. McGinn are doing a fantastic job. They have put together quite a schedule for the year.

Den Chief needed! Anyone interested in becoming a Den Chief for the Pack, talk to Mr. O'Brien. If you want to know what being a Den Chief is all about, talk to Patrick L. He did it last year, and will be doing it again this year.

Lynn Woods Hike

A few brave souls made it for the hike in Lynn Woods on Saturday October 29 with the Appalachian Mountain Club. It was snowing quite hard at times. The 5-mile hike went to steel tower, stone tower, and finally ending at dungeon rock.

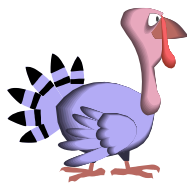
Those attending:

- Mr. Early, Mr. Garbenis, and Mr. Lynch
- Christopher E, Chris G. and Robbie Z.

Also attending was Domenic and his grandfather. Domenic is a Tiger Cub from the Pack.

Turkey Shoot

Again this year, the Danvers Fish & Game Club will be holding the annual turkey shoot on the indoor rifle range. The shoot will be held on Sunday, Nov 20th starting at 9:00AM.



A turkey shoot is real simple. Each participant gets to shoot a 22 caliber rifle at a "lucky" paper target until they get three shots on the paper. The highest score for each relay takes home a turkey.

Last year Robbie Z. took home a bird.

Plan on meeting at the club at 9:00AM and we will arrange it so that we get a relay to ourselves, meaning that someone from the troop will bring home a bird. Scouts can also shoot on any relay for a nominal fee (\$3-\$5.)

Maps will be handed out at an upcoming Troop meeting.

A New Arrival

Jeff Serre and his wife Denise had their second daughter recently. Jenny was born on Sept. 23rd, and was 9 pounds, 11 ounces and 23 inches long.

Maybe Jenny will become a Venture Scout someday!



CORI Forms

All *adult* leaders are required to fill out a form for a CORI check both for the council and St. John's church. We have been told this is a state mandate.

A copy of a photo ID is required. Rich Lynch will be coordinating the collection of the forms at upcoming meetings.

If you have a copy of an ID, please provide it. If not, a scanner will be brought to a troop meeting.

Scoutmaster's Minute

"The Wolves Within"

An old Grandfather, whose grandson came to him with anger at a schoolmate who had done him an injustice, said, "Let me tell you a story. I too, at times, have felt a great hate for those that have taken so much, with no sorrow for what they do. But hate wears you down, and does not hurt your enemy. It is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times." He continued, "It is as if there are two wolves inside me; one is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him and does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will only fight when it is right to do so, and in the right way."

"But the other wolf, ah! He is full of anger. The littlest thing will set him into a fit of temper. He fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think because his anger and hate are so great. It is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit."

The boy looked intently into his Grandfather's eye and asked, "Which one wins, Grandfather?"

The Grandfather solemnly said, "The one I feed."

Month Events

Nov. 2nd
7:00 St. John's
Troop Meeting

Nov 9th
7:00 St. John's
Troop Meeting

Nov 16th
7:00 St. John's
Court of Honor

Friday Nov 18th
Hayride and campfire at
Brooksby Farm 6:45PM

Nov 23rd
NO Troop Meeting (happy
Thanksgiving!)

Nov 30th
7:00 St. John's
Troop Meeting

Always look to the calendar
on web site for the latest
schedule!

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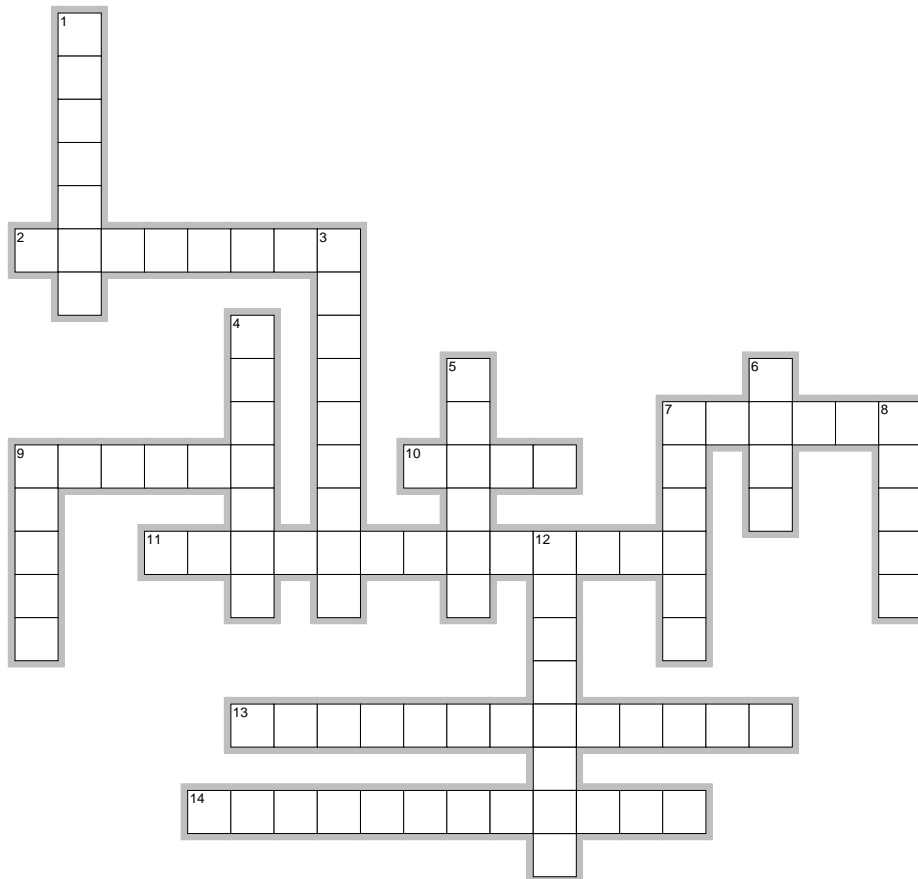
Fun and Games

Across

2. Be ____
7. Type of lashing
9. The ____ method
10. First degree ____
11. Council
13. Responsible for equipment
14. Newsletter

Down

1. Trails end ____
3. Cooking method
4. The survival knot
5. District
6. Do a good ____ daily
7. T. L. _____
8. Highest rank
9. Boy's life mascot
12. High adventure base



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