

Troop 165  
Boy Scouts of America  
Lancaster, Ohio  
Sponsored by Fairfield Christian Church



## June 2007 Newsletter

### May 2007 Activity Review

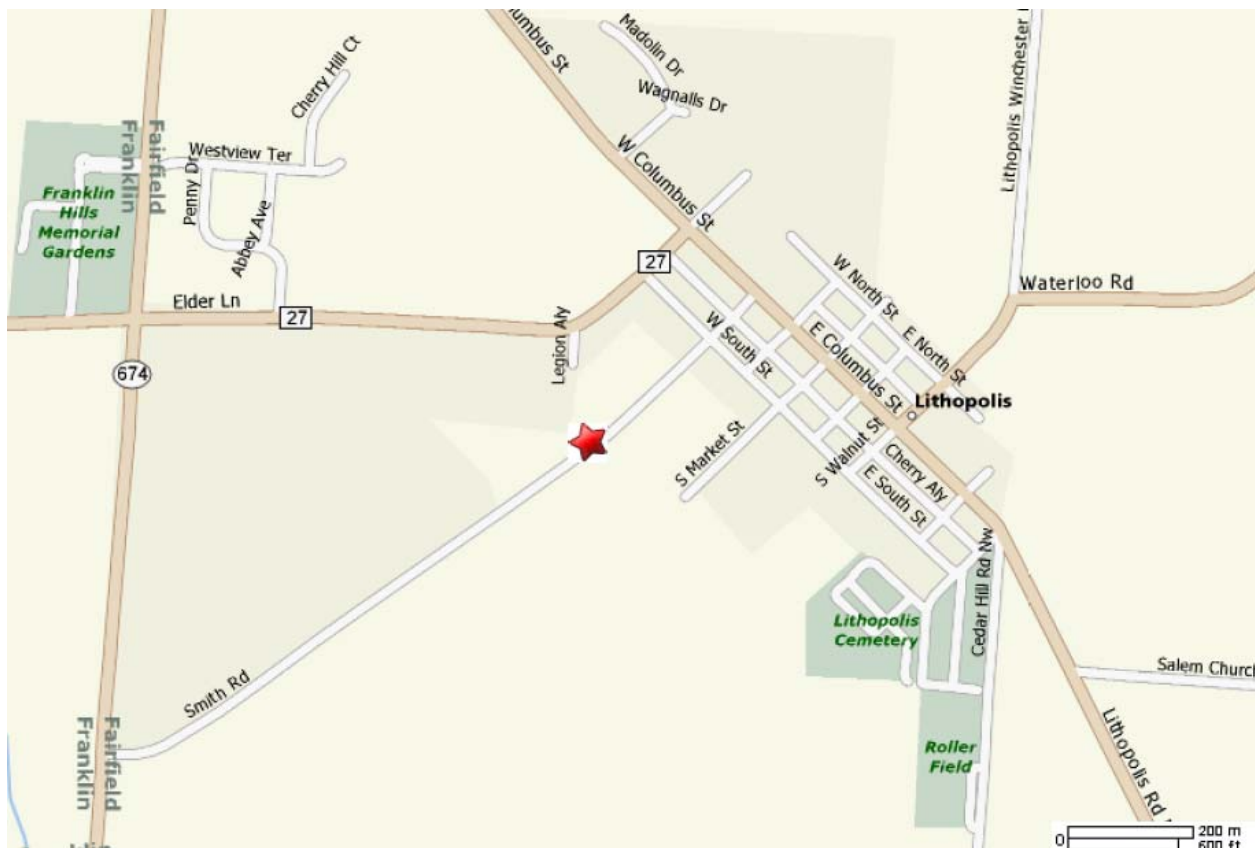
The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouting was celebrated at the Ross Country Fairgrounds May 4-6. Five Flying Eagles participated in the One World One Promise celebration.

### June 2007 Activities

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chief Tarhe District Hike For Scouting (5 Miles). Meet at 8:45 am in the parking lot at Ohio University – Lancaster (Look for Mr. Marshall's yellow PT Cruiser). Parents are welcome to join the troop. This hike will satisfy the Second Class Hiking Requirement.

### Memorial Day Parade Information

Troop 165 will be joining Troop 241 for the Memorial Day Parade in Lithopolis on Monday, May 28, 2007. We will meet at the American Legion (11410 Smith Road, Lithopolis) at 9:30 am. Scouts must be in full uniform (Scout shirt, troop shirt, olive shorts/pants, scout socks, scout belt, scout hat).



## Merit Badge Information

These are the steps a Scout takes to earn a merit badge:

1. Get a signed blue card from Mr. Marshall and the name and phone number of the merit badge counselor.
2. **Before starting the merit badge**, contact the merit badge counselor to arrange a meeting. Go with a buddy, parent or relative to see the counselor to find out what is expected.
3. Get the merit badge book on the subject.
4. When complete, call the counselor again to make an appointment. Along with a buddy, parent or relative, bring the things necessary to meet the requirements or proof of what you have done. The counselor will spend time to make sure you know your stuff. When the counselor is satisfied that the Scout has done what is required, The Scout's merit badge card will be signed.

## General Information

1. All merit badge counselors must be registered with the BSA.
2. A Scout cannot be counseled for more than four (4) merit badges from any one counselor.
3. Family members cannot counsel a Scout for Eagle-required merit badges.

## Merit Badge Counselor Guidelines

1. Be aware of all up to date requirement changes (**check [www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com)**).
2. Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
3. Have two or more Scouts present at all instructional sessions.
4. Understand that the Scout is expected to meet the requirements as stated- no more and no less. Furthermore, he is to do exactly what is stated. If it says, "show or demonstrate," that is what he must do. Just telling about it isn't enough. The same holds true for such words as "make", "list", "in the field", and "collect, identify, and label."
5. You cannot require more of a scout than what is stated.

## Merit Badge Cards

There are three parts to a blue merit badge card. The counselor keeps one part, the advancement chairman keeps the second part, and the third part is returned to the scout (sometimes this portion is kept by the advancement chairman and returned with the merit badge at Courts of Honor). This is the scout's only record that he completed the merit badge. At his Eagle Board of Review, the District Advancement Chairman will ask to see all of his blue cards. Please keep all blue cards that are returned to you by your merit badge counselor.

## Mulch

Just a reminder that we still have mulch available for sale, please contact Mrs. Brumfield or Mr. Daugherty if you wish to continue selling mulch. Remember, it's a great way to help pay your way to Summer Camp;

## Uniforms

One of the eight methods of successful scouting programs is wearing uniforms. Lately, as a group, the troop could improve when it comes to wearing the proper uniform. As a reminder, Troop 165's Class A uniform includes the Class A shirt, Troop t-shirt (Class B), Scout or olive green pants or shorts, scout belt, Scout hat, and scout socks. Unless told in advance, the full troop uniform is to be worn at each meeting/outing.

## July Summer Camp

The registration fee for Summer camp is \$210. We are asking for the fees to be turned in as quickly as possible so that we may get your son registered. A scout may register as late as the first day of camp for an additional \$20. Summer Camp this year will be July 22-28.

## Summer Camp Required Physicals

All scouts attending summer camp need to get their summer camp physical forms (**Class 1 and 2**) to Mr. Marshall prior to departure (please do this prior to the day we leave). Any adult planning to stay more than 72 hours also needs to have a completed physical.