



## March 2009 Newsletter

**The Boy Scout Motto is... Be Prepared!** Please remember to bring your Scout Handbooks to every Tuesday meeting and all Campouts.

**Check your uniform.** Scouts have been reminded to make sure you have the correct patches glued, screwed, stapled, or otherwise appropriately affixed thereon. You have been notified! Patrol patches are available. If you have the wrong one on, please remove it.

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### **Advice to Scout Parent from a veteran Scout Parent**

Support you son's journey through Scouting but remember this is his journey.  
Get involved – the more you understand his journey the more you can advise him.  
Support the troop and volunteer

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**Save the Date! Winter Banquet is also being planned.** We have reserved the Francis Healy Community Center at Chamberland Park for Sunday, March 29 @ 4pm. **We do need your help.** Please contact Randy or Lisa with your availability to plan, set up, or clean up. Please RSVP by March 24 – sign up sheet at the meeting or email Randy ([bigfishhunter@fuse.net](mailto:bigfishhunter@fuse.net)) or Lisa ([eldoralad@fuse.net](mailto:eldoralad@fuse.net))

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### **Voluntary Popcorn Recall**

On February 4, the Weaver Popcorn Company (Trail's End parent company) issued a voluntary recall of the 9.5 oz Caramel Corn with Peanuts (the \$8 caramel corn tin with code date markings of "102861 109 JAN 19 08" through "102861 297 JUL 23 09") as a precaution against the Salmonella findings from the Peanut Corporation of America. This is the only product included in the recall.

**Please note that no complaints or illnesses have been reported from this product.**

Here is the official press release from Weaver:

[http://www.trails-end.com/TEPublic/docs/WPC\\_Press\\_Release\\_4Feb2009.pdf](http://www.trails-end.com/TEPublic/docs/WPC_Press_Release_4Feb2009.pdf).

Any questions or comments should be directed to Matt Rowan or Vic Pooler at Dan Beard Council. You can reach them at 961-2336.

## CAMP OUTS

**Wright Patterson AFB** Campout is March 20-22- Cost: \$20 each. Please bring the money Tuesday. No more signups allowed Tuesday as a complete list has been submitted. Last minute additions are not allowed for security reasons. Any non-US citizens must let Mark or Eike know immediately or access will be denied. Adults will need a current ID. The troop will be tent camping. Most day activities are indoors. Full Class A uniform required. You will be given a cup for drinks while bowling with free refills all evening but you must keep your same cup. Replacements are \$1.25 each.

On Tuesday, you will be asked to choose your lunch preference: Cheeseburger, hamburger, hot dog, ham&cheese, turkey or pb&j. Our lunches will come with chips, a fruit snack, cookies and a soda (Coke products). Sunday morning we will be going to the Presidential Hangar before returning home. If you want to shop in the Museum, or buy additional snacks in the bowling alley you will need to bring some money. I would suggest maybe just a WPAFB patch for your collection (usually under \$10.)

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**Blue Jacket Camporee is scheduled for May 1-3.** The Scout has the opportunity to earn the Plumbing Merit Badge or they will be able to work on 1st Class requirements. There will also be an OA callout ceremony.

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**WOW! Webelos Outdoor Weekend May 15-17-** WOW was created for Webelos to interact and meet Boy Scout Troops. Troop 299 is schedule to attend.

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**Summer Camp is sneaking up..** A site has been reserved at Camp Friedlander for July 26-31. The cost is \$195. So far we have 10 scouts signed up. If you are not signed up we need your commitment now... **a registration fee of \$50 was due February 3** and the balance is due on April 30. We need to pay camp by May 5. If there is a financial issue preventing you from signing up please know there are other resources. Camperships are available from Dan Beard Council with a due date on April 18. For information on Camperships please contact Mark or Randy. A SummerCamp meeting is in the planning stages and the date is TBD. If you have concerns or questions please contact the Randy, Tom or Mark.

**High Adventure Trip questions?** - Please contact Eike.

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**Emails** containing important news for members and friends of Boy Scout Troop 299 are sent out several times a month. If are not receiving them or need to be sent to a different address/person please contact us at [scoutmail299@fuse.net](mailto:scoutmail299@fuse.net) with the correct information. If your access to email is limited please let Mark know. The emailed information may not be in our printed newsletter. If you are not receiving our printed newsletter and would like to be on the mailing list, let us know. Please print this information and keep it in your Troop Handbook as a reminder!

## **Additional Troop Leader Meetings**

The Troop Leader Meeting is held on the last Thursday of each month, please plan on attending. If you don't know if you should be attending ASK.

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The Troop Committee meeting for March will be held Wednesday March 18. All parents are welcome. You do not need to be a registered member to attend. Please join us. Contact Randy for location.

## **District News**

**Blue Jacket Roundtable** – is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Normally it is held at the McCormick Elementary. BUT the April meeting will be held at Camp Craig Program Building. This is a great way to meet other leaders in the district and find some great scout skills to share with our Scouts.

**Blue Jacket District Dinner** for adult leaders will be held on May 13. It's time to nominate volunteers who have gone the extra mile. They will be recognized for their outstanding service at the dinner. Nomination forms and submission instructions are available at [bluejacketdistrict.danbeard.org](http://bluejacketdistrict.danbeard.org) under forms. They are due April 30.

**OA-Order of the Arrow** Do you know what it is? ASK any Scout or Leader wearing an OA patch. Majauchsin Chapter meetings (Serving Hopkins and Blue Jacket district) are held on the second Wednesday evening at the McCormick Elementary School.

## **Adult Training**

**Outdoor Leaders Skills** (April 24-26 at Camp Michaels or May 1-3 at Camp Craig) OLS is recommended for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. The course teaches outdoor- related skills through demonstration and hands-on practice, give tips for planning campouts and where to find resources. Sign up on the Dan Beard Web Site.

**WoodBadge C-32-09** Wood Badge is a great opportunity for adult scout leaders to challenge ourselves to become better leaders in all that we do! Every Scout deserves a trained leader! We expect the best from our scouts and they should expect no less from us. Leadership is a key to great scouting program. To provide this leadership we as Scouters need to have the right tools and resources. Wood Badge is the answer to helping you in all these areas. WoodBadge will help you in your organization, communication, and management skills that will benefit you in your professional life also. Treat yourself to this adventure! You and the youth around you deserve it! – When and Where- August 24-29 at Camp Craig. The cost is \$240 but camperships are available thru Dan Beard. Also some employers will sponsor their employees to attend. Questions ask Tom, Mark, Mike, G Allan or Lisa.

## **Adult Help Wanted – contact Randy for more info**

Assistant Scout Leaders- the best job you never knew you wanted... working with some amazing young men.

Roundtable Rep- attends the Blue Jacket Roundtable every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

Hospitality Coordinator - to head a committee that will assist in the planning of Court of Honors, Open House, etc. Our next picnic is the Fall Court of Honor. Arrangements need to be made for location, menu and inviting special guests. Seasoned parents are willing to help out with training.

Bus Driver – the Troop will help with expenses for CDL training. We need to train additional driver. Tom & John aren't going to be around forever to drive the bus.

Fund Raiser Committee – work as a team to recruit workers; supervisor Scouts; and sell product. Seasoned parents are willing to help you learn the ropes. Join us its fun

Advancement Committee – see Andy for schedule – a great way to learn about the program

Eagle Coordinator to work with Andy and the Life Scouts on their journey to Eagle

Uniform Exchange Coordinator

### **Camp Out Dates for 2009**

March 20-22	Wright Patterson
May 1-3	Blue Jacket Camporee
May 15-16	WOW Webelo Event & Campout
June 26-28	TimberRidge Webelos squirt gun campout
Aug 21-23	Dunes or Via Ferata

### **Summer Camp 2009**

CamperShip application due April 18  
Summer Camp balance due April 30  
Camp Friedlander 7/26/09- 8/1/09  
High Adventure trip 8/1-16

### **Events**

Blue Jacket Roundtable	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month
Troop Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month
March 29	Court of Honor / Banquet
April 18	Day Hike – Webelos invited
June 9	Court of Honor

### **Fund Raising Dates**

SummerBration	June 5, 6, 7
4 <sup>th</sup> of July	July 4
Taste of Blue Ash	August 28, 29, 30

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