



**Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 236
Christ United Methodist Church
Kettering, Ohio
May-June, 2008**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Troop 236 has had a good year with new WEBELOS crossing over into Troop 236. Troop 236 would like to welcome the following new members: Hudson Osmolinski, Seth Bell, Kevin Haney, Doug Haney, Mark Richardson, and Dallas Powers. A Troop is 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 236. Let's all make these outstanding new scouts feel like a part of the Troop 236 family.

GOURMET COOKING CAMPOUT

The Gourmet Cooking Campout was held on April 26-27 at Possum Run Park. The food was once again terrific. Troop 236 is definitely well fed on campouts. Congratulations to all of our patrols for a great job.

Panthers/Dragons	Cajan Theme: Jambalaya
Psychotic Platypuses	Southwest Texas Theme: Smoked ribs, Corn on the Cob, Baked Potatoes, Pecan Pie
Raccoons	Truck Stop Theme: Fried Chicken, Fried Potatoes, Corn Bread
Scorpions	Tex-Mex Theme: Tex-Mex Burgers, Chicken and White Bean Soup, Margaritas, Apple Desert
Screaming Eagles	Chinese Theme: Beef Stir Fry, "Spring Roll", Fortune Cookies
Vikings	International Theme: Fajitas, Cheese Fondu, Chocolate Fondu, Angel Food Cake, Fruit Salad, Margaritas
Wolverines	Japanese Theme: Chicken Teriyaki, Rice, Green Tea

	Best Tasting	Best Team Work	Best Preparation	Best Atmosphere	Best Service	Most Original Menu	Most Unusual Ingredients
1st	Screaming Eagles	Raccoons	Panthers Dragons	Psychotic Platypuses	Wolverines	Scorpions	Vikings
2nd	Panthers Dragons	Scorpions	Psychotic Platypuses	Screaming Eagles	Raccoons	Vikings	Wolverines
3rd	Wolverines	Psychotic Platypuses	Raccoons	Vikings	Panthers Dragons	Screaming Eagles	Scorpions

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp this year will be on June 22-28. Cost is \$198.00. The cost for returning campers is \$208.00 if you have not already paid a deposit. Cost for new scouts is \$205 which will cover the cost of the kits required for the Kit Cricket Adventure program for new scouts. The cost will include two Troop 236 tee-shirts and a cracker barrel each night. We look forward to an outstanding summer camp. It is important that all of our Scouts attend summer camp. This is a great opportunity to work on rank advancement and to really get to know your fellow Troop members. **This year Troop 236 will run its own new scout advancement program which will help our new scouts earn many of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class along with earning Swimming, First Aid, and Leatherwork Merit Badges.** You need to register now. We will need full payment by

June 1. See Doc, Mr. Welch, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Byers, or Mr. Feuer if you need some campership help for summer camp. All campership requests must be at the council office by May 3. We would really like for every member of Troop 236 to attend summer camp this year. Everyone will need a new medical form. **Doc will be doing physicals before the meetings at 6:30 PM beginning in April or you may get it done by your own doctor. THESE ARE ALL DUE THE FIRST MEETING IN JUNE. Please help out by getting the medical forms turned in on time this year.**

Mr. Schoeppner will have an informational meeting on May 13 following the Court of Honor and on May 20 for new parents.

Payment Schedule

Returning Campers	First Year Campers (Kid Cricket)
January 29th - \$36.00	\$43.00
February 26th - \$36.00	\$36.00
March 25th - \$36.00	\$36.00
April 22nd - \$30.00	\$30.00
May 21st - \$30.00	\$30.00
June 10th - <u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
\$208.00 Total	\$ 205.00 Total

SUMMER CAMP MEDICAL FORMS

Remember these are due by June 3 at the latest. All forms must be updated. You must have a new physical if you take medications or have had surgery or been hospitalized. All Scouts going to Philmont must have a new physical on the Philmont medical form. Be sure you have a date for tetanus. Up to date or Current will not count. Doc is available at 6:30 before the

meeting each week. Mrs. Nagel will be collecting the forms.

WHITEWATER RAFTING CAMPOUT

Troop 236 will again experience the thrill of Whitewater Rafting on the New River in West Virginia on June 6-8. We will camp at the Mountain Campground and raft with Class VI River Runners, the premier rafting company in the area. Three of the owners are Eagle scouts from near Cincinnati, and one usually goes with the younger scouts himself. Class VI emphasizes safety with experienced guides, the most modern equipment, and provides helmets and personal floatation devices which must be worn at all times while on the river. In addition, their lunch on the river is outstanding. Younger scouts will challenge class I-III rapids on the Upper New River in one-man and two-man rubber duckies, rubber kayaks. Older scouts will experience class III-V rapids in rafts on the Lower New River. Because of the cost of gas, we are having to add in \$5.00 per person for gas for our drivers. Cost is \$95.00 for the Upper New River and \$110.00 for the Lower New River. For parents who only wish to camp the cost is \$20.00. All of these costs are significantly discounted. This will be a family campout, so families are invited. We will cook by troop. Mr. Hodapp is in charge. **All scouts must pass a BSA swimming test in order to go on this trip. These will be on Monday, May 12. Since this is a high adventure activity, we need a medical form for all scouts. We must have definite numbers and be paid by May 20.**

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

PHILMONT 2008

We are going with 4 crews. There are three 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.)**

Zaleski State Park	May 16-18
Twin Creek Metro Park	May 25 (day hike with full pack)

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."

GRAVE DECORATION

Troop 236 will help put flags on the graves at the Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, May 24. Be at the church in Class "A's" at 8:30 AM Saturday.

COOKOUT FOR SCOUTING

On Friday, June 13 Troop 236 will once again help with the Cookout for Scouting. We will set up a monkey bridge and a camp site and help with the food. This event raises money for camperships.

COURT OF HONOR

We will have a Court of Honor on May 13 at 7:00 PM. This is not a dinner. All scouts and their families should plan to attend to recognize the accomplishments of our scouts. There will be a meeting following the Court of Honor about Summer Camp for parents, especially parents of our new scouts.

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.

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.

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 February.

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

Doing Your Part

No better example of how French Scouts helped their country during the occupation can be found than in the story of Jean Pierre Comboudon, a 16 year-old Rover Scout from Issy les Moulineaux, a suburb of Paris. After the invasion the township was cut off by fighting between allied and occupying troops. Food was not getting through, and there was general disorganization of services everywhere.

Jean Pierre persuaded the Mayor to give him a free hand. Equipped with two lorries, a small sum in cash and a motorcycle he went around local fields and farms and collected some ten tons of vegetables. Next he ventured further afield into Oise, which was still the scene of actions between the retreating Germans and Canadian forces. He and his companion collected some thirty tons of foodstuffs. On the way back to town he not only had to deal with a flat tire, but also one of his trucks was hit during an air raid, and he had to put out the resulting fire. On the way he encountered two wounded passersby, and drove them to the hospital. But the hospital was deserted, empty of staff and supplies. He went around the town collecting medical supplies and bedding and established the wounded in the hospital before continuing his journey back to Issy. Rations for 25,000 people were issued, which fed the inhabitants until the town was liberated by American forces on 26 June after a battle lasting three days. During this time Jean Pierre rescued wounded .

As if this was not enough, he penetrated a position held by 400 desperate SS troops, who were convinced that they would be slaughtered and determined to fight to the last. Jean Pierre managed to persuade them to surrender to the allies, and by so doing saved many lives on both sides.

This scout gave it his all. What we are asking of you is to be good leaders and for a number of you to serve as "Big Brothers." It doesn't sound like very much, does it, compared to what the French scout gave.

Yours in Scouting,

Charles Goodwin, Scoutmaster

WHITEWATER RAFTING CAMPOUT
June 6-8

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost \$110.00 Lower New \$95.00 Upper New \$20.00 Camping Only
There will be some gas money for drivers.

Please sign up by May 20

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
August 1-3

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost \$25.00
There will be some gas money

Please sign up by July 15.

SUMMER CAMP
June 22-28

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____

Cost \$198.00/ \$205 for new Scouts in Kit Cricket (covers cost of Merit Badge kits) **Cost is \$208 for returning campers who have not previously paid a deposit.**

Please sign up with \$35.00 deposit by March 15.

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May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Beaver Day Ben Ferdelman B 'day Jack Bachman B'day
4	5	6 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M. B. Session 8.1 Screaming Eagles Scorpions	7 Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 All parents are invited	8 Wright Brothers' Distric Roundtable 7:00 St. Alerts Cath Church	9 Wright Brothers' District Camporee Meet at the church qt 6:00 PM in Class "A's". Eat before you come	10 Wright Brothers' District Camporee Charles Giese B'day Mark Richardson B'day
11 Wright Brothers' District Camporee	12 Swim Testing 6:30-8:00 PM Washington Township Rec Center	13 Court of Honor 7:00 No dinner Mitch Cahill B'day	14	15 Jake Lowe B'day Colin Mackintosh B'day	16 Philmont Shakedown Zaleski State Park Meet at 6:00 PM	17 Philmont Shakedown Zaleski State Park
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25 Philmont Shakedown Twin Creek Metropark Meett at the church at 7:30 AM	26 Brian Cassidy B'day	27 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 Boards of Review Dragons Panthers	28 Scott Knapp B'day	29 Michael Crow B'day	30	31

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8	9 Kevin Heinkel B'day	10 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 Summer Camp Preparation Scorpions Screaming Eagles Jeffrey Kremer B'day	11 PLC Meeting 7:00 Combined Meeting with Adult Leaders Summer Camp Camp Site Selection	12	13 Cookout of Scouting Alex Ference B'day Trevor Shockey B'day	14 Kevin Janek B'day
15	16 Tyler Maschino B'day	17 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 Summer Camp Preparation Vikings Wolverines Carter Bishop B'day Kyle Kremer B'day	18	19	20	21
22	23 Summer Camp	24 Summer Camp	25 Summer Camp	26 Summer Camp	27 Summer Camp	28 Summer Camp
29 Alex Hart B'day	30					