



Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 236
Christ United Methodist Church
Kettering, Ohio
July-August, 2008
SUMMER ACTIVITIES

July 1	No meeting		
July 8	Flag Football	Watts Middle School	Raccoons
July 15	Putt Putt	Indian Trails \$4.00 1 course \$5.50 both courses	Scorpions
July 22	Dinner 6:00 PM Court of Honor 7:PM	CUMC	Leadership Corps
July 29	Dodge Ball	Wenzler Park	Dragons
August 5	Capture the Flag	Willowbrook Park Park Edge Drive Centerville (near Doc's House)	Panthers Screaming Eagles
August 12	Laser Quest \$6.50 per game Usually pay 2 games	Laser Quest	Wolverines
August 19	Elect SPL Select Campouts	CUMC	Leadership Corps

All of these activities begin at 7:00 PM and end at 8:30 PM.
Meet at the site listed.

CAMPOUT SIGN UPS DURING THE SUMMER

Since we don't have regular meetings during the summer with Mr. Ritter there with the lap top, you may sign up by sending a note with a check made out to Troop 236 and drop it off at the house or send it to:

Joe Ritter
4316 Ireland St.
Kettering, OH 45440

TROOP 236 LEADERSHIP AND SCOUT SKILLS CAMP

This year will mark the 22nd anniversary of the Troop 236 Leadership and Scout Skills Campout. This campout will be held on August 14-18, so mark that date on your calendar. This is a training camp for our Scouts who are at least First Class and any age or at least 13 years of age. During this time we will review the 11 leadership skills and really sharpen your Scout skills in cooking, orienteering, tree and plant identification and pioneering. Scouts may earn pioneering, orienteering, and cooking merit badges at this campout. We are possibly the only Troop in the nation which provides this training opportunity for our members, and we believe it has been a major factor in our Troop's success. The Leadership Camp Instructors' Manual has been updated based on feedback from last year's session. We expect this year's camp to be the best ever with senior scouts teaching and running the sessions again this year. Kirby

Brooks will be the SPL. All Scouts who complete this camp will become Troop Instructors and will be able to wear a trained patch. Participation in this camp is a Troop 236 requirement for all Scouts who wish to serve as a Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader. Scouts who have previously participated in this camp are encouraged to serve on the staff. Cost of this campout will be \$45.00 for participants and \$40.00 for staff.

SEA BASE IN 2009

We are planning a trip to Tinnerman Canoe Base for July 2009. We will have two crews for **Out Island on June 30** and two crews for **SCUBA Adventure on July 1**. For the SCUBA adventure you must be SCUBA certified before you go. We will set up a class for you to become certified. Out Island involves paddling out in a sea kayak to Big Monson Island where you will spend the week. You will go deep sea fishing, snorkeling, night snorkeling, and shark fishing. SCUBA Adventure will be SCUBA dives every day.

Payment Schedule

May 2008	\$100.00 deposit	\$100.00
September 2008	\$150.00	\$250.00
November 2008	\$150.00	\$400.00
December 2008	\$150.00	\$550.00
February 2009	\$150.00	\$700.00
March 2009	\$150.00	\$850.00
April 2009	\$150.00	\$1000.00
May 2009	\$200.00	\$1200.00

EMANON CAMPOUT

EMANON is NO NAME spelled backward. This campout has been a long time favorite with Troop 236. This is a time for water activities --- swimming, boating, tubing, fishing, and perhaps water skiing. Also the adults cook for the scouts at this campout. The campout will be held on July 25-27. Mr. Reichers is in charge. The cost is \$25.00. This year we will return to Seneca Lake. We hope to have several boats this year, so this should be a great event. Mr. Riechers and Mr. Janek are in charge. If anyone has a boat they can bring to the campout, please contact John Reichers or Tom Janek. Sign up by July 15 Meet at the church at 6:00 PM in Class "A's."

COURT OF HONOR

We will have a Court of Honor on July 22 at 7:00 PM. There will be a carry in dinner at 6:00 PM. All scouts and their families should plan to attend to recognize the accomplishments of our scouts. The troop will provide chicken and drinks. Each family should bring a covered dish or desert to serve 10 people. Please bring your own place settings. Panthers, Dragons, and Psychotic Platypuses should bring a vegetable or potato dish. Raccoons, Venture Crew, Scorpions, Screaming Eagles green or fruit salad. Vikings, Wolverines, and Leadership Corps should bring a desert.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Troop 236 has been asked to do a flag retirement ceremony in Kettering on the Fourth of July at the Krispy Kreme from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. This is a very impressive ceremony. We would like to have as many troop members as possible there for this event. Mr. Ray will furnish hot dogs, pop, and doughnuts to all who participate. Mr. Ritter is in charge of this event.

HORSEBACK RIDING CAMPOUT

On September 5-7 we will go To Whitewater State Park for camping and then to Metamora, IN for horseback riding. These stables have excellent horses. There will be a trip for newer riders and a trip for more experienced riders. This is not just the usual horseback riding where one horse walks behind the next. There will be some opportunity to gallop. The cost will be around \$40.00. We will have a definite cost later. We will cook by Patrol.

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 WEB PAGE ADDRESS

[www.troop 236.org](http://www.troop236.org)

We now have a new web page provider that will give us much more space to expand the web site. Janice Horn has completely updated the web site. Visit the Web Page often to stay up to date with Troop 236. Janice Horn, our new webmaster, has done a tremendous job of updating the site and has included a lot of pictures of recent events.

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.

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, Bill Byers, Mark Feuer, or Scott Welch to get an application. This money has been specifically donated in George's memory to help scouts attend campouts.

COREY RICHARDS MEMORIAL EQUIPMENT FUND

As all of you know, one of our former scouts and the brother of a present scout, Corey Richards passed away in an automobile accident on June 3. In talking with the family, they wished to have a memorial fund in Corey's name. You may contribute to this fund if you wish.

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. Doc will sign books before and after the Court of Honor in July.

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

This Makes Your Sons Look Pretty Good, Doesn't It!

**The following came from an anonymous Mother in Austin, Texas:
Things I've Learned From My Boys (honest and not kidding):**

- 1.) A King size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq ft. house 4 inches deep.
- 2.) If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
- 3.) A three year old boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- 4.) If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20X20 foot room.
- 5.) You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on.
When using the ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit.
A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
- 6.) The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
- 7.) When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh", it's already too late.
- 8.) Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
- 9.) A six-year old boy can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old man says they can only do it in movies.
- 10.) Certain Leggos will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old boy.
- 11.) Play-dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
- 12.) Super glue is forever.
- 13.) No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
- 14.) Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
- 15.) VCR's do not eject Peanut butter and Jelly sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.
- 16.) Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
- 17.) Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
- 18.) You probably DO NOT want to know what that odor is.
- 19.) Always look in the oven before you turn it on; plastic toys do not like ovens.
- 20.) The fire department in Austin, TX has a 5-minute response time.
- 21.) The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
- 22.) It will, however, make cats dizzy.
- 23.) Cats throw-up twice their body weight when dizzy.

Yours in Scouting,

Charles Goodwin, Scoutmaster

LEADERSHIP AND SCOUT SKILLS CAMP
August 14-18

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost \$45.00 for Participants and \$40.00 for Staff
Please sign up by August 5.

EMANON CAMPOUT
July 25-27

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost \$25.00
There will be some gas money

Please sign up by July 15.

HORSEBACK RIDING CAMPOUT
September 5-7

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____

Cost TBA (Approximately \$40.00)

Please sign up by August 19.

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July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 No Meeting Philmont Crews depart for Philmont Dayton Airport 6:45 AM Flight Andrew Hensley B'day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Flag Football Watts Middle School 7:00-8:30 PM Kyle Armstrong B'day	9	10 Zach Harmony B'day Bobby Priest B'day Grant Sewell B'day	11	12 Daniel Okoye B'day
13	14 Philmontt Crews return from Philmont Dayton Airport 11:24 PM arrival	15 Putt Putt Indian Trails 7:00-8:30 PM \$4.00 1 course \$5.50 both courses Josh Wright B'day	16 Jack D'Agostino B'day Kyle Loftus B'day	17	18	19 Nathan Gibbs B'day
20	21	22 Dinner 6:00 Court of Honor 7:00 Leadership Corps	23	24	25 EMANON Campout Class "A's" Eat before you go. Drew Lipowicz B'day	26 EMANON Campout
27 EMANON Campout Garrett Fogel B'day	28 Alex Magill B'day	29 Hudson Osmolinski b'day	30 Conner Richrds B'day	31		

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					1	2 Jeff Nagel B'day Johnny Thompson B'day Jacob Laux B'day
3	4	5 Capture the Flag Willowbrook Park Centerville 7:00-8:30 PM Zac Boyd B'day Micahel McCarthy B'day	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Laser Quest 7:00-8:30 PM \$6.50/game	13 Troop Committee Meeting 7:00PM CUMC	14 Leadership and Scout Skills Camp Meet at the church at 6:00 PM Class "A's" Eat before you come. Nathan Gottschalk B'day	15 Leadership and Scout Skills Camp OA Ordeal Scott Lewis B'day	16 Leadership and Scout Skills Camp OA Ordeal
17	18	19 Elect SPL Select Campouts CUMC 7:00-8:30 PM	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 Patrol Organization Dragons Panthers Sam Meier B'day	27	28	29	30
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