



TROOP 479 NEWSLETTER

November 2007

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Kyle Barth's Eagle Ceremony

Almost two weeks ago, November 18th, Kyle Barth had his Eagle Scout ceremony at St. Andrews church. Being Kyle's Boy Scout troop, we were honored to assist him with setting up chairs and tables for the special occasion. We also practiced and discussed the flag-in and flag-out ceremonies. When it came time to perform the actual service, we were well prepared.

It was great to participate in an Eagle ceremony. We all got a better understanding of what it meant to become an eagle scout. Although there were some problems with the microphone, the ceremony ran smoothly.

After the Court of Honor, we were treated to delectable refreshments. We let Kyle's family and friends go first, of course. Placed around each of the tables were little Hershey's bars with a message that read, "Congrats Kyle You're an Eagle Scout".

Once people began to leave the church, our troop began cleaning up. We put away all the tables and chairs, but then realized that we needed to leave the tables up with chairs placed around them. It was no trouble for our troop, though.

Top Troop 479 Sellers

Congratulations, top sellers! This year, Troop 479 gave cash prizes to the top 5 sellers. In previous years, prizes have only been given to the top 3 boys.

First place: Charlie N.
 Second place: Isaac U.
 Third place: Nick P.
 Fourth place: Joe V.
 Fifth place: Josh K.

Phoenix Service Project

At 6:00 on Monday, November 26th, before the troop meeting, the Phoenix patrol had a meeting at which they built a firewood holder for the EPPC. The wood holder is currently behind the church's dumpster, pounded into the ground. Be sure to take a look if you ever get a chance to do so!

Inventory Notice

Hey guys, it's Brandon. I am the quartermaster and am telling the patrol leaders that you **have** to get me your patrol's tent and patrol box identification **and** inventory **NOW**. It will take less than ten minutes to call patrol members and have them inventory and get back to you.

The patrol box inventory is under troop forms on the website. Each tent should have the tent, a rain fly, a tarp, 8 or more stakes, 2 rain fly guidelines, 2 or 3 poles, a pole bag, the mesh hanging storage piece, and the packing bag. Thanks for your cooperation,

Brandon B.

Powder Ridge Ski Trip

On Friday, December 14th, Troop 479 will depart for another fun weekend campout. We will ski and snowboard at Powder Ridge, and camp at Camp Stearns. We will go orienteering & play "Capture the Flag". The Snow Sports merit badge will be offered as well.

Boys must eat dinner before meeting at the EPPC at 6:15 pm. We will cook breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and purchase dinner at Powder Ridge. A meal there should cost \$5-\$10. It would be "thrifty" to bring a dinner with you instead of buying. It will be a great time!

Auburn Manor Service Opportunity

On December 4th, Troop 479 is going to Auburn Manor to play BINGO with senior citizens. We will leave the EPPC at 5:45 pm and return around 8:30 pm. We are doing this to become better known in the community, plus, a scout is kind. Be sure to wear your complete uniform and have a cheerful attitude.

For more information, visit the troop website.

Climbing Outing

On January 19th, Troop 479 is going rock climbing at Vertical Endeavors in St. Paul. We meet at the EPPC at 12:30 and pickup time is at 5:00 at Cedar Ridge. That gives us about 3 hours of hardcore climbing! Be sure to eat a good lunch before coming. Permission slips must be filled out and turned in no later than December 10th. You can get one on the troop website.

The Lock-In



The lock-in on November 9th was a blast. We got to the church around 6:30 and stuck around for about 15 minutes, and went to Grand Slam. At Grand Slam, we played mini-golf, arcade games, bumper cars, and ate, for three hours. The Grand Slam we went to was brand new and just opened a week or two earlier, so everything there was really nice. The bumper cars were really fun, and so was mini-golf. The Mini Golf was Pirate/Caribbean themed, and at the arcade, we got a lot of jackpots and won a lot of prizes and candy. By the end of the night we had more than enough sugar to keep us up until 1:00 am when we left Saint Andrews. At the church, we basically ate pizza, drank pop, and played Pin Guard and other games in the gym. Overall, the Lock-In was a really fun night, and I am definitely going next year!

By Peter D.

Scout-o-Rama



On November 3rd, many Webelos from local Cub Scout packs flocked to Starring Lake Park to attend Troop 479's annual Scout-o-Rama. Wonderfully planned by the newly formed Phoenix patrol, headed by Jonathon H., we began with several stations teaching the Webelos new scout skills. Those included: fire starting, wilderness survival, trapping, and the bear-muda triangle among others. There was also a service station, raking leaves for the park. We then had a wonderful lunch prepared by the adults; tacos (along with a Dutch oven cookie or two from Paul K.)!!! In the afternoon, we had several games such as: dodgeball, relay races, group soccer, and the human knot. The Webelos ended the day by receiving small trinkets at our fabulous trading post. What fun!

By: Mitch G.

December events

12/03/07	PLC	EPPC
12/04/07	Service	Auburn Manor Mr. Bollig
12/10/07	Court of Honor	EPPC
12/14/07	Skiing	Powder Ridge Indians

November & December Birthdays!

Rick S.	November 8 th
Joel Y.	November 20 th
Jeff P.	November 24 th
David C.	December 8 th
Matt H.	December 14 th
Brandon B.	December 19 th
Alan D.	December 19 th
Jayne D.	December 19 th
Tim D.	December 20 th
Joe V.	December 28 th