

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



January 2010 Newsletter

Merit Badge College - As of December 31, 2009 there are four boys registered to attend the Merit Badge College in Dayton. Information for this event is posted on the troop's website (Scout Info Page). This is an individual activity with each boy's parent(s) and responsible for their own transportation. Carpooling is recommended.

Troop Youth Leadership Training - On January 18, 2010 school is dismissed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Troop Youth Leadership Training will be conducted from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm in Highway 45. This training is required in order to hold a leadership position for rank advancement (patrol leader, quartermaster, scribe etc.). Scouts should be in full field uniform with their scout book, notepad and pen. Once a scout has completed the training, he is entitled to wear the "trained" patch for any leadership position he would hold in the troop.

Troop Committee Meeting - The monthly troop committee meeting will be January 14, 2010 at 7 pm in room 513. Committee members and all other registered adult leaders and parents are encouraged to attend.

Chief Tarhe Chapter Annual Camping Award - Information on this award can be found on the troop's website. This optional award costs \$5 for the patch and \$5 for the pin. Let Mr. Marshall know if you wish to order this award. The following boys and adults have qualified for the following awards:

10 Nights Camping Patch - Scouts

Buckley, Austin
Donovan, Alan
Dye, Corey
Heeter, Josh
Marshall, Daniel
Scott, Nathaniel
Scott, Noah
Scott, Stuart

10 Nights Camping Patch – Adults

Dye, Jason

20 Nights Camping Patch - Scouts

Buckley, Austin
Marshall, Daniel

20 Nights Camping Patch - Adults

Daugherty, Steve

50 Nights Cumulative Pin – Scouts

Buckley, Austin
Darnell, Steven
Daugherty, Connor
Marshall, Daniel
Myers, John
Scott, Nathaniel
Scott, Noah
Scott, Stuart

50 Nights Cumulative Pin – Adults

Darnell, Mark
Daugherty, Steve
Marshall, Dan

100 Nights Cumulative Pin – Scouts

Scott, Nathaniel



Test Your Scout skills online: There is a website where Scouts and Scouters can go for a wide range of resources and information. For the Scouts, there is a page for each rank that provides key resources and information to help you as you go down the scouting trail. Go to www.boyscoutstrail.com. There is even a link on the left side of the main page where you can do online tests.

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**).
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.

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 your money and permission slip to your patrol leader.

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. This website is updated regularly. If you would like to see something posted, have any new ideas or wish to provide content, contact the Scoutmaster at cmsdpm@yahoo.com.

Uniforms - Wearing the correct full field uniform shows pride in being a Boy Scout, a member of your Troop and your Patrol. There will be a surprise uniform inspection within the next four to six weeks. The **patrol** with the best overall score will win a pizza party during their patrol meeting at an upcoming troop meeting.

