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## **2017 Upcoming Events**

Devil's Lake Camporee – Friday, Sept. 29 – Sunday, Oct. 1

Creep O Ree Camp – Friday, November 3 – Sunday, November 5

Fundraiser Sales Pick Up – Thursday, November 9

Troop Website www.t49.scoutlander.com

Charter Organization Website Delafield American Legion Post 196 <u>www.delafieldlegion.com</u>



# Boy Scout Troop 49 Newsletter September 2017

# Scoutmaster's Corner

How do you think you will react in a crisis? By Mr. Neimon, Scoutmaster

Adults Eat First. I always like that our troop follows this code, not because I am an adult, but that it is a clear instruction. A clear policy and guite frankly it injects humility into the process. It establishes civility. You can see a huge difference between new scouts and older scouts in this regard. The older scouts are calmer while the newer ones are more anxious. How does this at all relate to a crisis situation? I'll tell you. In crisis situations, there is loss of predictability, there is uncertainty, rules that are not ingrained to be followed will be set aside and it is an all for yourself mentality. That is why in the military, EMS and police they train for crisis situations so that they can maintain a sense of poise, direction and civility to their approach. But the example I want to give is truly impressive not because of what happened but because of what did not. On the snorkeling boat at seabase we were anchored off an island to go snorkeling. There were 3 other troops plus ours on a big boat. One of the Seabase Mates asked if we wanted to eat our hot lunch, which is ready at the stern of the boat, before going out snorkeling or now. The troops voted for "now" and no sooner than the word was said there was a MAD rush by scouts to the back port side of the boat. I did not even move or lift my head up as I sensed it was chaotic, intense and disheartening to see young men lose their sense of control then start pushing and shoving all to get in line and have at the food (keep in mind we have been fed well all week). The Mate yelled out very, very, loud, "BACK UP - Adults eat first!, what is a matter with you guys. " It was then that I lifted my head and looked to where my scouts were last seated on the starboard side of the boat. There they were, all lined up, guiet and waiting. Wow. That was one of the proudest moments I had on the trip. While all the other scout masters are trying to invoke some civility and order to the animal antics of their scouts, ours were already there. That's when it dawned on me that in a crisis situation, those other scouts are going to be in trouble. If they cannot control themselves on a simple situation of getting food, how are they going to possibly deal with a more critical situation where poise and self-control dictate the outcome.

#### **Boys Scout Troop 49 – Oconomowoc**



Congratulations to the newly elected Troop 49 Leadership. SPL - Spencer Hong, ASPL - Aaron Maloney, ASPL - Jakob Morehouse, ASPL - Andrew Townsend



Thank you to the former leadership – you did a great job! SPL - Cedric Hong, ASPL - Hunter Hollenbeck, ASPL - Jonathan Zeihen Missing from Photo: ASPL - Michael Keefe

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Thank you to everyone who helped with the Piggly Wiggly Brat Fry fundraiser, including Hunter Hollenbeck, the Scout lead. Our profit was \$471, with 25% of that being divided between the scout accounts of those who worked. It wasn't a lot of money but hopefully everyone learned some valuable skills, such as: customer service, order taking, money handling, and food prep. See you next year! -Mrs. Townsend



#### **Boys Scout Troop 49 – Oconomowoc**



Congratulations to Hunter Ferrick and Cedric Hong on becoming brotherhood members in the Order of the Arrow and Congratulations to Spencer Hong, Penny Tahtinen, Daniel Tahtinen and Andy Townsend on becoming Ordeal Members in the Order of the Arrow.





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





Andy Townsend

Emory Winiecke

# 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.

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#### **Boys Scout Troop 49 – Oconomowoc**

# Hawaii – Troop 10 By: Andrew Fujimoto

This summer I went with my family to visit Hawaii. We visited our relatives, ate great food, and even went to the beach. But one of the coolest parts of my trip was visiting the longest continuously chartered Boy Scout troop in Hawaii. The troop is Troop 10 and it's been meeting since 1917. The mayor was the first scoutmaster! They just celebrated their 100th anniversary. They are part of the Aloha Council, which has been around since 1910. The reason Troop 10 is the longest continuously chartered troop is because during WWII lots of the Japanese Americans were taken to Internment camps. Japanese Americans, at the time represented a lot of the population. Because of this most of the troops in the area were forced to shut down. Despite the setbacks, Troop 10 survived through WWII, because their sponsor the Lions Club was not a Japanese American affiliated group or organization. Most of the other troops who were sponsored by churches were shut down because of the fear of the Japanese. And for the first 68 years they had the **two scoutmasters.** 

Not only is Troop 10 the oldest troop in Hawaii, it's also one of the very, very few that still meets in its original meeting spot. Yes, Troop 10 has been meeting at the same place since 1917. The meeting spot was an old abandoned water reservoir (like a base of a silo) and they decided it would be a great place to base the troop out of. Years passed and eventually they decided to build a troop house on the land, where they store all of their supplies. One of the people who helped build it was my great grandfather.

I actually have 3 generations of family from Troop 10. My great grandfather, grandfather, and his two brothers were all scouts. And my cousin became an Eagle Scout with Troop 10. For my family there is a lot of history in Troop 10 and I enjoyed visiting the place that generations and generations of scouts have forged their paths in the world.



Outside of The Bowl. This is an old water reservoir. It doesn't have a roof.

Looking into The Bowl. This is where Troop 10 meets on Fridays at 7. They have a basketball court and benches inside The Bowl.





My great-grandfather was the foreman for the Charles S. Crane Lodge. Mr. Crane was the mayor of Honolulu and he was the first Troop 10 Scoutmaster. He led the troop for the first 28 years. The grownups meet in The Lodge. The downstairs is where they keep troop supplies.