

TROOP 175 NEWS

Blue & Gray Park Overnight: Sept 19-21

The troop will camp at Blue & Gray Park (on Buckner-Tarsney Road just southeast of Blue Springs) Sept 19-21. We will leave Cordill Mason's parking lot at 6:30pm on Friday and return by noon on Sunday. Scouts should bring \$1 for cooking fuel and the money to cover the costs of their patrol food.

Troop Dinner & Court of Honor: Blue & Gray Park - Sept 20

Parents and other family members are invited to attend dinner with the troop on Saturday, Sept 20th and stay for the Troop Court of Honor and campfire following. Scouts will be recognized for their awards and advancements earned since May (including those from summer camp). Scouts unable to attend the Court of Honor will be recognized at our spring 2009 court. Families should arrive at 5pm at the troop campsite. The troop will provide everything needed for dinner and dessert; there is no charge. **But don't forget your lawn chairs.**

Popcorn Sales

The troop is again providing the opportunity for boys to pay their own way in Scouting by selling Trail's End popcorn. Order forms and information will be handed out by Mrs. Karen Hartmann at our Sept 20th Court of Honor. Thanks to our other fund-raising events, 100% of all profits from the sale of popcorn will be credited to the scout's camp fund with the troop. There is no requirement for boys to sell popcorn.

Rechartering Time is Soon

A reminder that all adult leaders should pay their \$10 annual rechartering fee to Theresa Davidson. Rechartering costs for Scouts comes out of their \$10 quarterly dues.

Sept 22nd: Eagle Project & Adult Leaders Meeting

On Monday, September 22nd, Life Scout Joe Simpson will be running a book drive as part of his Eagle Project. Instead of a troop meeting that night, Scouts are asked to show up at Cordill Mason's parking lot at 6:30pm; the boys will be driven around two neighborhoods distributing bags and notes requesting new and gently-used children's books. Boys will be taken home after the project. Please call Joe (228-5167) or Mr. Simpson (210-6416) to let them know you'll be coming - they need to ensure sufficient drivers. You may also email to: jsimpson93@comcast.net and rsimpson78@comcast.net

The next Saturday at 8:30am, boys are invited to come to Joe's house at 1403 Meyer Blvd (Blue Springs) and help build and paint a bookcase then collect the books from the neighborhoods. If you would like to donate a new or gently-used book, Scouts should bring books to the Sept 29th troop meeting.

The Sept 22nd leaders meeting will begin at 7:30pm to allow leaders to help drive.

Horse Show Concession Stand A Success

Our Labor Day weekend sales netted \$1400 profit which will be split equally between the troop and the camp funds of the families working the event. A big "Thank You" to all who worked the show...especially Patty and Ron Copple for getting everything organized.

Blue Elk Camporee: October 10-12

At our September 15 and 29 troop meetings, we would like to get a commitment from boys and adults who will be attending the District Camporee in October. District fees are \$7 for those who sign up in September and increase to \$9 in October.

HRB Summer Camp 2009

Dates for our 2009 camping at the Reservation will be available in late October. Gary Johnson will serve as the Camp Scoutmaster; Theresa Davidson will handle advancements.

November 7-9 Campout at Ozark State Park

During this troop campout, boys will have the opportunity to shoot at the Lake of the Ozarks Shooting Range on Saturday, Nov 8, from 10am til 1pm. Scouts will be able to shoot 50 rounds apiece for only \$12, which includes clay targets, ammo and use of the range's firearms.

Upcoming Events/Dates

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| Sept 15 | Troop meeting |
| Sept 19-21 | Campout at Blue & Gray Park ; Leave from CME at 6:30pm Friday |
| Sept 20 | At Blue & Gray Park- 5:00pm Family Dinner and Court of Honor |
| Sept 22 | Simpson Eagle Project 6:30pm at CME parking lot; 7:30pm Leaders Mtg |
| Sept 29 | Troop meeting -- bring your ideas for planning 2009's activities & outings
-- also bring new or gently-used children's books to donate |
| Oct 2 | Roundtable |
| Oct 6 | PLC meeting at 6:30pm followed by troop meeting |
| Oct 10-12 | Camporee campout; leave from CME at 6:30pm |
| Oct 13 | Leaders meeting 7pm (no troop meeting) |
| Oct 20 | Troop meeting |
| Oct 27 | Troop Halloween outing |
| Nov 7-8 | Campout at Ozark State Park ; leave from CME at 6:30pm on Friday |