

Troop 123

January 2012

OA ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

It's time for Order of the Arrow elections at Troop 123. This year's elections will be held at our January 30th Troop meeting. It is very important that you make plans to attend this meeting. We must have at least half of the Troop present to make the election valid. To be elected to The Order of the Arrow is a great honor for a Scout and you can only be elected by your peers.

There are three basic requirements that you need to meet to be on the OA ballot.

1. First Class or above.
2. 15 nights of camping, including 6 nights of long-term camp (summer camp). Only one summer camp can be counted.
3. Scoutmaster approval.

If you feel that you meet the first two requirements please see me before the election about being on the ballot.

There are several things that you should consider when you vote for someone for OA.

- ***Is he kind, helpful, easy to get along with, and a friend to all?***
- ***Is he cheerful, even when he had many tiresome jobs to do?***
- ***Is he always ready to give unselfish and whole-hearted service to others?***

Please remember that you should be voting for the BEST Scout. Does he meet the criteria? OA is an honor for our Scouts, Not a popularity contest. If he meets the criteria and is one of the best, then you should vote for him. The Order of the Arrow is the only honor in Scouting that you cannot earn. You must be elected by your peers to have it bestowed on you. Don't treat the election to OA lightly, *it is a great honor.*

Steve Canini
Scoutmaster

TROOP ELECTIONS



February is an important time of the year for Troop 123. We elect a new Senior Patrol Leader. This Scout is the Troop leader, not the Scoutmaster. He is responsible for the Troop meetings, the PLC, and all of the planning for these. He works

directly with the Scoutmaster to run the Troop. I am looking for nominations or Scouts who are interested in becoming our new Senior Patrol Leader. You must be 14, Star rank or higher, and been with Troop 123 for one year.

We will also be electing new Patrol Leaders. Find out who is interested in becoming a Patrol Leader in your Patrol. To be a Patrol Leader you need to be First Class and with the Troop 1 year. The Troop positions of Quartermaster, Scribe, Historian, and Librarian need to be filled. Let me know if you want one of these positions. You must be First Class to hold one of these. I am looking for 2 Scouts to become Troop Guides. You must be Star or above and previously held another troop position. Those of you that are First Class or above need to hold a Troop position to advance in rank. The position needs to be held for 6 months for each rank. This means that you must hold a Troop position for each rank that you advance. Your Troop needs your leadership to continue to grow and thrive. Give it some thought and let me know.



More Troop News

JANUARY CAMPOUT

This month we will be going to John Beltz Retreat for a LAN party. If you don't know what a LAN party is, let me explain. LAN stands for "Local Area Network" and it's when you connect several computers or Xbox's together to form a "Network" and then play multiplayer computer games. It allows several people to participate in one game to work with or against each other, depending on the game. The Scouts were very enthused about this so I hope that this will be very well attended. You will need to get your Scout out to John Beltz on Friday, January 20th, by 7:00 pm with his gear and computer. If he doesn't have a computer we will also be using X-Box's and other games. If you have one of these and want to use it, please bring it and the games. We will also need TV's for the X-Box type games, so if you have an extra one we can use for the weekend, please bring it along. Pickup will be Sunday, January 22nd, at 10:00 am. The cost will be \$10.00 to cover food. We will also be doing a service project at John Beltz and will be starting the computer merit badge for those interested. This should be a lot of fun, plus we will be indoors for most of the weekend, so plan on attending. See web site for information and directions.

Simon Kenton University

On Saturday, January 21st, is the Simon Kenton Council University. This is a day of Adult training classes. It starts at 8:30 am and is over by 4:30 pm. If you haven't signed up for courses you can get a course catalog and you can sign up at the Council Web site. http://www.skcsa.org/boy-scouts_activities.php#University_of_Scouting
 This is a great time to update your Scout skills, learn new things, and meet other Scouters from around the Council. I will be there teaching a class, so sign up and do something extra for our Scouts.

JANUARY TROOP EVENTS

- JAN 5** **ROUNDTABLE...** Church of Christ, Fishinger Rd. 7:00 pm
- JAN 20→22** **CAMPOUT...** LAN party at John Beltz's.
- JAN 21** **SIMON KENTON COUNCIL UNIVERSITY...** Training for adult leaders @ Pickerington North High School.
- JAN 23** **PLC MEETING...** PLC Meeting is at St. Michael Church. 7:00PM - 8:30PM.
- JAN 23** **COMMITTEE MEETING...** The monthly committee meeting, 7:00 PM. Call Randy Domer for info 760-0640.
- JAN 30** **OA ELECTIONS...** Elect new members to the OA.

JAN 30 **PARENT MEETING...** Parent Meeting for Summer 2012

THIS MONTH'S TROOP MEETINGS

JAN 9, 16, & 30

SUMMER CAMP — 2012

It's time to start thinking about "Summer Camp" for 2012. I know it's only January, but we need to start making payments and decisions about this year's summer camp. We will be attending summer camp at Camp Berry near Findlay, OH from June 24th to June 30th. Our High Adventure Scouts, 14+ and First Class+, will be doing a Bike Trip to Washington DC and possibly a canoeing adventure to Lake Erie. Costs will be about \$275.00 for Summer Camp. The complete cost for Summer Camp, the bike trip and/or canoeing will be explained at the Parent meeting on January 30th. We will be collecting this in three payments in February, March and April. At the Parent Meeting we will go over summer camp, the bike trip and canoe trip, answer any questions you may have, and to pass out a list of important dates and other information. Please attend if your Scout will be attending summer camp or either of the two high adventure treks this year.

Steve Canini
Scoutmaster

Steve Linthwaite
Assistant Scoutmaster
Summer Camp

Randy Domer
Committee Chairman