

Troop 123

March 2018

TROOP 123'S MARCH COURT of HONOR

On Monday, March 12th, Troop 123 will be having our Winter *Court of Honor*. We will be passing out rank advancements and merit badges that have been earned since our last Court in December. We will also be swearing in new Troop Officers and doing an Investiture Ceremony for the New Scouts who crossed over into our Troop. I would like to personally invite all of the new Scouts and their families to come to our *Court of Honor* and be part of the investiture ceremony. *Court of Honors* are important to our Scouts. It is their time to be honored for their achievements and accomplishments in the Troop. Also that evening we will have a "Friends of Scouting" presentation to help out the Simon Kenton Council. It will be a busy night so plan on coming and helping us honor our Scouts and adults on this special night. As always this is a family event and we want to see all of you in attendance. We don't get to see many of you very often and this is an opportunity to visit and to meet the newest members of the Troop 123 family. Mark your calendars and plan on bringing the whole family. The *Court of Honor* will start at 7:00 pm so don't be late. See you there.



MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

This year, as in the past, we will be going to Camp Lazarus and working at the Maple Syrup Festival. Troop 123 will be working the second Maple Sugar weekend, March 10th and we will be running the BB range all day Saturday. We will be meeting in the Camp Lazarus parking lot at 8:00 am on Saturday morning. This is a fun time and I know that our Scouts like doing it, so there is no reason not to attend. As an added bonus, you will have an opportunity to earn service hours and you will get Free Food. Most of you need service hours so don't let this pass you by. You will need to pick up your Scout at 5:00 pm in the parking lot of Camp Lazarus on Saturday afternoon. Please plan on attending, we need your help.

NEW SCOUTS

We are still looking for new Scouts. If you know someone or a former Cub Scout that would like to experience the adventures of Boy Scouts, now is the time to get them to visit us and become a member of Troop 123. Any boy who is in the 5th grade and 10 1/2 years old can join. Bring them to a meeting to see what we do.

MARCH CAMPOUT

Troop 123 will be going to Camp Birch near Yellow Springs, OH on March 16th → 18th for this month's campout. We will be having a Troop Rocket Launch. We have rockets kits or you can bring your own so get your kits and build your rocket. We will be leaving at 6:00 pm from the Whitehouse across the street from St. Michael's. The campout will cost \$20.00 Please make sure that your son has some cash with him. We may make a side trip to Youngs Dairy. We will be returning to the Whitehouse at about Noon on Sunday the 18th. This trip is a huge amount of fun and shouldn't be missed. Where else but a rocket launch can you find out that trees like to eat rockets.

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JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING

Junior Leader Training is coming up on March 2nd and 3rd. If you have a Troop position you are required to be trained and come to training. If you are a member of the Senior Patrol, a Patrol Leader, or a Troop Guide or have anyother position except Den Chief you need to be at The John Beltz Retreat, 4834 Harlem Rd. Galena, Friday night at 8:00 pm. (I will be emailing directions to you.) You will be done on Saturday at 4:00 pm. You need to wear your class "A" uniform and come prepared to be challenged. Meals are provided for you. All those completing the course will receive and be able to wear the Trained Patch on their uniform. If you have any questions, call Mr. Canini at 395-5298 or email him at scanini@att.net.

Welcome New Scouts!

The leadership of Troop 123 has attended 2 Webelos crossover ceremonies in the past couple of weekends and we have 4 new Scouts, so far, to welcome into our Troop. They will be in the "New Guy Patrol" under the leadership of our "New Guy" Patrol Leader and his merry band of Troop Guides for the next couple of months. They will be learning about our troop, basic troop skills, who's who, and other important stuff about Scouting and Troop 123. During that time, it is important that they are made welcome and shown that we want them in our Troop. It is the responsibility of *all* of the members of Troop 123 to help the new Scouts learn the ways of our Troop and to feel good about joining. Don't forget how you felt when you joined. They may be *New Guys*, but they are very important to our Troop. We all have a role in getting these new Scouts prepared for the adventures ahead on their "Trail to Eagle".

SUMMER CAMP 2018

We are now signing up Scouts for "Summer Camp" for 2018. We will be attending summer camp at the D-bar-A Scout Ranch in Metamora, MI from June 24th to June 30th. If you want to go to summer camp and have not signed up yet, you need to sign up NOW. We are starting to sign up merit badges for summer camp so make sure to check the list that Mr. Noonan sent and pick your merit badges. We need this information soon, so don't delay. For more information contact Mr. Noonan at 614 785-9550 or dwnoonan.bsa@gmail.com. For payment information or to sign up contact Mrs. Stone at 614 430-9982 or rstone3@columbus.rr.com

MARCH TROOP EVENTS

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| MARCH 1 | ROUNDTABLE... Northwest Christian Church, Fishinger Rd. 7:00 pm |
| MARCH 2—3 | JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING... Training is at John Beltz for all Scouts with Troop Positions. |
| MARCH 5 | TROOP SWIM... We will be meeting at the Worthington Rec Center for swimming instead of St. Michael's. |
| MARCH 10 | MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL... Work the festival BB range at Camp Lazarus. |
| MARCH 12 | COURT of HONOR... See our Scouts get their awards. 7:00 pm St. Michael's |
| MARCH 16—18 | CAMPOUT... Rocket Launch @ Camp Birch |
| MARCH 19 | PLC MEETING... PLC Meeting is at Shelby Park . 7:00PM - 8:30PM. |
| MARCH 19 | COMMITTEE MEETING... The monthly committee meeting, 7:00 PM. Call Randy Domer for info 760-0640. |

THIS MONTH'S TROOP MEETINGS

MARCH 5, 12 & 26

Journey to Excellence 2017

This year Troop 123 is being awarded the Journey to Excellence Gold Award for 2017. The gold award is the highest award for a unit. This is an honor for our Troop and means that we have a quality program that includes; camping, program planning, scouts advancing, and trained leaders. We met or exceeded all of the required categories. It is through the hard work and dedication of everyone involved that we received this award. This is the 30th year in a row that your Troop has been a Quality Unit. Thank You!!