

# Troop 290 Newsletter

Northern Star Council • Chief Black Dog (GO!) District

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## Stearns Scout Camp Winter Weekend



**Save the weekend of Feb 5-7** for a troop outing to Stearns Scout Camp. We'll be sleeping on the floor of a lodge building - bring your sleeping bag, and a camp cot or pad. Also pack extra layers of warm clothing for outside activities - sledding, snow shelter building, snow shoeing - depending on the weather. Bring your own sled & snow shoes. The lodge has a kitchen for our cooking. Watch for the permission slip with further details, coming out soon.



## Merit Badges at Jan. 11 Troop Meeting

We will be working on the following Merit Badges:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Communications
- Sports
- Citizenship in the Nation

You can either continue previous work on these badges, or begin to work on them, at this meeting with the help of a Merit Badge Counselor. Please review the badge requirements, print out any related worksheets, and bring any work toward the badge that you've already completed!

**Scouts working on the Citizenship in our Nation badge**, please bring a draft of your letter to a Congressman. Mr. Meffert will review it with you.



## Indian Lore Badge and Camporee

**Another weekend to save: April 9-11.** Our Scouts can participate in a weekend of camping, learning and skill building focused on the Indian Lore Merit Badge. The weekend will take place at the Birch Bend College of Wilderness Knowledge (20 miles west of Mille Lac Lake) and at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Native American Museum in Onamia, MN.

Registration fee is just \$10 per Scout or leader, and includes museum admission, programming and a traditional Native American meal, provided by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. There will be a slight additional cost, to cover our troop's transportation and other meals. Watch for the permission form for this Camporee to be emailed soon, with the final costs and details.

**Please return the permission slip with \$10 deposit at the Jan. 11 Troop Meeting to secure your spot!** Attendance will be strictly limited to 150 Scouts plus leaders, and is open to many troops in the metro area.

## Troop 290, Meet Scoutmaster Bucky



"Scoutmaster Bucky" is an energetic group from Richfield that organizes monthly Merit Badge Workshops. They've recently opened up these workshops to troops outside of Richfield. A few of our Troop 290 Scouts & leaders have attended and given Bucky two thumbs-up. Please visit Bucky's web site for details on upcoming workshops and how to register.

<http://www.scoutmasterbucky.com/>

# FALL POPCORN SALE SUMMARY



Another successful popcorn sale brought a total of \$612 to the Camp Funds of the participating Scouts. Michael M was our top seller this fall. Our troop will again participate in this fund raiser in March. Watch for more details on this opportunity.

## Wreath Sales Wrap-up



Congratulations to all the Scouts who took advantage of this wonderful opportunity to EARN money for their Troop and for their own personal Camp Fund. Brothers Michael and Noah combined to sell \$1811 of products. Our top individual seller was Cullen H, who sold \$1171. The profit for our Troop this year was \$1319.78, and the total profit that was deposited into the various sellers' personal Camp Funds was \$3354.90. That's a huge \$4600+ of camping fun in the Troop's near future ... nice work, guys!

Scouts, be sure to thank your parents AGAIN for their logistical help with all those pine needles.

## 🚩 Congratulations! 🚩

**Charlie C** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the school-wide FRMS Geography Bee. **Erik L, Zach M, Eric B** and **Sean T** also advanced from the grade-level to the school-wide competition.

*Please review your school, church or other club announcements for achievements by our Troop members. We'd love to share the good news in this newsletter. Email information to [mlecy77@gmail.com](mailto:mlecy77@gmail.com)*

## 🚩 Congratulations! 🚩

The following achievements were recognized at the Court of Honor, held Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Merit Badges:

Astronomy – Eric T

Citizenship in the Community – Michael T

Citizenship in the Nation – JonElliott B

Family Life - Travis L

Sports – Erik P

### Rank Advancements:

2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Michael D

1<sup>st</sup> Class – Sean T

### Special Recognitions:

Summit Award – Gunnar J, Nick K, Michael M, Sean T

The Summit Award is earned by boys who complete certain requirements as Cub Scouts and also as Boy Scouts, including advancement to Tenderfoot within 6 months of their crossing into Boy Scouts. Nice work, gentlemen!

## Do You Review?

Reminder: A Board of Review meeting is required before rank advancement. A review will last 10-15 minutes and can often be completed during troop meetings. Scouts (not parents) - please contact Mrs. Pam Krause to schedule your next review ASAP so that you can **complete it before our Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Court of Honor.**

## Adult Leader Training



A great part in ensuring our scouts have a rewarding experience is the development of our adult leaders. As adult leaders we are also expected to continue to grow through the required and additional courses offered through by the Boy Scouts.

Many of the courses are available online and some are scheduled over the course of the year through Northern Star Council or the Chief Black Dog District. Even though you might have taken some of these courses while with the Cub Scouts please go ahead and update them as soon as possible. **All adult Troop Committee members and Leaders are required to complete the Youth Protection online course** (about 30 minutes).

Upon completion of a course, please make a copy of the certificate and give to Keith Elinson for tracking.

The following are the **required** trainings for all adult leaders:

- This is Scouting (online)
- Youth Protection (online)
- Leader Specific Training/Ass't Scoutmaster
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership

There are additional course that are helpful and sometimes required for opportunities like high adventure trips and camping in general:

- New Leader Essentials
- Safe Swim (online)
- Safety Afloat (online)
- Weather Hazards (online)
- CPR
- Basic First Aid
- Wilderness First Aid

Please visit the following site to get started with online training or to register for live training...

<http://chiefblackdog.nsbsa.org/train/default.aspx>

***Thanks for all you do to progress the Scouting program, for all of our sons.***

## Archery Badge Opportunity

BSA Archery Merit Badge opportunity! Three separate sessions are being offered February 7th, 14th, and 21st at the indoor Rapids Archery Club. Classes start at 8am. Counselors will be there to help. Scouts will need to read their merit badge book before class and bring the book along. You must register in advance. Details are available at [www.tenring.org](http://www.tenring.org).

## Rifle Badge Opportunity

BSA Rifle Merit Badge opportunity! Two separate sessions are being offered May 1st and 2nd at the Beaverbrok Sportsmen's Club in East Bethel. Counselors will be there to help. Scouts will need to read their merit badge book before class and bring the book along. You must register in advance. Details are available at [www.tenring.org](http://www.tenring.org).

### Reminder:

Troop meetings are 90 minutes this year,  
7-8:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise.



## Stray Gear?

If you have tent parts, cookware, or any other Troop gear from past campouts or events, please return it to our Troop Quartermasters: Mr. Al Tuff, Chris T, Jack S.



## SNEAK PEEK

Meetings are held at Scott Highland Middle School  
(SHMS) from 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Courts of Honor are held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

### January -

- 4 7:00 p.m. – Troop Meeting – Galaxie Park Ice Rink
- 11 7:00 p.m. – Troop Meeting – SHMS
- 18 No meeting or school – Martin Luther King Day
- 25 7:00 p.m. - PLC & Committee Meeting – SHMS

### February –

- 1 7:00 p.m. – Troop Meeting – SHMS
- 5-7 Lodge Weekend at Sterns Scout Camp
- 8 7:00 p.m. – Court of Honor – SOTV Church
- 15 No meeting or school – Presidents Day
- 22 7:00 p.m. - PLC & Committee Meeting – SHMS

### March –

- 1 7:00 p.m. – Troop Meeting – SHMS
- 8 7:00 p.m. – Troop Meeting – SHMS
- 15 7:00 p.m. -- Troop Meeting – SHMS
- 22 No meeting or school – Spring Break
- 29 7:00 p.m. – PLC & Committee Meeting – SHMS



April 30 – May 2 - Scoutmaster/Webelos  
Woods

May 14-16 – Biking and Camping Trip

May 14-16 – Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave

May 21-23 – Star Camp (tentative)

June 27 – July 3 - BWCA High Adventure Trip

August 14-21, 2010 - Tomahawk

Newsletter items can be sent to Missy Lecy at  
[mlecy77@gmail.com](mailto:mlecy77@gmail.com)

✓ Remember: All current permission forms and newsletters  
and any other vital information can be found on the Troop 290  
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