



SMOKE SIGNALS

JULY 2012



PATROL REPORTS



Crusaders

The Crusaders had a great time at Summer Camp this year and we all got a lot accomplished! We would like to congratulate Ethan for getting First Class and we look forward to him going with us on the Whitewater Rafting Outing this July. Also at Summer Camp we had a great watchtower structure built that was awesome! I would also like to congratulate everyone who got called out at the OA Ceremony and hope they will become OA members soon. Well, I hope everyone had a great time at Summer Camp this year and I hope we all learned a lot.

- Jason McIntire



Lightning

Our troop just got back from summer camp at Camp Maumee. This year we built a tower out of timbers and lashings and put two pallets on top. We also won the troop honor award, and several people from our troop were tapped out to be in the OA. This year three scouts from the lightning patrol had to leave early on Friday, so we ended up having a small patrol on the last day. I think that our patrol handled this well though. I had a really fun time at summer camp this year, and I hope that the rest of the Lightning Patrol did too.

-Matthew Allman, Lightning Patrol Leader

Historian Report

As Troop 555 Historian I have to catalogue and document all the Troop's awards. David found a box of all the ribbons that the Troop has received and he ironed them and gave them to me. I couldn't find a note book from the past Historians, so I made a spreadsheet with all the information.

Can you guess the answers below?

- a. How many ribbons does Troop 555 have?
- b. What is the date of the oldest ribbon?
- c. How many hang on our Troop flag?
- d. How many wooden awards does the Troop have in the box?
- e. What years did the Troop receive an award for being 100% boys life?
- f. What is the color that we have the most of?
- g. How many First Place finishes?
- h. What was the most recent first place finish the Troop was awarded?

Answers are on Page 2.

Scribe Corner

Hello Troop! Summer Camp was a great success, and as a result, I received a lot of great articles. Our Historian took a lot of photos (with help from others), and I took the liberty of putting a few in the newsletter. I'm glad to see so many position of responsibility articles. Next month's newsletter will be my last, so let's close out the term with five patrol reports and even more PoR articles. See you next month!

-Jacob Villiger,
Scribe



Quartermaster Report

Hello everybody!

As quartermaster, I am charged with caring for the garage and all of the stuff in it. I am looking to clean up the whole garage soon. If anybody has any good ideas or requests on how to do it, knows of any equipment that needs to be fixed, or, thinks we need something that we don't have, please tell me! You can either tell me in person at the troop meetings or email me at avh.on1@gmail.com Thanks!
-Alex Von Hoene

Guide Report

Hello! I would like to congratulate all the below 1st Class Scouts who advanced in rank at Summer Camp. Especially Ethan Belding, because when I first came into my position as Guide, he was, like, Scout (*Scribe's note: Ethan reached 1st Class at Summer Camp*). Congrats Ethan, and all you other Scouts who advanced. Good ole Matt is proud of you.

-Matt Massengale

News from the Rocking Chairs

The Rocking Chair patrol had great attendance at this year's Boy Scout Summer camp at Maumee Scout Reservation. In addition to supporting scouts in their work to achieve rank advancement and merit badge requirements, they enjoyed swimming, eating, sleeping, training, hiking, watching tower construction, water balloon reveille, skits, games, and general fascination with the whole phenomenon of "Boy Scout Time".

Historian Quiz Answers:

- a. 148 b. 1960. There are 2 from 1960. c. Eight. Go see which ones they are.
d. 5 wooden awards. 2000 Winter Camporee Quality, 2nd place and 2001 Fall Camporee Quality Campsite, 2011 Honor Troop, 2012 Honor Troop, 2009 Centennial Scout-O-Rama Teamwork
e. 1980-1992, 1994, 1996-1999, 2001-2007 f. Yellow (37) g. 17
h. 2012, Orienteering, West Point

PLC Minutes

Date	Opening/ Closing	Skills Instruction	Patrol Meetings	Inter-Patrol Activity/Game	Leave No Trace
July 2	Penguins	Sports Etiquette led by Cyclones	Weeks 1 & 2 of Spelunking	Ultimate led by Crusaders	Flames
July 9	Flames	Drug/Alcohol Awareness led by Instructor	Week 3 of Spelunking	Capture the Flag w/ Flag Belts led by Cyclones	Lightning
July 16	Lightning	Spelunking led by Scoutmaster	Week 4 of Spelunking	Water Balloon Fight/ Rain Gear Testing led by Pen- guins	Crusaders
July 23	Crusaders	Heat-Related First Aid led by Lightning	Week 1 of Canoeing	ASM First Aid Challenge led by Scoutmaster	Cyclones
July 30	Cyclones	Elections		→	All

PLC is July 16. Also, the meeting on July 16 is at K of C.

Smoke Signals



Troop 555

BINGO

Arrive at 5:00 p.m. with parent/adult
Earn \$35 plus tips
Troop gets \$15

July 6: **Worker Needed!**
July 13: **Worker Needed!**
July 20: **Worker Needed!**
July 27: **Worker Needed!**

Call Mrs. Luehrmann if you would
like to work at 546-5811

Instructor Report

Storing Food Overnight

At Summer Camp there were a lot of cases of raccoons getting into tents because they smelled food. They got into your bags. You should not keep your food in your tent or raccoons are going to get it. I know what you're thinking: I can just put it in a Ziploc bag and it will be perfectly fine. Even if you have it in a bag or a container you still need to store it. At Summer Camp we had a box that you could have put your food in and it would be safe. If you do have a raccoon in your tent just stay still until it goes away and you should be fine.

-Sam LaVelle, Instructor



Notes

Upcoming Events:

Whitewater Rafting: July 11-15

Spelunking Outing: July 20-22

Position of Responsibility Terms End:
July 31

All 2012 Summer Camp photos from the Historian are on the Troop website (www.555bsa.org)². More are posted daily. Go see which one is your favorite. Mark's is "Ethan with the Apple".

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles!

How did I do? Want to make Smoke Signals better? Give me to the Scribe!

Name: _____

Rating:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Awful

Terrific

Comments: _____
