



MARCH 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.

March

- 1 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC.**
- 8 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**
- 12 Pack 98 Crossover, 7:00 p.m., “The Zone” at TPCC**
- 13 North Star District Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, \$15/Single or \$20/Couple**
- 15 Patrol Leader’s Council (PLC) Meeting, 6:00p.m.,TPCC
Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC.**
- 19-20 Blue Caverns Cave Outing (Friday Night only)
\$10 deposit due March 1. \$18 balance due March 15.**
- 20 Scouting for Food (afternoon...finished by 5:00 p.m.)**
- 22 Troop Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., TPCC
Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**
- 29 No Troop Meeting. Spring Break (Pike H.S. schedule)**

April

- 2 Good Friday**
- 4 Easter**
- 5 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC.**
- 12 Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**
- 19 Patrol Leader’s Council (PLC) Meeting, 6:00p.m.,TPCC
Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**
- 23-25 Spring Camporee, “1910: Do It Again!”
Camp Cullom, Cost \$25**
- 24 OA Call Out Ceremony at Spring Camporee**
- 26 Troop Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., TPCC
Court of Honor and Troop Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TPCC**

May

- 14-16 Order of the Arrow Lowanue Allanque Chapter Ordeal
Weekend at Camp Ransburg**

Meeting Topics

Merit Badges:

- March: Engineering
- April: Fire Safety
- May: Orienteering

Future Outings

- May 7-9:** Shooting at Camp Atterbury
- June 18-20:** Visit Vincennes University Aviation Center
- July 11-17:** Summer Camp, Camp Ransburg
- September:** Fall Camporee

Special Interest

22nd **World Scout Jamboree** Sweden, July/August 2011. For information go to www.worldscoutjamboree.se/en/

Skills Training

Scout Leader training information is available from the Crossroads Council web site www.crossroadsbsa.org.



March Outing - The Blue Springs Caverns outing has been confirmed for **March 19th**. A **\$10 deposit** was due March 1 with a **balance of \$18 due March 15th**. A permission slip for the Blue Springs Caverns needs to be completed by all participants, regardless of age. We have room for a few more people, especially Welbos, and more adults. Please let ASM Denise Andrews know by March 1 who will be participating in the outing. Don't forget pocket money for Saturday's lunch during the outing. Contact ASM Denise Andrews for more info.

Summer Camp Fees - Summer Camp registrations were due Monday, **MARCH 1, 2010!** There are two payment options for the camp fee. You can pay \$210.00 in a lump sum payment on or before **March 1, 2010**, or you can make three equal payments of \$70.00. If you choose the payment plan, \$70.00 must be paid on or before **March 1, 2010**; an additional \$70.00 must be paid on or before **March 29, 2010**; and a final payment of \$70.00 must be paid on or before **April 26, 2010**. **All fees for Summer Camp must be paid in full by April 26th - No Exceptions.** You will find a three-part monthly invoice sheet, as well as a 2010 Summer Camp Flyer, on the Troop's website at www.tpcc-bsa-t69.org under "Forms & Info". If you or your Scout has any questions about Summer Camp, contact ASM Brian Crow at troop69bcrow@gmail.com or (317) 517-9153 (cell phone).

Health Forms - All registered Scouts and Scouters of Troop 69 need to have a completed copy of the BSA three-part medical record on file with the troop medical officer BEFORE they can participate in any troop outings. The medical form can be found on our troop website www.tpcc-bsa-t69.org, click on "**Forms and Info**," then click on "**Annual Health and Medical Record Form**."

Scouting For Food - Boy Scouts from the Crossroads of America Council, which serves 25 counties in central Indiana, are doing a "Good Turn" as they help fight hunger in their communities during the annual BSA Scouting for Food Campaign. Through this effort, Scouts work to collect food which is given to local food banks for distribution to families in need at no cost. Items being collected include non-perishable canned goods like vegetables, soups, chili, and baby formula. Non-perishable boxed items like pasta are also welcome. Troop 69 Scouts have been asked to bring food items to troop meetings on March 8, 15, and 22. On **Saturday, March 20th**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., the troop will call on neighborhood(s) door-to-door. Our plan is to be done with the project by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Contact ASM Denise Andrews for more information.

Advancement News - As we move from Winter into Spring, there is a clear feeling of excitement in the Troop! Everyone is ready for the warmer weather and increased outdoor time. There is excitement within the Scouts' advancements work as well with many new Ranks earned and lots of newly completed Merit Badges since our last Court of Honor back in November. Great job boys!

Troop Committee is putting into action some new approaches to help Patrols and Scouts monitor their advancements, and we are looking at options to keep Scouts, Parents and Scouters aware of the progress. Scouts: there is still some time to complete your advancements prior to the next Court of Honor April 26th...deadline for submitting completed advancements to be recognized at that Court is April 19th (no exceptions gang, get 'er done!). Adults are standing by ready to help! - *Dave Bradley, Advancement Chair*

Scout Center Moving - The downtown Indianapolis Scout Service Center is Moving to a new location, effective March 22nd. The new address will be Scout Education and Program Center, 7125 Fall Creek Road North, Indianapolis, IN 46256. Phone: (317) 813-7125. The Indianapolis Service Center AND Scout Shop will be closed from March 13th through March 21st.

Severe Weather Preparedness Week/Tornado Drill - The annual National Weather Service Severe Weather Preparedness Week will be March 14-20 and a Tornado Drill on Wednesday, March 17., between 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and again between 7:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. EDT. Thursday will be a make up drill day if severe weather threatens. Schools, businesses, and families are encouraged to practice their safety plans during the drill to ensure the plans work properly. Discuss what to do when watches are issued. Take actions when warnings are issued. Review warnings actions and update them if needed. - *National Weather Service*



Special Knife – A special pocket knife will be given away to the Scout who recruits a new Scout into Troop 69 between now and the end of 2010. See ASM Denise Andrews for details.

Earn Special 100th Anniversary Awards - A Year of Celebration – A Century of Making A Difference is an awards program developed specially for the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. There are five awards, each based on one of the five core values of the Boy Scouts of America: one for Leadership, Achievement, Community Service, Character and the Outdoors. The award is a uniquely designed patch of the 100th Anniversary emblem with slots to hold special award markers for each pillar of the program. Individuals will be able to display all earned awards at the same time on their uniforms by attaching award markers to the patch. Each award has different requirements depending upon age. Cub Scouts have a set of requirements, as do Boy Scouts, Venturers, adult volunteers and alumni. Even adults can earn awards. There are five requirements for each age group for each award. All you have to do is accomplish at least three of the five requirements to earn the award. You may want to do all five requirements, but three is all that you'll need to qualify for the award. **Awards may be earned as of September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.** This program will provide every Scout, leader and alumnus a fun and meaningful way to participate in the 100th Anniversary. Each individual participating will benefit, as well every unit and community in the country. Go to www.scouting.org/100years for more information on this and many more 100th Anniversary programs.

Website Problem - Those of you who frequent the troop website may have encountered a message declaring the troop website to be having a problem with malware. This note is to let you know the website has been examined, determined to be free of bugs and safe to use.

