



TROOP 240 NEWS



Camp Russell Cookoff

By Steven Cox

At Camp Russell, for the cookoff competition, we decided to use all of our ingredients. This included pepper, salt, potatoes, beef, mandarin oranges, sour cream, carrots, onions, noodles, raw eggs and water in a large dutch oven. Since our creation was so foul, when we were asked the name of it, we replied, "Don't Ask!"

We provided a skit for the judges: One scout pretended to be the judge. The other scouts replied to a set of questions from the judge: What's the dish called? What's it made of? How does it taste? Of course, all the replies were "Don't Ask!"

The patrol who cooked included Steven Cox, Ryan Posadni, Ben Fitzgerald, Anthony Epperson, and Sam Masters. The rest of the troop provided moral support. Though we didn't win any prizes, everyone had a great time!



Order of the Arrow

By Tom Schmidt

The scouts in Troop 240 held "Order of the Arrow" elections at the September 15th troop meeting. The "Order of the Arrow" is a scout organization that recognizes the "helpfulness" part of the Scout Law at campouts and other scout activities. Five scouts were selected in this year's OA elections. The selected scouts were: David Borrelli, Steven Cox, Derek Gerhard, Nick Newhart, and Sean Pritzkau. Each of these scouts have to attend a weekend "ordeal" at Camp Cutler to complete their entry in the Otetiana Council Order of the Arrow. To be eligible for OA, a scout has to be at least First Class rank.

In addition to the scouts, an adult troop member can be selected for OA by the troop committee. The Troop 240 Committee selected Deb Cox as our adult OA selection for Fall 2005.

Our congratulations to all the scouts selected for OA and to Deb as our adult selection!

Popcorn Time

This year our troop will again participate in the Council Popcorn Sale. Scouts that sell can earn 31% commission. This year you can also earn an EXTRA \$100.00 towards summer camp at Massawepie. A drawing for a trip to Walt Disney World is again being offered by the Otetiana Council along with Trails' End prizes and the 2005 Popcorn patch or pin as well.

Scouts will receive their information tonight. The sale begins Saturday, Oct. 1st. Order forms are due back at our regular troop meeting on Thursday, Oct. 27th.

Any questions - this year's troop "Kernal" is Danielle Lambert 227-6218.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, November 6, from 9 - noon in the large hall at Bethany. All scouts are encouraged to participate.

The Pancake Breakfast Ticket Selling Contest will start on Thursday, September 29th, and end on Thursday, November 3rd. Every scout that sells \$40 worth of tickets will receive 15 minutes of free track time for 2 at Fantasy Raceway (Dewey Ave) and will be in the drawing for many other great prizes.

Tickets and contest details will be handed out to each scout on September 29. For more information, call David Fitzgerald 227-6936.

Troop Website

Be sure to check out the new Troop website prepared by Steven Smith. Thank you Steven! www.troop240.org

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Schedule

October – Theme is Physical Fitness
 Program Patrol : Patrol #4 (Nick Newhardt)
 Games : Patrol #2 (David Borrelli)
 Set – up : Patrol #3 (Nick Budinski)
 Clean- up : Patrol #1 (Steven Cox)

October 6th -
 October 7 - No School
 October 10 - No School
 October 13th -
 October 20th -
 October 21st-23rd - fall Camporee
 October 27th - Popcorn sale ends

November – Theme is Cooking
 Program Patrol : Patrol #1 (Steven Cox)
 Games : Patrol #3 (Nick Budinski)
 Set – up : Patrol #4 (Nick Newhardt)
 Clean- up : Patrol #2 (David Borrelli)
 Merit Badge University

November 3rd - Vote on April trip for '06, end ticket sale
 November 6th - Pancake breakfast fundraiser
 November 10th - Practice for Open House
 November 11th - No School - troop planning meeting
 November 12th - Campout at Mendon Ponds with family
 campfire (canoeing - weather depending)
 November 17th - Webelos Open House
 November 24th - Thanksgiving - no meeting

December – Theme is First Aid
 Program Patrol : Patrol #2 (David Borrelli)
 Games : Patrol #4 (Nick Newhardt)
 Set – up : Patrol #1 (Steven Cox)
 Clean- up : Patrol #3 (Nick Budinski)

December 1st -
 December 8th - Mr. Juba to talk on Wintering camping
 December 15th - Christmas Party at Laserquest
 December 22nd -

Troop Dues

Troop dues are \$72 for the year or \$8 per month. You can pay dues at any troop meeting. You can pay all at once or monthly. Please stay current on your dues as it provides the Patrol Leader Council with the most flexibility to create a great scouting program.

We're pleased to announce:

Congratulations to all the scouts who earned merit badges and rank advancement at Camp Russell Summer Camp.

Joe Chebby attended the National Youth Leadership Training.

Nick Newhart and his dad attended the National Jamboree.



Puffin's Dutch Oven Recipe

"Puffin Muffins" (Makes 12 muffins)

Ingredients:
 1 2/3 cups flour
 1 cup sugar
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 tsp. baking powder
 1 tbs. pumpkin pie spice
 1 stick of butter, melted
 1 cup of canned pumpkin
 2 eggs
 1 cup chocolate chips

Directions:
 Preheat Dutch oven to 350 degrees (24 briquettes - 10 bottom, 14 top).
 Grease foil cupcake liners.
 Sift together dry ingredients. Set aside.
 In separate bowl, stir together pumpkin and melted butter until well mixed. Add eggs, stirring until incorporated. Stir in chocolate chips.
 Gently fold dry ingredients into wet ones just until all dry ingredients are incorporated.
 Fill foil cupcake liners and bake for about 20-25 minutes.

Yummy!