



Troop 69

Boy Scouts of America—Crossroads of America Council

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010 ENEWSLETTER

Troop Calendar

Troop meetings are held every Monday, 7:00 p.m., at Traders Point Christian Church, unless otherwise stated. Firecrafter and Order of the Arrow meetings are held first Sunday of each month, 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., respectively, Pike Branch Library.

November

- 1 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**
- 6 Zionsville Community Scout Recruiting Event. See Troop News**
- 7 Firecrafter Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Pike Library**
- 8 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**
- 15 Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) Meeting, 6:00p.m.,TPCC**
Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC
- 22 Troop Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., TPCC**
Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC
- 19-21 Thanksgiving Outing - Details TBA**
- 25 Thanksgiving**
- 29 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**

December

- 4 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet (Details TBA)**
- 8 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m. TPCC**
- 13 Troop Christmas Party and Gift Exchange, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**
Gift value under \$10. No gag gifts. Bring a gift to receive a gift.
- 17-19 Cabin Outing (Details TBA)**
- 20-31 No Troop Meetings! Pike/Zionsville schools Christmas vacation.**
- 25 Christmas**

January 2011

- 3 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**
- 8 Firecrafter Mid-Winter Dinner (Details TBA)**
- 10 Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) Meeting, 6:00p.m.,TPCC**
Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC
- 14-16 Winter Camporee, Camp Kikthawenund**
- 17 No Troop Meeting. Martin Luther King Day. Pike Schools closed.**
- 24 Troop Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., TPCC**
Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC
- 31 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**



Meeting Topics - The November troop meeting topics will include the Communications Merit Badge on November 1, 8 and 15. The Fire Safety Merit Badge will be discussed on November 22, 29, and December 6. The topic for January 2011 will be the Personal Management Merit Badge.

Outings - Here are dates for a few upcoming troop outings: **Cabin Outing, December 17-19; Winter Camporee Jan. 14-16, 2011 at Camp Kikthawenund; Mystery Outing, February 11-13, 2011.** Plans are to to have a March outing to the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the Spring Camporee will be held in April.

Mystery Outing - Parents are asked to please contact ASM Brian Crow for information regarding the Mystery Outing. Brian asks that you send him your info request from an email address not accessible by your Scout. He also asks that you not share any outing information with your Scout or siblings. We want to keep the "mystery" in the Mystery Outing. ASM Crow's email address is Troop69BCrow@gmail.com.

Firecrafter and OA News - The Firecrafter meeting on November 7th will start at 12:30 p.m. with Ultimate Frisbee followed by a very short business meeting. Don't forget to register for the OA Winter Banquet to be held December 4th. The Firecrafter Mid-Winter dinner will be held on January 8th. For more information contact ASM Denise Andrews dpandrews@comcast.net.

Recruiting Drive - Three Zionsville Boy Scout troops will gather at Zionsville's Lions Park to host a Webelos recruiting event on Saturday, November 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. This event will provide opportunities for Zionsville area Webelos to visit and interact directly with our Troops and to learn what Scouting is all about. There is significant preparation and tear down work to be done. We will need to have several youth available to set up staging, host the boys in shifts and help clean up after the event. Please consider volunteering to help with this event. For more information, contact John Ruggles, jjacc@sbcglobal.net.

Scout Accounts - All Scouts have an internal account with the troop where dues, assessments, outing costs, and payments are recorded. When you receive your statement, a positive balance means that funds are due to the troop. Please write a check payable to Troop 69. A negative balance means that you have a credit that can be applied to future outing costs or fees. Proceeds from the current fundraising efforts will be credited to your Scout's account in December-January. Included on the upcoming statements will be the annual gasoline assessment. With lower fuel costs, this year's assessment is being reduced from \$25 to \$20. Please remember if you assist with driving for any of our outings, you may submit a receipt for fuel reimbursement. Please remember to fill your tank before and after the trip to determine the actual amount of fuel consumed. Receipts should be submitted to the Troop Treasurer, Sharon Ketner @ sharonketner@att.net. Please contact Mrs. Ketner if you have any questions about your statement.

SAT/ACT Software for Scouts - In alliance with the Boy Scouts of America, eKnowledge is offering SAT and ACT test prep programs valued at \$200, free to Boy Scout families. The eKnowledge Sponsorship Alliance has provided more than 120,000 SAT/ACT prep programs to families all over the United States. Now in its fourth year, the eKnowledge Sponsorship Alliance has donated more than \$26 million of SAT/ACT test preparation programs. The PowerPrep™ program helps prepare students to take the exams and increases student confidence, which can result in higher test scores and thousands of dollars in scholarships. Learn more by going to <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/eKnowledge.aspx>.

Troop Calendar - The dates published on the Troop Calendar are **ALWAYS subject to change** at the last minute and without much notice. The dates published are only as good as those given the newsletter editor at the first of each month with the newsletter is published.

