

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

November 2007 Activity Review

Our November campout was something special. It was the weekend of the OSU - Michigan Game and we had the outdoor world to ourselves. The Flying Eagles continued working on the First Class cooking requirements and also continued work on the Hiking Merit Badge. The boys grew increasingly tired as they hiked around the 2 mile youth trail but they didn't give up and all 5 boys finished the hike. Saturday night's entertainment was provided by Daniel Marshall as he carried out his campfire program which is one of his requirements to earn the Communications Merit Badge. We had plenty of time to cook quality meals and the boys also had the opportunity to sample some of the cooking that the adults were doing.

December 2007 Campout

Our campout this month will be a two day campout at John Bryan State Park which is South of Dayton. We will also be participating in the annual Bushwack hike which is a 10 mile hike through one of the most scenic areas in Ohio. This will definitely be a photo opportunity. This is the first of two cold weather campouts planned this year and from the looks of it, the boys are prepared and looking forward to this challenge.

Committee News

On January 1, 2008 we will have a couple of changes in our Troop Committee structure. David Heeter will assume the position of Committee Chairman and David Sutter will take over the Advancement position. Thank you both for your willingness to serve the troop in these capacities.

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 field uniform (Class A uniform) includes the neckerchief and slide, Class A shirt, Troop activity shirt (Class B), Scout or olive green pants or shorts, scout belt, Scout hat, and scout socks. Adult Leader uniform includes everything that the boys wear except for the neckerchief. Unless told in advance, the full troop uniform is to be worn at each meeting/outing.

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.

Troop Website

Please go to our website www.165bsa.com for more information about Troop 165.