

New Rank Requirements

Effective January 1, 2017, regardless of your rank, all scouts are now required to use the updated 13th version of the BSA Scout Book and rank requirements. If you have been getting requirements signed off in an older book, you must do the additional and updated requirements in the new book.

There is no need to purchase an updated book; there is a pdf of the current updated rank requirements on our website. Just print it out and add the pages to your book. Be sure to get rank requirement signatures on the new pages.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Troop Website

www.t49.scoutlander.com

Charter Organization Website

Delafield American Legion Post 196

www.delafieldlegion.com



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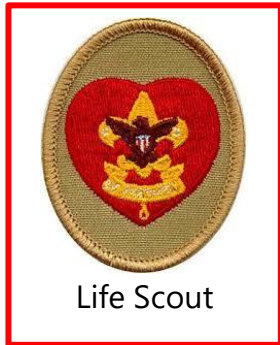
Scoutmaster's Corner

Doing the Right Thing May Not Be Easy

By Mr. Neimon, Scoutmaster

The other day I was working on a conservation project on some common land in my subdivision and a fellow homeowner came out and began to argue with me about it. I had a right to be there doing what I was doing and I had received approval by the Homeowners at an annual meeting to do this project. This man chose not to come to the meeting to voice his opinion. Rather he waited for me to show up and he then argued with me about it. It is a tactic many people do to get you to stop doing something. They will argue with you, hoping you will simply not want to deal with the hassle and give up. Here is some life advice. For the rest of your life you will be faced with this choice. In the future, it may be kids drinking at a party, it might be the lure of trying prescription drugs. It could be a friend suggesting you go with them to steal or vandalize stuff or it may simply be to skip homework to goof off. It is not always nefarious stuff. Later as you get older it will be things like whether you coach a youth team, be a scout leader, volunteer at an old folks' home or in my case take on a conservation project. Even if it does not happen right away, doing the right thing will eventually make you feel better in the long run. Doing the wrong thing, will not. Anything you do will have its ups and downs, you just need to weather the storm. By-the-way, the guy arguing with me; well the following week I completed a task near his home, he came out, thanked me and wished me a Merry Christmas.

RECENT RANK ADVANCEMENT
Congratulations to the following scouts
on receiving their rank advancement:



Life Scout

Charlie McCarthy – Life Scout



First Class

Evan Hovila – First Class



Second Class

Ben Voiles - Second Class

Joshua Looman – Second Class

Wylie Simonen – Second Class

Devil’s Lake
By Hunter Hollenbeck



Devil's lake is always a camp that I look forward to every year because the majority of the weekend is more fun than work. That statement stays true until you are in leadership where most of the day it's making sure what needs to get done, gets done and everyone is where they need to be at the right time or place. Over all it's a great camp to go to and it was a good first time SPL camp experience for me because of how it is run.

2017 Upcoming Events

January 28: Delafield American Legion Coon Feed

February 10-12: Hanna Winter Resort, Rhinelander

March 11 and March 18: Scouting for Food

March 24-26: Camp Goof Off at Indian Mound Reservation

May 12-14: Outdoorsman Camp

June 2-4: Home Improvement at Indian Mound Reservation

June 13-21: Sea Base

July 9-15: Long Lake Summer Camp

July 23-30: Yellow Stone National Park

The time is NOW

Troop 49 needs a Troop Treasurer

Our current treasurer is ready to train our new treasurer. Please help the troop that brings so many great experiences and opportunities to the scouts.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Handle all troop funds. Pay bills on authorization of the troop committee.
- Maintain checking and savings accounts.
- Keep accurate records for the Troop Accounts.
- Maintain records for Scouts accounts and notify Scouts when funds are low.
- Lead in the preparation of the annual troop budget.
- Make sure funds are used in compliance with current Troop Policies.
- Tracks fundraising amounts of scouts to ensure scouts are complying with troop policy on the \$125 minimum amount.
- Report to the troop committee each meeting.

February newsletter article due date:
Friday, February 10, 2017

Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food is **March 11th and March 18th**. We are looking for adults to lead and help at the event. New this year- scouts who participate will receive a ticket to a buck's game.

Merit Badge Counselor Training

Merit Badge Counselor Training will be held on **February 9th from 7pm to 8pm** at the Summit Village Hall, upper level.

This basic training addresses the specific obligations of a counselor for all merit badges. Becoming a Merit Badge Counselor is a great way to offer service to the scouts of our troop and scouts in the Council.

Oak Leaf Training for Adults

Oak Leaf training is being held March 10-12, 2017 at Camp Long Lake. At Oak Leaf Training you will experience your son's world of Boy scouting- learn about the Patrol Method and running a camp the BSA way, setting up tents and camp, cooking in Dutch ovens, safety, security, youth protection, supporting scouts along the journey of scouting, and other important aspects of scouting. This weekend will prepare you to help at or run a campout or event and leave you with a better understanding of boy scouting. You'll meet other adults in scouting and share in the fun. At Troop 49, Oak Leaf Trained adults receive first priority for the selection of adults to attend camps and events. One weekend = a wealth of knowledge and opportunity.

Need some help paying for camp???

Through the generosity of the Valentine family, Troop 49 scouts have access to the **Troop 49 Valentine Campership Fund** to help pay for *any* camp - weekend camp, Summer camp, and High Adventure camp. Scouts going to Camp Long Lake Summer Camp have access to the **PAC Campership Fund** to help pay for Summer Camp. Check out the **Troop Campership** tab on our website for more information.



Camp Goof Off - 2017

Camp Goof Off has been scheduled for March 24, 2017 (5 pm) through March 26, 2017 (9 am) at Indian Mound Reservation. We have the Teerlink cabin this year, which holds up to 36 people. Cost is estimated to be \$20 to \$25 per boy.

For those of you new to the troop, you may be wondering what Camp Goof Off is all about. It is a time for the boys to enjoy themselves, hanging out together in a cabin. Last year, we played some movies, lots of board and card games, tag was a big hit for a few hours, and we hiked and played kick-ball. If we have snowy weather, we could do sledding and snow activities.

We are looking for 4 to 5 adults who may want to spend part or all of their weekend with us - the cabin has a full kitchen and bathroom facilities. The boys usually bring sleeping bags, or some bring sheets for the bunk beds. Then it's fun and games!



**Delafield American Legion Post 196
2017 Coon Feed**

333 N. Lapham Peak Road
Delafield, WI 53018
(262) 646-3930

January 28, 2017
Begins at 4:30 p.m.

Donation of:
\$15.00 Adults
\$ 6.00 Ages 12 and under



Come and enjoy a
Delicious Meal!

Congratulations to Raymond on receiving his rank advancement of Eagle Scout



My Eagle Scout Project By: Raymond Menting

I first got the idea for my Eagle Scout project from a *Boys Life* magazine where there was an article about how our bat population is dying off from a disease called White Nose Syndrome. This is where a fungus or mold starts to grow on the bat and slowly suffocates it. I decided to put up three bat houses to try and help the bats repopulate in our area of Wisconsin. I decided on putting them at my church because my church is right next to a river where there are many insects giving the bats a lot to eat. Any time I had a question about something I would turn to Mr. Marek who was my Project Coach. I highly recommend having a Project Coach to any Scout who is starting their Eagle Project. Once I decided where I was going to put the bat houses, I started looking at different bat house designs. In the end, I chose two different designs and combined them for my final design. Once everything was in place, I got several Scouts together to help shop for the supplies. When you are shopping for supplies make sure to keep the receipts to total up the cost at the end of the project. After I went shopping with a group of Scouts, the wood needed to be cut.

First, I had to draw out the outlines for the size of the boards needed, two Scouts and I drew the outlines. Then we had to cut out the wood. After the wood was cut, I assembled a group of Scouts to help. After I went shopping with a group of Scouts, the wood needed to be cut. First, I had to draw out the outlines for the size of the boards needed, two Scouts and I drew the outlines. Then we had to cut out the wood. After the wood was cut, I assembled a group of Scouts to help put together the bat houses. After 3-4 hours with the help of 5 adults and 6 Scouts, the bat houses were assembled. The next step after assembly, was painting the bat houses with a group of 3 Scouts and 1 adult. We were finished priming and painting in 2-3 hours. The bat houses which measure 4.5ft x 2ft x 5.75in were then installed on two sections of 10ft Galvanized Steel Pipe. For the installation of the pipe I had the help of 5 adults and 6 Scouts. We put the poles into concrete. Once the concrete hardened we came back and put the bat houses on the poles. Unfortunately, we experienced metal failure with one of the Galvanized Steel Pipes, which resulted in one of the bat houses breaking off at the threads and crashing to the ground. This was very hard to see after all our hard work. This taught me that no matter how much you plan, something can always go wrong. I still learned a lot about planning, record keeping, organization, and development of my leadership skills.

