



Welcome to Troop 88



Who runs the Troop?

This is a boy lead troop which means that the scouts run many aspects of the troop with the guidance of the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee. The Troop Committee is a group of Leaders who meet monthly for an hour or so to discuss the needs of the Troop and review the finances. The Committee Chair sets the agenda. The Secretary takes notes and disseminates the minutes to troop members via e-mail. All parents are welcome to attend.

When are Troop Meetings?

Meetings are held every Monday at 7 pm during the school year at Northminster Presbyterian Church. If school is not in session (Dunlap) on a Monday, there is no troop meeting that night.

How is the Troop Organized?

The troop is organized into Patrols. The Patrols elect their own leaders and other leadership positions. When camping they cook by patrol and most importantly they help each other with rank advancement.

How active do I, as a parent, have to be?

You can be as active as you want to be. There is no set rule for parental involvement. Parents are always welcome at meetings, Troop Committee, and campouts.

How many campouts are there?

Generally, one per month from September through May. We attend Ingersoll Boy Scout summer camp for one week each summer. There is usually at least one High Adventure campout planned for each summer.

What is Ingersoll?

Ingersoll Boy Scout reservation is run by W.D. Boyce Council and is often referred to as Summer Camp. It is located a few miles west of London Mills, which is west of Farmington along Route 116. New scouts can earn several requirements for rank advancements and merit badges. The Scouts camp from Sunday through Saturday. Parents are invited to attend a Wednesday night activities program.

What kind of equipment does my son need for Boy Scouts?

Items such as tents, lanterns, stoves, saws and cooking equipment are furnished by Troop 88. Boys are required to have their own Scout book, Boy Scout uniform, sleeping bags, clothes and mess kit.

How is the Troop Financed?

- Annual Dues (\$65 for a Scout, \$15 for an Adult Leader, \$12 for Boys Life)
- Annual Popcorn sales
- Friends of Scouting Campaign
- Direct donations by parents and others who wish to help support Troop 88.
- Donations of material, equipment and supplies.

How do I find out what's going on in the Troop?

A Calendar and Campout Schedule are included in the Troop 88 Handbook. Many leaders send information and updates via e-mail, or by phone tree. In addition, sign-up sheets, flyers and permission forms can be found on a table near the Family Life Center door during Scout meetings. Visit the Website at:

<http://heartland.wdboyce.org/users/troop88h/>

Who do I call for more information?

You can call Scoutmaster Geoff Ginzl (693-3830).

Also your son can contact any one of the boys in the troop at school. Feel free to call or visit anytime.

Calendar 2009-2010

(Abridged Version)

August 2009

Sat Aug 22 Clinton Merit Badge Day
Mon Aug 24 7:00PM First Troop Meeting
Sun Aug 30 Court of Honor and potluck
Mon Aug 31 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting

September 2009 Theme: Fishing/Fly Fishing

Tues Sept 1 6:30PM PLC Northminster
Mon Sept 7 No Meeting-Labor Day
Fri-Sun Sept 11-13 Evergreen Campout
Mon Sept 14 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Fri-Sun Sept 18-20 OA Fall Conclave-Ingersoll
Sat Sept 19 Popcorn Sales Begin
Mon Sept 21 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Sept 28 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Sept 28 7:10PM Troop Committee Meeting

October 2009 Theme: Scary Camping

Sun Oct 4 2:00PM Eagle Court of Honor
Mon Oct 5 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Tue Oct 6 6:30PM PLC Northminster
Mon Oct 12 No Meeting-Columbus Day
Fri-Sun Oct 16-18 Fall Camporee at Ingersoll Scout Mon
Oct 19 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Oct 19 Popcorn Sales are due
Mon Oct 26 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Oct 26 7:10PM Troop Committee Meeting

November 2009 Theme: Conservation

Mon Nov 2 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting-Merit Badge
Tue Nov 3 6:30PM PLC Northminster
Sat Nov 7 10:00AM-1:00PM Popcorn Pickup
Sat-Sun Nov 7-8 2:00PM-9:00AM Junior Leader Trning
Sun Nov 8 Jamboree Parent Meeting
Mon Nov 9 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Fri Nov 13-15 Camp Bunn
Mon Nov 16 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Nov 23 Popcorn Money Due
Mon Nov 23 Court of Honor and Dessert
Mon Nov 30 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Nov 30 7:10PM Troop Committee Meeting

December 2009 Theme: Pioneering

Tue Dec 1 6:30PM PLC Northminster
Mon Dec 7 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Sat-Sun Dec 12-13 Pearce Center Lock-in
Mon Dec 14 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Dec 21 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Dec 21 7:10PM Troop Committee Meeting
Mon Dec 28 No Meeting-Christmas Vacation

January 2010 Theme: Skiing/Snowboarding

Mon Jan 4 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Tue Jan 5 6:30PM PLC Northminster
Sat Jan 9 Class of 2009 Eagle Scout Brunch
Sun Jan 10 Order of the Arrow Banquet
Mon Jan 11 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Jan 18 No Meeting-Martin Luther King Day
Mon Jan 25 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Jan 25 7:10PM Troop Committee Meeting
Fri-Sun Jan 29-31 Galena Skiing Scout Campout

February 2010 Theme: Wilderness Survival

Mon Feb 1 Court of Honor Dessert
Tue Feb 2 6:30PM PLC-Northminster
Sun Feb 7 Scout Sunday (National)
Mon Feb 8 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Fri-Sun Feb 12-14 Survivorman 2 WI Campout
Sun Feb 14 Scout Sunday Northminster
Mon Feb 15 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Sun Feb 21 Jamboree Parent Meeting Mon
Feb 22 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Feb 22 7:10PM Troop Committee

March 2010 Theme: Canoeing

Mon Mar 1 No Meeting Casmir Pulaski Day
Tue Mar 2 6:30PM PLC Northminster
Mon Mar 8 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Mar 15 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Mar 22 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Fri-Sun Mar 26-28 Marshall Fish & Wildlife Area
Mon Mar 29 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Mar 29 7:10PM Troop Committee Meeting
Tue Mar 30 6:30PM PLC Northminster

April 2010 Theme: ??

Mon Apr 5 No Meeting-Spring Vacation
Mon Apr 12 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Apr 19 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Apr 26 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Mon Apr 26 7:10PM Troop Committee Meeting
Fri Apr 30-May 2 Spring Camporee

May 2010 Theme: Camping/Hiking

Sun May 2 Court of Honor Picnic/Summer Camp sign
Mon May 3 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Tue May 4 6:30PM PLC Northminster
Mon May 10 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting-Annual Dutch cookoff
Mon May 17 7:00PM Regular Troop Meeting
Fri-Sun May 21-23 Jubilee State Park/Ingersoll
Mon May 24 7:00PM Troop Meeting-Game Night

June 2010

Sun-Sat June 6-11 NYLT Training-Ingersoll
Thu-Sun June 11-13 Jamboree Training-Ingersoll
Sun-Sat June 20-26 Summer camp-Ingersoll