

Troop 701 Message of the Week

May 11, 2008

News and notes from the leaders of Boy Scout Troop 701:

Thank you to all of the participants and families that joined us to clean up the I-71 off ramps on Saturday. We picked up 20 bags of garbage in trying to do our part to make Strongsville a better place to live. The current plan is to do this project at least once or twice more this summer and fall, so stay tuned for more details.

1. Tuesday night will be a regular troop meeting. Scouts should be in Class "A" uniform which includes short pants or shorts, Scout shirt, Scout belt, and Scout socks (if shorts are worn). I know that some of the kids come from practice or other activities, but you can put your Scout uniform in the car and change when you get to Chapman.

2. Tuesday night will be the final chance to sign up for for the May campout. The troop will be camping the weekend of May 16 - 18 at Camp Firelands in Wakeman, OH. The theme for this month is Movie Camp and all moms are invited to join us for the day on Saturday. The cost for the campout is \$25.00 per person, but there is no charge for the moms who join us. There will be a sign-up sheet at the troop meeting for the moms that who are planning to attend as we will need to make sure that we have enough food. We will feature 6 of our favorite Dutch oven meals for lunch on Saturday so that you get an idea of the kinds of meals the boys eat at camp.

You can download the directions to Camp Firelands from the troop web page. Moms are asked to be in the parking lot at camp by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and there will be some to meet you and direct you to our campsite. The staff will have a full day of activities for you to get a taste of a typical Boy Scout campout. Hope to see you there!

3. The Strongsville Kiwanis has moved the flag set-up service project to Saturday, May 24. Troop 701 will be working with the Strongsville Kiwanis Club to set up the 100 flag around the border of the Commons. The flags poles will be erected from 8:30 - 9:30, with the flags flying at full-staff.

4. We have two additional service projects on Monday, May 26. One will be serving as the honor guard at the Memorial Day ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland. We have been invited the past 6 years to serve in this capacity. One of our Eagle Scouts will also lead the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the opening and the troop will also present a wreath to honor all of the service men and women who have paid the ultimate price. I am looking for an Eagle Scout to be part of this ceremony. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Also on May 26, we will return to the Commons at 12:00 Noon to raise all of the flags to full staff. The raising of the flags will take about 30 minutes.

5. The balance is now due for Summer Camp. The total cost for the week of Summer Camp was \$260.00, but it increased to \$275.00 on May 1. Please get your payments in so that we can get the discount from the Greater Pittsburgh Council.

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6. The final payment for the two high adventure trips is due by Tuesday, May 13. We have to send in the balance for the airline tickets, boat for Sea Base, and to the Texas High Adventure base. Please check with me if you are not sure how much you have paid or might owe. Your support in getting these payments in on time is appreciated.

7. The boy leaders are currently working on our summer schedule and I hope to have it for you by the beginning of June. During the summer, we will not meet every week, but our summer plans usually include a 5-mile hike to Dairy Queen, a visit to Swings 'n Things, an Indians game, and a family picnic among other activities.

If you have any questions about any troop activities, please feel free to contact the SPL or one of the adult leaders.