



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

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Troop 236 has had a record year with new WEBELOS crossing over into Troop 236. Troop 236 would like to welcome the following new members: Nick Gadd, Samuel Hale, Zach Harris, Adam Koenig, Daniel Mulligan, Daniel VanDeHoef, Mark Richardson, Kyle Loftis, Cameron Mackintosh, Sam Meier, Zach John, Greg Smith, Andrew Hensley, Jack Huang, Jesse Chapman, Robert Hoonan, Jack D'Agosgino, Cassidy Wallis, Jesse Levesconte, Austin Hunt, Steven Madden, and Ben Conley. 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.

## **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 are free. Mr. Feuer is in charge of this campout.

## **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 pass out the bags on March 9 right after the Backpacking Campout. 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 15. 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.

## **GOURMET COOKING CAMPOUT**

The Gourmet Cooking Campout will be held on April 26-27 at Possum Run Park. Patrols should plan their best menus. You will be evaluated by the adults and the leadership corps on Best Tasting, Best Preparation, Most Difficult Preparation, Best Teamwork, Best Atmosphere, Best Service, Best Presentation, Most Original Menu, and Most Unusual Ingredients. There will be first, second, and third place awards in each category. This is always a fun campout. Sign up by March 27. Cost is \$20.00. There will be Big Brother Activities Saturday morning with special treats for the new scouts and their Big Brothers. Mrs. Nagel is in charge.

## **WRIGHT BROTHERS DISTRICT CAMPOREE**

The Wright Brothers District Camporee will be held on May 9-11 at Woodland Trails. We will tour This year, there will be a pirate theme. Brendan Greaney and Grant Sewell are in charge of this event. We will cook by troop. We will get a cost for this camp out as soon as we have a price for the camporee and for the kayaking. Scott Welch, Matt Schoeppner, and James Barnett are in charge. Cost is \$27.00 if you sign up by March 25 and \$29.00 after that. This will include a special camporee tee-shirt. Sign up by March 25.

## **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 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 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>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>
\$198.00 Total	\$ 205.00 Total

## **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.

## **BEAVER DAY**

Beaver Day is Saturday, May 3 at Woodland Trails. This is a day when we join with the members of the Order of the Arrow in working to improve our council camp, Woodland Trails. Meet at the church at 8:00 AM. We will camp that night. The O.A. will furnish lunch. Cost will be \$5.00 for dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. This will give us an opportunity to work to improve **our camp**. This event will count as an event for Second Class and First Class and as service hours.

## **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 17. 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 9.**

## **COURT OF HONOR**

Our next Court of Honor will be at 7:00 PM on May 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. There is not a dinner for this Court of Honor.** There is not a dinner with this Court of Honor,.

## 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 July 6** and two crews for **SCUBA Adventure on July 8**. 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.)**

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

## 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.troop236.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 CAMPER SHIP 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 a 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

### It Don't Cost Nuthin' to be Nice

At a TouchDown Club meeting many years before his death, Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant told the following story:

I had just been named the new head coach at Alabama and was off in my old car down in South Alabama recruiting a prospect who was supposed to have been a pretty good player and I was having trouble finding the place. Getting hungry I spied an old cinder block building with a small sign out front that simply said "Restaurant."

I pull up, go in and every head in the place turns to stare at me. Seems I'm the only white fella in the place. But the food smelled good so I skip a table and go up to a cement bar and sit. A big ole man in a tee shirt and cap comes over and says,

"What do you need?" I told him I needed lunch and what did they have today? He says,

"You probably won't like it here, today we're having chitlins, collared greens and black eyed peas with cornbread. I'll bet you don't even know what chitlins [small intestines of hogs prepared as food in the deep South] are, do you?" I looked him square in the eye and said,

"I'm from Arkansas, I've probably eaten a mile of them. Sounds like I'm in the right place." They all smiled as he left to serve me up a big plate. When he comes back he says, "You ain't from around here then?"

I explain I'm the new football coach up in Tuscaloosa at the University and I'm here to find whatever that boy's name was and he says, yeah I've heard of him, he's supposed to be pretty good. And he gives me directions to the school so I can meet him and his coach. As I'm paying up to leave, I remember my manners and leave a tip, not too big to be flashy, but a good one and he told me lunch was on him, but I told him for a lunch that good, I felt I should pay. The big man asked me if I had a photograph or something he could hang up to show I'd been there. I was so new that I didn't have any yet. It really wasn't that big a thing back then to be asked for, but I took a napkin and wrote his name and address on it and told him I'd get him one. I met the kid I was looking' for later that afternoon and I don't remember his name, but do remember I didn't think much of him when I met him. I had wasted a day, or so I thought. When I got back to Tuscaloosa late that night, I took that napkin from my shirt pocket and put it under my keys so I wouldn't forget it. Back then I was excited that anybody would want a picture of me. The next day we found a picture and I wrote on it, "Thanks for the best lunch I've ever had."

Now let's go a whole buncha years down the road. Now we have black players at Alabama and I'm back down in that part of the country scouting an offensive lineman we sure needed. Y'all remember, (and I forget the name, but it's not important to the story), well anyway, he's got two friends going to Auburn and he tells me he's got his heart set on Auburn too, so I leave empty handed and go on see some others while I'm down there.

Two days later, I'm in my office in Tuscaloosa and the phone rings and it's this kid who just turned me down, and he says, "Coach, do you still want me at Alabama?" And I said, "Yes I sure do." And he says OK, he'll come. And I say, "Well son, what changed your mind?" And he said, "When my grandpa found out that I had a chance to play for you and said no, he pitched a fit and told me I wasn't going nowhere but Alabama, and wasn't playing for nobody but you. He thinks a lot of you and has ever since y'all met." Well, I

didn't know his granddad from Adam's house cat so I asked him who his granddaddy was and he said,  
"You probably don't remember him, but you ate in his restaurant your first year at Alabama and you sent him a picture that he's had hung in that place ever since. That picture's his pride and joy and he still tells everybody about the day that Bear Bryant came in and had chitlins with him."

"My grandpa said that when you left there, he never expected you to remember him or to send him that picture, but you kept your word to him and to Grandpa, that's everything. He said you could teach me more than football and I had to play for a man like you, so I guess I'm going to."

I was floored. But I learned that the lessons my mama taught me were always right. It don't cost nuthin' to be nice. It don't cost nuthin' to do the right thing most of the time, and it costs a lot to lose your good name by breaking' your word to someone.

When I went back to sign that boy, I looked up his Grandpa and he's still running that place, but it looks a lot better now; and he didn't have chitlins that day, but he had some ribs that woulda made Dreamland proud and I made sure I posed for a lot of pictures; and don't think I didn't leave some new ones for him, too, along with a signed football.

I made it clear to all my assistants to keep this story and these lessons in mind when they're out on the road. If you remember anything else from me, remember this. It really doesn't cost anything to be nice, and the rewards can be unimaginable.

~ Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant ~

Editor's Note: Coach Bryant was in the presence of these few gentlemen for only minutes, and he defined himself for life. Regardless of our profession, we do define ourselves by how we treat others, and how we behave in the presence of others, and most of the time, we have only minutes or seconds to leave a lasting impression. We can be rude, crude, arrogant, cantankerous, or we can be nice. Nice is always a better choice. I like what Stephen Grellet, French/American religious leader (1773-1855) said, "I expect to pass through the world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Yours in Scouting,

Charles Goodwin, Scoutmaster

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

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

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

Cost \$20.00. Drivers will receive some gas money. For Philmont participants, this is included in the Philmont price.

Please sign up by March 4.

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**GOURMET CAMPOUT**  
**April 26-27**

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

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

Cost \$20.00

Please sign up by April 15.

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**BEAVER DAY**  
**May 3**

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

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

Cost \$5.00

Please sign up by April 15.

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**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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**WRIGHT BROTHERS DISTRICT CAMPOREE**  
**May 9-11**

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

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

Cost \$27.00 if paid by March 25 and \$29.00 if paid after March 25.

Please sign up by March 25

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### March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Merit Badge College
<b>2</b>	3 <b>Troop Swim</b> 6:30-8:00 PM Washington Township Rec Center	4 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 6.1 Screaming Eagles Scorpions Steven Madden B'day	5 Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 CUMC	6 James Barnett B'day Mr. Schoeppner B'day	7 <b>Backpacking Campout</b> Meet at the church at 6:00 PM Class "A's" Eat before you come.	<b>8</b> <b>Backpacking Campout</b>
<b>9</b>	10	11 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 6.2 Penguins Psychotic Playtypuses Samuel Hale B'day	12 <b>Scoutmaster Conferences</b> by appointment	13 <b>Wright Brothers' District Recognition Dinner</b>	14 <b>O.A. Spring Fellowship</b>	<b>15</b> <b>O.A. Spring Fellowship Scouting for Food Bag Pick Up Cody Winning B'day</b>
<b>16</b>	17 Kris Poulsen B'day	18 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 6.3 Dragons Panthers <b>Gathering of Eagles</b>	19 <b>PLC Meeting</b> 7:00 PM CUMC	20	21	<b>22</b> Michael Cavanaugh B'day
<b>23</b>	24	25 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 Boards of Review Special Program Psychotic Playtypuses Raccoons Nick Kern B'day	26	27	28 <b>Philmont Shakedown</b> Meet at the church at 6:00 PM Class "A's" Eat before you come. <b>O.A. Ordeal</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Philmont Shakedown O.A. Ordeal Craftsman Day Woodland Trails</b> Bruce Baughman B'day Chris Sneider B'day
<b>30</b>	31					
<b>Philmont Shakedown O.A. Ordeal</b>						

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April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 No Meeting Spring Break	2 Merit Badge Day at Doc's Troop Commitee Meeting 7:00 CUMC Josh Dalzell B'day	3	4 Alan Ehret B 'day	5 Merit Badge College Daniel Stocklein B'day
6 Harrison Webb B'day	7 Alex Spencer B'day	8 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 7.1 Scorpions Screaming Eagles Drew McPherson B'day	9	10 Wright Brothers District Roundtable St. Alberts Cath Church 7:00 Cameron Mackintosh B'day	11 Cub Adventure Weekend	12 Cub Adventure Weekend
13 Cub Adventure Weekend	14	15 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 7.2 Vikings Wolverines	16 PLC Meeting 7:00 CUMC	17 Dan Janek B'day	18 Chris John B'day	19 Todd Belshe B'day Troy Belshe B'day
20	21 Spencer Boden B'day Connor Loftus B'day David Wilson B'day	22 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 7.3 Panthers Dragons Michael Hall B'day	23 Scoutmater Conferences by appointment Ian Wright B'day Dylan Zoll B'day	24	25 Lee Shibley B'day	26 Gourmet Cooking Campout Meet at the church at 8:30 AM Class "A's"
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