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Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

TROOP TALK

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Calendar of Events

December

12-14 Webelos

Akela Camp

Blanding

15 PLC &

Committee meeting

22-29 No troop

meeting

January

5 Troop Meeting

12 OA elections

17-18 Backpacking

camping trip

February

8 Scout Sunday

13-16 Ski trip

27-Mar 1 Webelos

Crossover

March

13-15 Camp

Shands

30 Court of Honor

Welcome

Since our last COH we have had 21 scouts earn 52 merit badges and 11 rank advancements. This brings us to a total of 272 merit badges and 42 rank advancements for the year.

Our troop took home 3 honors during the Osceola district's Spook-O-Ree

Dessert Contest

Eagle Patrol 1st Place

Bison Patrol 2nd Place

Soda Bottle Rocket Contest

Scorpion Patrol 1st Place

Pioneering Exposition

Raccoon Patrol and leadership scouts had an outstanding showing with their catapult.

A quote from your Scoutmaster

"The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others"

Robert Baden-Powell

THANKS TO GEORGE PISACANO!

Attention parents!

You can help your scout track his own progress on merit badges and advancements by logging on to Troop Master, our Troop record keeping software. If you are interested in getting access to the software, contact Dick Bayse or Marohn Pacitti, and they will help get you set up!

Service Coordinator Update

A Heartfelt thanks to all the scouts and parents who participated in the Breast Cancer Walk!

Pat yourself on the back, our scouts and adult members logged over 100 hours doing service projects this weekend. We had a lot of fun at the Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk, and I was very proud of the Scouts, who worked very hard. The best job was getting to pop all the balloons during cleanup! In addition, all the pumpkins made it to the patch in one piece.

Don't forget to go the troop 288 website and click on links for all kinds of resources for your scout.

It's time to start thinking about SUMMER CAMP

Below is the link to the leaders guide for Camp Lumpkin. This PDF file has all the info about summer camp for 2009. Troop 288 will be attending June 20-27. A few things to keep in mind:

www.chattahoocheebsa.org/files/2009/SummerCampLeadersGuide2009.pdf

- * The pages of most interest are 5,6, 8-13, 39 (if printing pages, print # 8,9, 11-16,42)
- * We will begin payments for summer camp Feb 2, with 4 payments of \$85. The next three payments will be due at the beginning of March, April & May.
- * Merit badge classes for Summer Camp will be signed up for on March 2. We will need yours by middle February.
- * Camp Lumpkin offers a great off-site high adventure program for scouts 14 and over (see page 11).

They offer a day river trip on the Ocoee on Thursday with an extra fee of \$65. Scouts will also miss MB work on Thursday if they go rafting and could end up with partial completions.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FOR YOUR SCOUT

Under \$30.00

Guyot squishy bowl and cup or Flat world Orikaso solo dish set

www.rei.com

Electronic Mesquito repeller - wrist or ankle strap

www.sportsimportsltd.com

Ski goggles, hats, dri-wick undergarments, smart wool socks

www.campmor.com

Another great site for camping and skiing gifts is

www.ems.com



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