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Personal Fitness Merit Badge Completion

February 25th will be the final day for instruction on the personal fitness merit badge.

Brandon, Logan, Cameron, Garrett, Jacob, Joe, and Jackson have all done an excellent job with this merit badge and bi-monthly assessments at the downtown Y. The boys started this badge in November.

Personal Fitness is a required merit badge for Eagle Scout rank, and a very time and physically intensive merit badge.

Congratulations to these hard-working Scouts.

Citizenship Completion

Many of our Scouts began the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge at a previous merit badge workshop. Chris is in the process of collecting the necessary documents to assist the boys in completing this badge within the next few weeks.

Welcome New Webelos

Many area Webelos went through the Arrow of Light celebration at Prairie on February 16th.

Denise is in the process of personally contacting all Webelos who may be interested in joining our troop.

If you happen to know someone who is in fifth grade (or even older) who may enjoy the Scouting experience, please invite them to one of our meetings. There is no pressure to join... we enjoy having newcomers!

We will be hosting a "new parent reception" after our weekly meeting on Monday, March 10th. We will meet up in the Great Room at The Bridge to pass out information, discuss upcoming events, have some refreshments, and talk with the new parents. It should be a great time!

Thank you for welcoming these new boys and sharing your love of Scouting!

Meeting Room Reservations

Ninety percent of the time, our meetings are held at The Bridge. Whereabouts within the building may differ from week to week. This is due to a variety of factors (scheduling, activities planned, etc.).

Erica has all meeting room reserved through the end of May. If you are wondering where we may be on a given evening, please check the calendar on our website. If you click on the meeting date, it will bring up the details, including which room we are scheduled in.

For awhile, the Bridge staff were also posting this information near the front door of the building. This would be a good place to check as well.

Upcoming Events:

Completion of Personal Fitness Merit Badge	Feb. 25
Chemistry Merit Badge Workshop	Mar. 1
Weekly Meeting– $10 Deposit for backpacking trip due	Mar. 3
Weekly Meeting	Mar. 10
New Parent Reception 7:30 PM	Mar. 10
Weekly Meeting	Mar. 17
Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	Mar. 17
Happy Easter	Mar. 23
Weekly Meeting– Final Backpacking Prep	Mar. 24
Backpacking Trip	Mar. 28-30

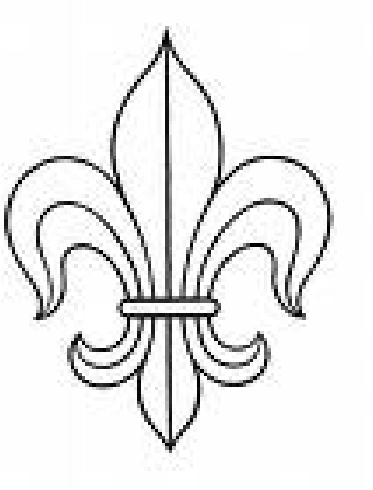
If there is something you would like to communicate to the ENTIRE troop, please email:
troop@boyscouttroop28.org

Monthly Activities Information

March 28th-30th we are taking a **backpacking** trip to **Yellow River State Forest**. Chris and a former Eagle Scout from our troop (Mike) will be co-leading this adventure. We will be departing from the Bridge on Friday evening and returning home on Sunday between mid and late morning. **The cost for this trip is $15.** A $10 deposit is due at our March 2nd meeting. The remaining is due on March 28th.

Tom C. and Andy will lead a trek through the **Boundary Waters in Canada** this summer if we have at least five interested Scouts. The tentative dates are **July 19th-July 26th**. Tom and Andy are currently researching open sites. If you are interested in going, please let one of them know.

We will be scheduling a **campout for April or May** and inviting Webelos along. That date will be published soon.



There will be deposit deadlines soon for both the Backpacking Trip and our trip to Boundary Waters.

Please watch your email for more information.

Advancement Update

Kathy has completed the advancement chart.

We are planning on displaying this at each of our meetings, so boys can track their advancement.

Some boys have partially completed merit badges. We are hoping to schedule a "make-up day" to bring some of these to a close.

Fundraising News

Denise has taken over Fundraising responsibilities.

In the past this has been popcorn and wreath sales.

If you have ideas of other fundraising ideas, please contact Denise.

Membership News

If there is someone you know who would like to become a member of our troop, please ask him to attend one of our meetings and we will pass along the necessary membership form and information.

Secretary News

Thank you to all Scouts and parents who have already read and signed the Code of Conduct agreement. There is a link to both our By-Laws and Code of Conduct on our homepage.

I will be passing around a new snack/drink sign-up sheet at our meeting on Feb. 25th.

News from the Chairperson

Julia is remaining in her role asInterim Chairperson. If you are interested in filling this position in a more permanent manner, please contact scoutmaster@boyscouttroop28.org.

Treasurer's Report

If there is anything you personally would like to see the troop purchase, please email treasurer@boyscouttroop28.org.

Many of our boys are involved with the swimming program at Washington HS.

Congratulations on your win at State!

Meeting/ Weather Policy

At our committee meeting on February 18th, we decided to maintain our current meeting policy with regard to weather.

If school is canceled or dismissed early on a Monday, DUE TO WEATHER, we will NOT meet that evening.

If there is a delayed start on a Monday, we DO still meet that evening.

Mondays that are scheduled days off (teacher inservice, holidays, school vacations), we do not typically meet. If there is a Scout or group of Scouts that would like to plan something fun for one of these occurrences, meetings can be scheduled on a case-by-case basis.

We *do* meet on Mondays that are early dismissed due to teacher inservice.

Please email: secretary@boyscouttroop28.org if you have news or information you would like included in the next issue of our newsletter.
Please submit by Mar. 17.

Remember:
We welcome all parents to our committee meetings each month. We appreciate your involvement and support!