

Boy Scout Troop 701

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MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

~ January 16, 2012 ~

January "Polar Bear" Camp

This weekend will be our annual Polar Bear camp. However, there are a couple of twists from past Polar Bears.

First, we will be staying in cabins on Friday night. We will be building shelters during the day on Saturday and come nightfall, spending the night in your patrol shelter.

Secondly, each patrol made a menu last week. This week, each Patrol Leader will be purchasing all the food they need for the weekend. The Staff and Venturing Crew members are still responsible for bring their own food for the weekend. Hot water will be available for every meal.

The packing list for this weekend is located on the front page of the Troop website so make sure you look it over. Ground tarps, warm sleeping bags and winter boots will be at a premium this weekend. If you have any questions, please see Jeff or I at the meeting.

Electricity and Electronics Merit Badges

In the upcoming months, the Electricity and Electronics merit badges will be offered at the Polaris Career Center in Middleburg Heights. Any scouts interested in participating are responsible for registering with Polaris on their own. A link to an informational flyer is provided below:

<http://www.polaris.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Boy-Scout-Merit-Badge-Course-Registration-Information.pdf>

Once you have registered, let me know and I will get you a blue card. Any questions should be brought to the attention of the contact on the flyer.

NYLT Invitations

Remember, if you received an invitation to NYLT this summer, that registration is currently going on. Spots will start to fill up quickly so make sure to get yours in soon!

Parents Meeting Scheduled

The second Parents Meeting of the year has been scheduled for Tuesday January 31st. A number of upcoming events and campouts will be discussed. As always, questions will be answered so please plan on attending.

Venturing Crew 701 - Black Wing Pistol Shooting

**Black Wing
Delaware, Ohio
Saturday March 3rd**

The long awaited for Venturing Crew pistol shooting event has finally been scheduled. We will have the opportunity to both 9 and 22 mm pistol. The cost of the event is \$35 and payable to Troop 701. We will be leaving as a group from Chapman at 6:00

AM. We hope to return to Chapman some time close to noon. Those planning to attend must be:

1. A registered member of Venturing Crew 701
2. Return a signed copy of the attached permission form

For those who still need it, Venturing Crew application can be obtained from the Scoutmaster. The permission form is attached to this week's Message of the Week and on the front page of the Troop website. The deadline for sign up is the meeting on Tuesday February 14th. If you have any questions, please contact the Crew President, Grant Ranchoff at either:

ranchoff97@aol.com or (440) 554-0291

Upcoming Payments...

\$25.00 **January "Polar Bear" Camp**
Due January 17th

Events At A Glance...

January / February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Tues. 17th	Weekly Troop Meeting 7:00—8:30 PM Chapman Elementary School
	Life to Eagle Meeting (2 of 2) Chapman, Room 19
Fri. 20th - Sun. 22nd	January "Polar Bear" Camp Manatoc Scout Reservation
Tues. 24th	Advancement Night 7:00—8:30 PM Chapman Elementary School
Thurs. 26th	Environmental Science Merit Badge Presentations 7:00—9:00PM Strongsville Library
Tues. 31st	Weekly Troop Meeting 7:00—8:30 PM Chapman Elementary School
	Parents Meeting (2 of 3) 7:00—8:30 PM Chapman, Room 19
Tues. 7th	Weekly Troop Meeting 7:00—8:30 PM Chapman Elementary School
	Troop Committee Meeting