



# Troop 222

## Naperville, IL



## 2008

# General Introduction





# Agenda

- Communications
- Troop Functions
- Scout Ranks
- Sign off requirements
- Scout Leadership
  - Troop
  - Patrol
  - PLC
- Scout Uniform
- Outing Preparation
- Scout Accounts / Financial matters
- Summer Camp
- Merit Badges
- Adult Leader Training
- High Adventure
- Time & Talents



# Communications

- Troop Meetings
  - Monday nights, Meadow Glens School
  - 7:15 – 8:15 PM
  - Verbal, handouts & mailboxes
- Troop web site
  - [www.troop-222.org](http://www.troop-222.org)
  - Troop Calendar (check weekly)
- Patrol Leader phone calls
  - These should be occurring every week
  - Less reliable
- Bottom line, each Scout is responsible for knowing what's going on and where



# Communications...cont

- List of current Adult Leaders
  - Handed out at meetings with updates e-mailed
- Troop wide E-mail alerts
  - must be sent to SM for approval
  - SM sends on to Advancement Chair for distribution



# How a Troop Functions

- Boy run
  - SPL, PL's, PLC, other leadership functions
- Adult leaders support the boys
  - Scoutmasters provide direct support and guidance to the Scouts
  - Committee members provide “business” functions in support of the troop
- Parents, especially true for younger scouts
  - Help keep your Scout organized
  - Check gear prior to going on outing
  - Arrive/Pick-up on time



# Scout Ranks

- Scout – after our first outing
- Tenderfoot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Troop goal by end of Year 1
- Star - Troop goal by end of Year 2
- Life - Troop goal by end of Year 3
- Eagle – Before 18<sup>th</sup> birthday



# Sign-off Requirements

- Parents cannot sign-off their son
- First 3 ranks
  - SM / ASM or any Scout of 1<sup>st</sup> Class rank or higher
  - Complete Board Of Review (3 committee members)
  - Move Up In Rank Sessions
- Star, Life, Eagle
  - Leadership items: Leadership Advisor
  - Scoutmaster conference: SM
  - Eagle projects: Eagle Advisors and Chair
  - Complete Board Of Review (BOR)

Note: Rank Adv does not take effect until BOR completed



# Scout Leadership - Troop

- Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)
  - Heads up the Troop
  - Organizes the boys on outings
  - Runs the weekly Troop meetings
  - Voted into this position for 6 months
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders (ASPLs)
  - One is over 1<sup>st</sup> Class
  - One is under 1<sup>st</sup> Class
  - Assist SPL
  - Voted into this position for 6 months



# Scout Leadership - Patrol

- Patrol Leader (PL)
  - Heads up the Patrol
- Assistant Patrol Leader (APL)
  - Assist their PL
- Patrol Quartermaster (QM)
  - Shops for outing food
  - Stores & maintains Patrol boxes



# Patrol Leader Council (PLC)

- Consist of all of the above plus other more minor leadership positions
- Meets once per month prior to Troop meeting
- Chaired by the SPL
- SPL's agenda is reviewed by SM at a monthly SPL meeting



# Scout Uniform

- Class “A”
  - Official Tan colored Scout shirt
  - BSA Troop 222 neckerchief
  - Slide
- Occasions its worn
  - Troop meetings
  - Home based Patrol meetings
  - To and from **all** outings
- Class “B”
  - Golf style shirt
  - Worn at specific times in the summer
  - We will take orders in April (\$15-20)



# Scout Uniform...cont

- Merit Badge Sash
  - Worn on formal occasions
    - Court of Honor
    - Eagle ceremonies
    - Board of reviews
- Proper placement of patches
  - See Scout Handbook
  - [www.threefirescouncil.org/Programs/pg\\_boypatches.html](http://www.threefirescouncil.org/Programs/pg_boypatches.html)



# Outing Preparation

- Although we strive to be a “Boy lead Troop”, they still need some adult supervision
- Fill out the proper forms and payment and drop off to Camping Coordinator, prior to the deadline
- Late forms and money creates extra issues and difficulties



# Outing Preparation...cont

- For outings, please ensure that your Scout:
  - Eats a proper dinner prior to the event
  - Has adequate clothing for the weather
  - Has the proper gear for the outing
  - Is dressed in his Class A uniform
  - Copy of Class 1 & 2 med form in Scout Handbook
  - Meds are in zip-loc bag in the original container, marked with the Scouts name & dosage instructions
  - Is at the assigned departure location, on time
  - Someone is home when he returns from outing



# Outing Preparation...cont

- Patrol Quartermasters
  - Proper amount of food has been purchased
  - Proper storage of the food
  - Food is brought to the outing
  - Patrol kit is cleaned after outing



# Scout Accounts / Fundraisers

- 2 fundraisers a year and they are concurrent
  - Wreath sales – Scout gets 100% of profit
  - Popcorn sales – Scout gets 100% of profit
- Scouts “earnings” are put into a Scout Account
  - Money is used only for scouting purposes (outings, equipment, hiking boots, etc).
  - If a Scout leaves the Troop, the balance goes to the Troop general fund
  - Account must be kept current
  - If balance dips to zero or below, no outings



# Dues/Equipment

- First year Scouts' joining fee covers his dues until December
- Then dues are paid twice a year
  - Currently \$30
- Equipment fee assessed once a year
  - Currently \$15
- Scouts will be charged for damaged gear (usually tents that have not been immediately cleaned and dried)
- Itemization of Scout Account transactions will be sent twice per year when fees are due.



# Summer Camp

- We are going to Gerber this year
- Sunday, July 27 – Saturday, August 2
- Summer camp is regarded as the highlight of the year by many Scouts
- Encourage your son to go
  - Major way of earning merit badges
- Statistics show that those who attend Summer Camp have a higher rate of retention
- Class B orders will be taken in April



# Summer Camp

## - Gerber Scout Reservation

- Located near Muskegon, Michigan
- 800 acre property with three lakes
- Part of the Gerald R. Ford Council
- 2 camps – one for Cub and one for Boy Scouts
- Activities include:
  - Waterfront
  - Climbing tower
  - Scout craft area
  - Handicraft area
  - Environmental resource area
  - Shooting area



# Summer Camp – at check-in

- Health history
  - reviewed by camp staff
  - medicine will be taken & dispensed from nurse
- Swim test
  - All Scouts and adults undergo swim test



# Summer Camp - adults

- Adults are welcome to attend
  - Must complete BSA Youth Protection prior to camp and pay fee
  - Must obey all Troop rules
  - Are encouraged to spend time with their son
  - Are requested to help the troop help the boys
    - Make sure Scouts “make it to class”
    - Ensure medications are taken by Scouts
    - Ensure tables are set-up and taken-down for each meal



# Summer Camp - emergencies

- You will be notified if your Scout has a medical problem
- No news is good news!
  - You will NOT be notified if:
    - The camp has a general evacuation, but resumes normal operation
    - Your son is “disciplined” (unless he is sent home early)



# Merit Badges

- Eagle MB's
  - 12 out of the 15 are required for Eagle (silver edges)
- Non-Eagle MB's
  - approximately 106 to choose from
- Summer Camp
  - Main focus is earning MB's
- Other MB opportunities
  - Council & District clinics
  - Troop sponsored clinics
- We need MB councilors ... See MB Coordinator



# Merit Badges – getting started

- Merit Badges are listed in scout book
- Contact MB Coordinator for name of MB counselor
- Obtain blue card from Merit Badge Coordinator, then give to MB counselor and start working on badge
- Check troop web site for latest merit badge requirements and worksheet
  - Use worksheet to help complete requirements
- Obtain MB pamphlet from Troop Historian or Library



# Merit Badges – when finished

- Once you complete a Merit Badge, blue card is turned into Advancement Chair
- Merit Badge patches are awarded at Court of Honors
- Obtain a sash from scout shop or Chalkboard and sew patches on front
- Keep portion of blue card from MB in secure spot for later reference



# Adult Leader Training

- Detailed Training Chart
  - Inform Training Chairman when a course has been completed
  - Keep all training up to date
- Youth Protection
  - Mandatory for all Adult Scout Leaders
  - Mandatory for all Adults attending Summer Camp
  - Expires every 2 years
  - Available on-line



# High Adventure

- For older Scouts
- Must be 1<sup>st</sup> Class and usually 14 years of age
- Developing a thorough program including
  - Sea Base, Florida – sailing & diving
  - Philmont, New Mexico - backpacking
  - Boundary Waters, Minnesota/Ontario - canoeing
  - Fairbanks, Alaska - canoeing
  - Banff, Canada – hiking, canoeing
  - Any other fun places we can arrange



# Time & Talents

- Troop goal
  - Have at least one volunteer from every family to perform at least one of the troop's functions
- Need to involve more parents as the older Scouts and their parents graduate from the Troop



# Time & Talents...cont

- 3 categories of volunteers
  - Troop support functions
    - requires some training
  - Committee support functions
    - requires some training
  - Event support functions
    - require less commitment and little or no training