



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

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Troop 236 would like to welcome the following new members: Jesse Levesconte and Austin Hunt. 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.

**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. 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

**LOCK IN AT CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

On February 1 from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM we will have a lock in at Christ United Methodist Church. There will be basketball, billiards, table tennis, movies, games, board games, and the opportunity to work on rank advancement. We will have the gym and the new basement along with rooms for games and Videos, DVD's. We will have pizza for cracker barrel. This has become a very popular event for Troop 236. Cost is \$10.00 for scouts and guests. There is no charge for adults -- the more the merrier. We can always use help supervising the various activity

areas. Scott Welch is in charge. You do not need to wear a uniform to this event. Bring gym clothes and non-marking tennis shoes.

## BACKPACKING CAMPOUT

On March 7-9, we will have a backpacking campout. We will return to Red River Gorge in Kentucky. This is one of the most scenic backpacking areas near us. We will have a shorter trip for younger scouts and a longer one for older scouts, but will all camp at the same place. This is a great warm up for our Philmont trip next summer. As usual, we will wear Class "A" uniform while traveling. We will cook by patrol with off the shelf backpacking food. Cost is \$20.00. Drivers will receive some reimbursement for gas. For those going to Philmont, the cost is included in your Philmont fee.

## SUMMER CAMP

**Summer camp this year will be on June 22-28.** Cost is \$198.00. 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 as many of our Scouts as possible attend summer camp. This is a great opportunity to work on rank advancement and to really get to know your fellow Troop members. You need to register now. We will need to make a \$35.00 deposit by March 15 with 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 9 following the Court of Honor 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>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
\$198.00 Total	\$ 205.00 Total

## COURT OF HONOR

Our next Court of Honor will be at 7:00 PM on February 12. **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.** We will have a Troop dinner at 6:00 PM. 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.

## SCOUT SUNDAY

Each year the members of Troop 236 and their families attend the Sunday morning service at Christ United Methodist Church. This year Scout Sunday will be held on February 10. This is an excellent opportunity for all of us to show our appreciation to the church for the magnificent facilities they provide our troop. All scouts should arrive on the second floor in full Class "A" uniforms including all medals and merit badge sashes. We will all sit together as we attend the 11:15 service. Many of us attend other churches on a regular basis, but I would like for everyone to attend the service at Christ United Methodist Church on that one Sunday

## SCOUT SABBATH

On Saturday, January 26 Troop 236 will join Mr. Feuer at the Scout Shabbath. We will meet at the church at 9:30 AM in full class "A" uniform and travel to the services at Temple Israel. The services will end with refreshments. We will return to the church at about 1:00 PM This will give all of us an opportunity to participate in and better understand a different religion and culture from that of most of us. These experiences are a very important part of our learning and understanding. We will need some parents to drive.

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Each year scouts from Troop 236 join other scouts from the Miami Valley Council in collecting food for those less fortunate. Will will pass out the bags on March 9. This should take about an hour. It will be very helpful if other parents can join us to help drive scouts to deliver the bags. We will then meet at the church at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 16. We will need parents to help drive scouts for this event as well. Each time will count as an

event for Second Class and First Class and for service hours.

## TROOP SWIM

Our next troop swim will be on Monday, March 3 from 6:30 until 8:00 PM at the Washington Township Rec Center. This will be an opportunity to work on swimming requirements for Second Class or First Class or perhaps on swimming merit badge. This will also count as an event for Second Class and First Class.

## 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.

## 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.

## GEORGE CARSON MEMORIAL CAMPERSHIP 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.

# SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

## The Dime

Bobby was getting cold sitting out in his back yard in the snow. Bobby didn't wear boots; he didn't like them and anyway he didn't own any. The thin sneakers he wore had a few holes in them and they did a poor job of keeping out the cold. Bobby had been in his backyard for about an hour already. And, try as he might, he could not come up with an idea for his mother's Christmas gift.

He shook his head as he thought, "This is useless, even if I do come up with an idea, I don't have any money to spend."

Ever since his father had passed away three years ago, the family of five had struggled. It wasn't because his mother didn't care, or try, there just never seemed to be enough. She worked nights at the hospital, but the small wage that she was earning could only be stretched so far.

What the family lacked in money and material things, they more than made up for in love and family unity. Bobby had two older and one younger sister, who ran the household in their mother's absence. All three of his sisters had already made beautiful gifts for their mother.

Somehow it just wasn't fair. Here it was Christmas Eve already, and he had nothing.

Wiping a tear from his eye, Bobby kicked the snow and started to walk down to the street where the shops and stores were. It wasn't easy being six without a father, especially when he needed a man to talk to. Bobby walked from shop to shop, looking into each decorated window. Everything seemed so beautiful and so out of reach.

It was starting to get dark and Bobby reluctantly turned to walk home when suddenly his eyes caught the glimmer of the setting sun's rays reflecting off of something along the curb. He reached down and discovered a shiny dime. Never before has anyone felt so wealthy as Bobby felt at that moment.

As he held his new found treasure, a warmth spread throughout his entire body and he walked into the first store he saw.

His excitement quickly turned cold when the salesperson told him that he couldn't buy anything with only a dime. He saw a flower shop and went inside to wait in line. When the shop owner asked if he could help him, Bobby presented the dime and asked if he could buy one flower for his mother's Christmas gift.

The shop owner looked at Bobby and his ten cent offering. Then he put his hand on Bobby's shoulder and said to him, "You just wait here and I'll see what I can do for you."

As Bobby waited he looked at the beautiful flowers and even though he was a boy, he could see why mothers and girls liked flowers.

The sound of the door closing as the last customer left, jolted Bobby back to reality. All alone in the shop, Bobby began to feel alone and afraid.

Suddenly the shop owner came out and moved to the counter. There, before Bobby's eyes, lay twelve long stem, red roses, with leaves of green and tiny white flowers all tied together with a big silver bow. Bobby's heart sank as the owner picked them up and placed them gently into a long white box.

"That will be ten cents young man." the shop owner said reaching out his hand for the dime.

Slowly, Bobby moved his hand to give the man his dime. Could this be true? No one else would give him a thing for his dime!

Sensing the boy's reluctance, the shop owner added, "I just happened to have some roses on sale for ten cents a dozen. Would you like them?"

This time Bobby did not hesitate, and when the man placed the long box into his hands, he knew it was true.

Walking out the door that the owner was holding for Bobby, he heard the shop keeper say, "Merry Christmas, son."

As he returned inside, the shop keeper's wife walked out. "Who were you talking to back there and where are the roses you were fixing?"

Staring out the window, and blinking the tears from his own eyes, he replied, "A strange thing happened to me this morning. While I was setting up things to open the shop, I thought I heard a voice telling me to set aside a dozen of my best roses for a special gift. I wasn't sure at the time whether I had lost my mind or what, but I set them aside anyway.

Then just a few minutes ago, a little boy came into the shop and wanted to buy a flower for his mother with one small dime. "When I looked at him, I saw myself, many years ago. I too, was a poor boy with nothing to buy my mother a Christmas gift. A bearded man, whom I never knew, stopped me on the street and told me that he wanted to give me ten dollars. "When I saw that little boy tonight, I knew who that voice was, and I put together a dozen of my very best roses."

The shop owner and his wife hugged each other tightly, and as they stepped out into the bitter cold air, they somehow didn't feel cold at all.

Christmas has just passed, but may this story instill the spirit of Christmas in you during the next year.

Yours in Scouting,  
Charles Goodwin, Scoutmaster

**TOBOGGAN CAMPOUT**  
**January 4-6**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_

I am going \_\_\_\_\_ Parent can drive \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$26.00, \$56.00 for families, and no charge for drivers  
Please sign up by January 2.

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**WINTER BUSHWHACK**  
**January 13**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_

I am going \_\_\_\_\_ Parent can drive \_\_\_\_\_

No charge except for those who ordered a patch.  
Please sign up by January 2.

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**LOCK IN**  
**February 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_

I am going \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$10.00  
Please sign up by January 29

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**BACKPACKING CAMPOUT**  
**March 7-9**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_

I am going \_\_\_\_\_ Parent can drive \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$20.00  
Please sign up by February 19.

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**SUMMER CAMP**  
**June 22-28**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_

Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Christ United Methodist Church

### Kettering, OH

### January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 PM CUMC		<b>Toboggan Campout</b> Meet at the church at 6:00 PM Class "A's" Eat before you come. Bring warm clothes, soap, shampoo, and a towel	<b>Toboggan Campout</b>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Toboggan Campout</b>		PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. SEssion 4.2 Wolverines Vikings	Alex Ward B'day	District Roundtable 7:00 PM CUMC		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Winter Bushwhack</b> Meet at the church at 10:00 AM Bring water and a sac lunch		PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 4.3 Dragons Panthers	<b>PLC Meeting 7:00 CUMC</b> All PL's, APL's, and Leadership Corps should attend. Drew Bell B'day	Dalton Bennett B'day		<b>Cub Klondike</b> Meet at Indian Riffle Park by 8:00 AM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 5.1 Psychotic Platypuses Raccoons	<b>Scoutmaster Conferences</b> by appointment Austin Hunt B'day			<b>Scout Sabbath</b> Meet at the church at 9:30 in full Class "A's" Adult Recognition Dinner
27	28	29	30	31		
<b>Wright Brothers' District Ski Day Perfect North</b> Meet at the church at 7:00 AM Dress warmly Brice Douglas B'day		PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 <b>O.A.</b> <b>Elections Annual Rollcall and Inspection</b> Boards of Review Screaming Eagles Scorpions				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					<b>Lock In CUMC 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Merit Badge College</b> University of Dayton Alex Maschino B'day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Sessikon 5.2 Vikings Wolverines	<b>Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 CUMC</b>	Jeff Dunn B'day		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Scout Sunday CUMC Meet at the church by 11:00 AM Full Class "A's"</b>		<b>Carry In Dinner 6:00 Court of Honor 7:00</b> Leadership Corps Danny Watson B'day	<b>Scoutmaster Conferences</b> by appointment	Wright Brothers' District Roundtable 7:00 PM St. Albert's Cath Church Sean Cassidy B'day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M. B. Eesdion 5.3 Panthers Dragons	<b>PLC Meeting 7:00 CUMC</b> All PL's, APL's and Leadership Corps should attend Brendan Embry B 'day			<b>Philmont Shakedown Germantown Reserve</b> Meet at church at 8:00 AM
24	25	26	27	28	29	
		PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 Boards of Review Raccoons Psychotic Platypuses	Ben Meador B'day			