



**Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 236
Christ United Methodist Church
Kettering, Ohio
November-December, 2007**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Troop 236 would like to welcome the following new members: Lee Shibley and Drew Lipsinic. A Troop and Crew are only as good as its members, and we are certain that these outstanding new members will continue to carry on the long-standing tradition of excellence in Troop and Crew 236.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CAMPOUT

Our Wilderness Survival Campout will be held at Woodland Trails on November 9-11. We will have sessions on wilderness survival merit badge, advanced wilderness survival, and a session on tracking, stalking, camouflage, snares, traps, and deadfalls. We will build debris huts and camp in the pine forest on Saturday. This is an excellent opportunity for scouts of all ages and ranks to sharpen their scout skills. Tim Goodwin, Eagle Scout and former SPL, has attended Tom Brown's Wilderness Survival School and will be there to help with the most advanced course. Mr. Richards is in charge of this campout. The cost is \$22.00 for scouts and \$5.00 for adults. Meet at the church at 6:00 PM in Class "A" uniform. Be sure to eat before you go.

COURT OF HONOR

Our next Court of Honor will be at 7:00 PM on November 13. **All scouts and their families should plan to attend. This is an opportunity to welcome in our new members and to recognize the accomplishments of our scouts. Note the Courts of Honor begin at 7:00 PM rather than at 7:30 PM.**

TROOP SWIM

We will have a troop swim at the Washington Township Rec. Center on State Route 725 at McEwen Road on Monday, November 26 from 6:30 until 8:00 PM. For those who need it, Doc will be available to work on swimming requirements.

CAVING CAMPOUT

On December 7-9, we will have a caving campout. We will return to Carter Caves in Kentucky. This will be a wild cave tour for those who wish to crawl, climb, and slither through narrow passages with only the light of a flashlight. Definitely bring old clothes for this one. Mr. Sewell has been able to get us an indoor camping facility for this campout. Cook by patrol. As usual, we will wear Class "A" uniform while traveling. We will cook by patrol. Cost is \$22.00. Drivers are free. Adults who don't drive are \$10.00 for the cost of the cave trip. Mr. Sewell is in charge of this campout.

TOBOGGAN CAMPOUT

On January 4-6, we will go to one of our favorite troop campouts, the refrigerated toboggan run at Pokagen State Park. We will stay at the armory at Angola, Indiana. This is a great campout for families and WEBELOS to join us since we will be staying inside. There is a bit of bad news however; there are flush toilets and hot showers. The armory is close enough to the toboggan run that we can go back for another run after dinner. We will have several WEBELOS Dens visiting with us. This is an excellent family campout. We will cook by troop. Cracker barrel will be beignets -- little square New Orleans doughnuts with powdered sugar. Cost is \$26.00 for scouts, \$58.00 for families, and no charge for drivers. Greg Schoepner is in charge of the campout. Meet at the church at 6:00 PM in Class "A" uniform. Be sure to eat before you go.

WINTER BUSHWHACK

The Winter Bushwhack is a 10-mile hike on January 13. There is a large very colorful patch which you may earn. The cost of the patch is \$7.50. If you wish to have this patch, you must paid \$7.50 by September 25th, but you can still go. There may be a limited number of extra patches.

WRIGHT BROTHERS DISTRICT SKI TRIP

On January 27, Troop 236 will join the Wright Brothers District for a day of skiing at Perfect North. Cost is \$27.00 for lift ticket and \$12.00 for ski rental. Snow tubing is \$20.00.

PHILMONT 2008

We are going with 4 crews. There are a few spots remaining for you and from your friends from other troops. Cost is \$1160.00 which includes all of the shakedown.

**Mandatory Philmont Shakedown Hikes
(Mandatory For Philmont Participants Only)
(Some Others May go on the Shakedowns by Permission.)**

November 16-18, 2007	Twin Creek Metropark
February 23, 2008	Germantown Reserve Metropark
March 7-9, 2008	Clifty Wilderness, Red River Gorge, KY
March 28-30, 2008	Zaleski State Forest, Zaleski, OH
May 16-18, 2008	Shawnee State Forest, Portsmouth, OH

TENTS



If you have a tent or other troop equipment at home, please return it.

CUB KLONDIKE

The Cub Klondike will be on January 19. Troop 236 has traditionally run an activity for this event. This is a great opportunity for us to help the Cub Scouts and let them see what a terrific troop Troop 236 is. Mr. Byers is in charge. We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM. Dress warmly. We will have snacks and hot chocolate for you. This will count for an event for Second Class and First Class and for service time.

ANNUAL ROLL CALL AND INSPECTION ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTION

On January 29 Troop 236 will have its annual Roll call and Inspection meeting. This is the time when we gather all of the data to register the scouts in the troop. Call Jeff or "Doc" if you cannot attend this meeting and wish to remain registered in the troop. On that night we will also have our Order of the Arrow election. We are going to try a new method again this year to try to get more of our very deserving scouts into the Order of the Arrow. Requirements for election are:

- At least First Class
- At least 15 nights of camping with a long-term camp (Summer Camp)
- Live by the Scout Oath and Scout Laws
- Scoutmaster's approval.

We will go over Doc's list during the two meetings before the O.A. election to be sure that everyone who believes he should be on the list is there.

DEN CHIEFS

There are always a number of dens that need Den Chiefs each year. **We have a lot of new scouts this year who are at or almost at First Class who will need a leadership position for rank advancement for Star and Life. I would like to encourage all of the scouts who are at or near First Class to volunteer as a Den Chief. An outstanding Den Chief is probably the best recruitment tool for Troop 236 and for keeping WEBELOS in Scouting.** An Assistant Senior Patrol Leader will be working as your advisor to help you get the best experience out of this opportunity. This is a great way to begin learning leadership skills. Be thinking about this leadership opportunity. There is a Den Chief Training Course offered on September 23. Sign up at the scout office. Doc also has some booklets

for Den Chiefs. See Doc to obtain one.

CAMPOUT SIGNUPS

National BSA regulations mandate that we submit a trip permit at least 2 weeks in advance of each campout. We must submit a form with the number of scouts and adults going and the drivers for each campout. **This will mean that we cannot accept reservations made after this point.** We must obtain a trip permit for each campout in order for the troop to be covered by BSA insurance which covers any costs over the individual insurance coverage. To help with this the adults in charge of each campout will have fliers available 2 months in advance, and Mr. Welch will have an erasable board set up to remind scouts and parents of the dead lines. This also allows us to better determine drivers and buy food for the campouts. Really this is just preparing each of us to plan ahead and to **“Be Prepared.”** **Parents, please let us know if you can drive at least 2 weeks in advance. This is part of the required information for the trip permit.**

TROOP COMMITTEE AND ADULT LEADERS

All parents are invited to participate actively in the adult leadership of Troop 236. The Troop Committee meets each month, normally at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday. The next meeting will be on August 23. All parents along with the uniformed troop leaders are encouraged to attend the Troop Committee meetings. We can always use more help. If any of you would like to become a uniformed leader, you are quite welcome. We are not a “closed shop.” We also need help with serving on Boards of Review, serving as merit badge counselors, sewing, making phone calls, working with computers, driving to campouts, and many other areas. We would welcome any time you can provide to our scouts, and we hope to have **you** join the adult leadership family of Troop 236.

WREATH SALES

This year we will once again offer our members the opportunity to sell Christmas wreaths. 90% of the profit you make selling Christmas wreaths will go into your scout account for campouts and equipment. Each scout has the opportunity to earn a significant amount of his campout money. The information and a color brochure will be available at a meeting during the next few weeks. Start your sales early so that you can beat others who may be selling a similar product. The final date to turn in orders is November 20. The pick up date for the wreaths is December 2. Mr. Welch will coordinate the wreath sales again this year.

SCOUT SHORTS

My book about the scouts in Troop 236 has finally been published. Copies are \$10.00 all of which will go into the George Carson Memorial Campership Fund. I will be happy to sign copies for anyone who would like one. This book covers my years with the troop from May 1986 through April 2001. I am working on the next edition, New Scout Shorts, which will include many of the present members.

GEORGE CARSON MEMORIAL CAMBERSHIP FUND

The troop has a limited amount of money in the George Carson Memorial Campership Fund to help scouts with campouts. See Doc, Mark Feuer, Bill Byers, Joe Ritter, or Scott Welch to get an application. This money has been specifically donated in George’s memory to help scouts attend campouts. For those of you who didn’t have the opportunity to know George Carson, he was my number one Assistant Scoutmaster for 10 years before he passed away with cancer in June, 2000 at age 49. George was an outstanding role model and mentor to our scouts, and those who had the privilege of knowing him received a real inspiration and positive influence from him. The George Carson Spirit of Scouting was named for Mr. Carson, and he was the first recipient of this award which is presented by the P.L.C. to an adult member who has been with the troop for at least 5 years, has participated in at least 50% of all campouts, and represents the high ideals of adult leadership exemplified by Mr. Carson.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to update everyone’s E-mail address. We will send out as many Troop newsletters as possible via e-mail. This will allow you to store it on your computer in case you lose your copy and will save the troop a considerable amount of money in postage and let us be more conservation minded in the use of paper. We will continue to provide hard copies for all who need them. I am also sending out fairly frequent e-mails to keep everyone updated. If you have been receiving these e-mails, you are O.K. If you change your e-mail address, please send me an e-mail and let me know. Please fill out the sheet and return it to the next meeting. Let us know if your son’s e-mail address does not accept attachments. If possible, please set it to accept attachments from the troop at doc236@woh.rr.com

FAMILY DONATION

Each fall we ask each family to once again make a contribution to the troop to cover the cost of registration, Boy’s Life, rank advancement, postage, equipment, insurance, etc. It costs the troop about \$55.00 per scout for each year to run the troop program. While \$55.00 is the average cost, we ask each family to

donate as generously as they can. We have families with a wide range on incomes, so that some can give more while others may not be able to make the total contribution. This donation may be made in installments if that is more convenient. Remember that Troop 236 has a long-standing policy that no scout will be denied the full scout program for financial reasons. Please send in your donation as you are able.

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

Who I am Makes A Difference

A teacher in New York decided to honor each of her seniors in High School by telling them the difference each of them had made. She called each student to the front of the class, one at time.

First, she told each of them how they had made a difference to her, and the class. Then she presented each of them with a blue ribbon, imprinted with gold letters, which read, "Who I Am Makes a Difference."

Afterwards, the teacher decided to do a class project, to see what kind of impact recognition would have on a Community. She gave each of the students three more blue ribbons, and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgment ceremony. Then they were to follow up on the results, see who honored whom, and report to the class in about a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a nearby Company, and honored him for helping him with his career planning. He gave him a blue ribbon, and put it on his shirt. Then he gave him two extra ribbons and said, "We're doing a class project on recognition, and we'd like for you to go out, find somebody to honor, give them blue ribbon, then give them the extra blue ribbon so they can acknowledge a third person, to keep this acknowledgment ceremony going. Then please report back to me and tell me what happened."

Later that day, the junior executive went in to see his boss, who had been noted, by the way, as being kind of a grouchy fellow. He sat his boss down, and he told him that he deeply admired him for being a creative genius. The boss seemed very surprised. The junior executive asked him if he would accept the gift of the blue ribbon, and would he give him permission to put it on him. His surprised boss said, "Well, sure." The junior executive took the blue ribbon and placed it right on his boss's jacket, above his heart.

As he gave him the last extra ribbon, he said, "Would you take this extra ribbon, and pass it on by honoring somebody else. The young boy who first gave me the ribbons is doing a project in school, and we want to keep this recognition ceremony going and find out how it affects people."

That night, the boss came home to his 14-year-old son, and sat him down. He said, "The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office, and one of the junior executives came in and told me he admired me, and gave me a blue ribbon for being a creative genius. Imagine! He thinks I am a creative genius! Then he put a blue ribbon that says, "Who I Am Makes a Difference", on my jacket above my heart. He gave me an extra ribbon and asked me to find somebody else to honor. As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about whom I would honor with this ribbon, and I thought about you. I want to honor you. My days are hectic and when I come home, I do not pay a lot of attention to you. Sometimes I scream at you for not getting good enough grades in school, and for your bedroom being a mess. Somehow, tonight, I just wanted to sit here and, well, just let you know that you do make a difference to me. Besides your mother, you are the most important person in my Life. You're a great kid, and I love you!"

The startled boy started to sob and sob, and he could not stop crying. His whole body shook. He looked up at his father and said through his tears, "Dad, earlier tonight I sat in my room and wrote a letter to you and Mom, explaining why I had took my life, and I asked you to forgive me. I was going to commit suicide tonight after you were asleep. I just did not think that you cared at all. The letter is upstairs. I don't think I need it after all." His father walked upstairs and found a heartfelt letter full of anguish and pain.

The boss went back to work a changed man. He was no longer a grouch, but made sure to let all of his employees know that they made a difference.

The junior executive helped other young people with career planning, and never forgot to let them know that they made a difference in his life...one being the boss' son. In addition, the young boy and his classmates learned a valuable lesson, "Who you are DOES make a difference".

Who you are does make a difference, and I wanted you to know that. Isn't this a wonderful story? I'm passing the blue ribbon to you, for who YOU are does make a difference, too.

Yours in Scouting,

Charles Goodwin

Note: Because of the new requirements to get a trip permit two weeks prior to each campout, parents please let us know when you can support our scouts by driving when your son signs up.

**WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CAMPOUT
November 9-11, 2007**

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost \$23.00 for scouts \$5.00 for adults
Please sign up by November 6.

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December 7-8, 2007**

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Cost \$22.00 for Scouts \$10.00 for adults who don't drive

Please sign up by November 20.

**TOBOGGAN CAMPOUT
January 4-6, 2008**

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I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost \$26.00 Family \$58.00 No charge for drivers.

Please sign up by December 19.

**WINTER BUSHWHACK
January 13, 2007**

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

No charge.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M. B. Session 3.2 Scorpions Screaming Eagles	Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 PM CUMC All parents are invited Jake Walk B'day	Wright Brothers District Roundtable 7:00 PM St. Albert's Cath Church Chad Hudgins B'day	Wilderness Survival Campout Meet at the church at 6:00 PM Class "A's" Dress Warmly Tyler Schoeppner B'day	Wilderness Survival Campout
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Wilderness Survival Campout		Court of Honor 7:00 PM All families should plan to attend. Leadership Corps	Scoutmaster Conferences by appointment	Nate Kell B'day	Philmont Shakedown Twin Creek Metropark Meet at the church at 6:00 PM	Philmont Shakedown Twin Creek Metropark
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Troop Swim 6:45 PM Washington Township Rec Center Swimming Fee Kalon Stagner B'day	PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 Boards of Review Panthers Dragons				

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Matt Phillips B'day	No Meeting		Matt Kern B'day		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		No Meeting	Tanner Sewell B'day			
30	31					
Steven Thompson B'day						