

Troop 165
Boy Scouts of America
Lancaster, Ohio
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April 2007 Newsletter

March 2007 Activity Review

Our first month was an active one for the troop. The boys performed a service project (Road Clean-up), went to Vertical Adventures and had the opportunity do rock climbing and rappelling. The boys quickly formed their patrol (Flying Eagles), and designed and made their patrol flag. The Flying Eagles also welcomed new Scout Daniel Hill to the patrol. Troop 165's first campout was a huge success. 1 Scout joined Troop 241 Friday evening to set up camp. Saturday morning, 6 Flying Eagles traveled to Camp Buckeye where they learned to setup up a campsite, learned the proper usage of axes, saws, knives and cook stoves and cooked their first meals using the patrol method.

April 2007 Activities

There are two activities planned for April. On April 14th, Troop 165 will go on a 10-mile hike at Pickerington Ponds Metro Park (Blacklick Creek Greenways Trail). The April campout will see our troop joining Troop 241 outside Lithopolis at the Hayne's Farm (Dr. Haynes – Chartering Organization Rep. for Troop 241). Among other activities, the boys will have the opportunity to work on at least one merit badge.

Fundraising

Shortly, we will begin the Mulch Sales Fundraiser. For each bag of mulch your son sells, he will earn 75 cents which will be put in his Scout Account. From this Scout Account your son will be able to pay his own way to most of the activities planned by the troop!

June Mini-Trip and July Summer Camp

In the next few weeks we will be sending information home on the June Mini-Trip and July Summer Camp. Please see the calendar for the dates. We will be asking for the fees to be turned in as quickly as possible so that we may get your son registered. The mini-trip is expected to cost approximately \$180. The Summer Camp early bird deadline is May 1 (\$190). The Mini Trip and Summer Camp are two experiences that your son will remember for the rest of their lives! Please note that there has been a change in dates for Summer Camp. It will be July 22-28.

Monthly Permission Slips and Camping Fees

If you are intending to go on the monthly campouts, please have your fees and permission slips at the beginning of the meetings on the Monday night that they are due. If you are unable to attend the meeting but plan to go on the campout, please get you money and permission slip to a scout or leader that will be in attendance.

Cancellations

Any time a scout meeting or activity is cancelled due to inclement weather, scouts will be notified via their patrol leader. If school is cancelled but the roads clear up and adult leadership feels that there are no safety concerns, we will generally have our meeting as it is the easiest way to hand out and collect permission slips.