



SMOKE SIGNALS



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The Official Newsletter of Troop 555

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Scoutmaster's Thoughts on...

by Mr. Luehrmann

Getting to 1st Class

Getting to First Class in the first year or so should be the goal of every Scout. The most important thing you can do to achieve this goal is to take your BSA Handbook to every Scouting function. This simple book has everything you NEED to know for completing rank requirements. From simple things like the Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code; to the 10 Outdoor Essentials and recommendations on food portions to help you complete the Grubmaster grocery list. But that's far from all, it also gives you serious advice on first aide and personal safety.

Keep your Handbook handy, come to Troop meetings prepared to have a *Trained* adult test you and sign off on successful completion of the requirement. If you do that for every meeting, you will surprise yourself at how quickly First Class comes!

Viper Patrol Report

By Isaac Smith

The Vipers are making great progress. We are now an older scout patrol so that makes me glad. We have two first class Scouts and our others are advancing quickly. We hope to be first class by the end of the year. We've also got three positions of responsibility. We hope to continue doing as well as we have been!

Quartermaster Report

By Will Connor

The troop voted for all of the things that needed the most repair. The one that needs the most work is the propane stove, followed by the tents and cook-kit utensils. If you find any broken or missing pieces of equipment, please tell me so I can get on it right away.



Picture 2: Jose's Eagle project: a bird shelter for keeping injured birds



Picture 1: A fun game of "X" soccer at the September 20th meeting

Thanks to all who submitted articles! The more articles you submit, the more awesome this newsletter becomes. Don't let yourself be without an opinion! If you would like to have an article in the newsletter feel free to ask! In future newsletters, I hope to have 5+ pages of information. In the following month, I need:

- A Religious article (Chaplains' Aid)
- List of checked out library books
- At least ONE article from EACH Patrol Leader

I am confident that we will be able to achieve this goal.

Also, if you would like to receive this newsletter by email, let me (Connor Boyle) know, and I will send it out!

Thanks a lot!

Here's A Challenge:

From a given point on the map, you walk one mile due North, then turn East and walk one mile, then turn South and walk one mile. Your companion says, "Hey, we're exactly where we started from!" And he's right! Where *are* you?

If you think you know the answer, submit it to the next newsletter, and we'll see who's right!

BINGO!

Bingo Sign-ups

Earn \$35 plus TIPS!!

You also earn \$15 additional dollars for the Troop!

Sign-up sheet is available at every meeting.

OCT 8 Benjamin Seiwert

OCT 15 NO SCOUT!

OCT 22 Isaac Smith

OCT 29 David Luehrmann

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Your space could be HERE!

Do YOU have an article for the newsletter???

Do YOU want to submit pictures or comics or other visuals?

Do YOU like to earn flodderbucks???

Then talk to the Scribe! (Connor Boyle)



Picture 3: the (almost) completed trebuchet

Missed the Trebuchet Outing?



Be sure to come to the:

Punkin' Chunkin' Camporee!

Where you'll really see
Pumpkins FLY!

November 5th to 7th

Check out the troop website at:

www.555bsa.org

Weekly Meeting Planner:

October Theme: Athletics

Monday 4th of October – Committee Meeting

Opening and Closing		Flaming Burros
Skills Instruction	Sports Safety	Cyclones
Patrol Meetings	Week 3 of Peterloon	
Game	Dodgeball	Vipers
Leave No Trace		Pine Trees
Receive Amazing Race Ideas from Troop		

Monday 11th of October – Columbus Day

Opening and Closing		Vikings
Skills Instruction	Geocaching	Vipers
Patrol Meeting	Week 4 of Peterloon	
Inter-Patrol Activity	Mini Amazing Race	Scoutmaster and SPL
Leave No Trace		Cyclones

Monday 18th of October – PLC and COH Deadline

Opening and Closing		Vipers
Skills Instruction	Mystery New Surprise Game	Flaming Burros
Patrol Meeting	Weeks 1-2 of Punkin Chunkin	
Game	Mystery New Surprise Game	Flaming Burros
Leave No Trace		Vikings

Monday 25th of October – Popcorn Orders Due | Pack Meeting at Ceraland

Opening and Closing		Pine Trees
Skills Instruction	Athletic Nutrition	Cyclones
Patrol Meeting	Week 3 of Punkin Chunkin	
Inter-Patrol Activity	Lavaflow Teamwork Exercise	Vikings
Leave No Trace		Flaming Burros