



**Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 236
Christ United Methodist Church
Kettering, Ohio
November-December, 2008
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Troop 236 would like to welcome the following new members: Charlie Mann, Daniel Chavez, and Bob West. Daniel transferred from a troop in Bitburg, Germany and Charlie from a local troop. 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. Thanks to Tyler Horn for bringing in Bob.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CAMPOUT

Our Wilderness Survival Campout will be held at Woodland Trails on November 7-9. We are doing this campout in November again rather than in December as in previous years to avoid the hunting season on the land adjacent to the Pine Forest. 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. The cost is \$23.00. Adults will pay \$5.00 to cover the cost of a special dinner for the adults and Leadership Corps. Meet at the church at 6:00 PM in Class "A" uniform. Be sure to eat before you go. Mr. Conner and Doc are in charge.

BACKPACKING CAMPOUT

On December 5-7 we will backpack the new trail at Twin Creek-Germantown Metropark. There will be a trek for new scouts as well as for older scouts. New Scouts will be able to do the shorter trek with a day pack. There will be information on backpacking at a troop meeting to help you prepare. This is really a terrific campout to sharpen your scout skills. We will eat backpacking kinds of food. Cost is \$20.00. Mr. Brooks and Mr. Schoepner are in charge.

TOBOGGAN CAMPOUT

On January 9-11, 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.

COURT OF HONOR

Our next Court of Honor will be at 7:00 PM on November 11. **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. There is no dinner with this Court of Honor**

WINTER BUSHWHACK

The Winter Bushwhack is a 10-mile hike on January 18. You can go without a patch. We do have a very limited number of extra patches you can purchase at the event. You may get a group and do it on an alternate date.

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 November 5. 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.

TROOP SWIM

We will have a troop swim at the Washington Township Rec. Center on State Route 725 at McEwen Road on Monday, November 24 from 6:30 until 8:00 PM. For those who need it, Doc will be available to work on swimming requirements.

LEAF RAKE

We will have our annual leaf rake on Saturday November 1. This is our annual "Good Turn" to Christ United Methodist Church which furnishes us with such outstanding meeting facilities. Come at 9:00 AM. Bring rakes and leaf blowers. We will have refreshments.

POINTNER LODGE

As many of you know, Pointner Lodge was closed this summer due to needed repairs. Troop 236 has been very instrumental in removing all of the dry wall and paneling along with some of the damaged studs to prepare the building for renovation. Troop 236 has put in a total of 307 work hours for our camp.



Michael Crow, John Reid, Jake Walk, Matt Schoeppner, Scott Bennett, and Conner Richards. Doc and James Barnett are not pictured.



Doc, Bill Byers, Charles Giese, Michael Crow, Scott Lewis, Alex Hart, Brice Douglas, Scott Bennett, Alex Hart
Front Row: Samuel Hale and Tyler Bennett, Not Pictured Dave Douglas

WREATH SALES

This year we will once again offer our members the opportunity to sell Christmas wreaths. 85% 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 18. The pick up date for the wreaths is November 22. Money is due on December 11. Mr. Welch will coordinate the wreath sales again this year.

POPCORN SALES

This year Troop 236 will once again be working with the Miami Valley Council on popcorn sales. Money earned will go into each scout's scout account. Mr. Mackintosh will coordinate the popcorn sales again this year. Check on the special incentives this year. See the Troop web site at <http://www.troop236> for details. Pick up your popcorn on November 25. Please return your money on December 2.

GEORGE CARSON MEMORIAL CAMPERSHIP FUND

The troop has a limited amount of money in the George Carson Memorial Camper ship Fund to help scouts with campouts. See Doc, Bill Byers, Mark Feuer, Mr. Welch, Mrs. Nagel, or Mr. Ritter 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.

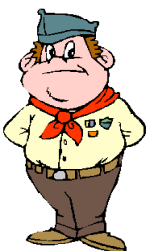
FAMILY DONATION

You should have recently received a letter about the annual family donation. We did not receive a large donation last year, and this has left the troop a little behind in money. The troop has just spent \$2,000 on much needed new tents for our scouts. 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.**

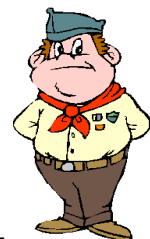
CAMPOUT SIGNUPS

Remember that beginning September 15, 2006 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."**

TENTS



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



SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

Am I A Fireman Yet??

In Phoenix , Arizona , a 26-year-old mother stared down at her 6 year old son, who was dying of terminal leukemia. Although her heart was filled with Sadness , she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up & fulfill all his dreams. Now that was no longer possible. The leukemia would see to that. But she still wanted her son's dream to come true.

She took her son's hand and asked, Billy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up? Did you ever dream and wish what you would do with your life?' Mommy, 'I always wanted to be a fireman when I grew up.'

Mom smiled back and said, 'Let's see if we can make your wish come true.' Later that day she went to her local fire Department in Phoenix , Arizona , where she met Fireman Bob, who had a heart as big as Phoenix .. She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her 6 year-old son a ride around the block on a fire engine.

Fireman Bob said, 'Look, we can do better than that. If you'll have your son ready at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll make him an honorary Fireman for the whole day. He can come down to the fire station, eat with us, go out on all the fire calls, the whole nine yards! And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniform For him, with a real fire hat - not a toy -- One-with the emblem of the Phoenix Fire Department on it, a yellow slicker like we wear and rubber boots.' 'They're all manufactured right here in Phoenix , so we can get them fast.'

Three days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck. Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station. He was in heaven. There were three fire calls in Phoenix that day and Billy got to go out on all three calls. He rode in the different fire engines, the Paramedic's van, and even the fire chief's car. He was also videotaped for the local news program. Having his dream come true,

With all the love and attention that was lavished upon him, so deeply touched Billy, that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible.

One night all of his vital signs began to drop dramatically and the head nurse, who believed in the hospice concept - that no one should die alone, began to call the family members to the hospital. Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a Fireman, so she called the Fire Chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition. The chief replied, 'We can do better than that. We'll be there in five minutes. Will you please do me a favor? When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system that there is not a fire?' 'It's the department coming to see one of its finest members one more time. And will you open the window to his room?' About five minutes later a hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital and extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open

window----- 16 firefighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room. With his mother's Permission, they hugged him and held him and told him how much they LOVED him.

With his dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, 'Chief, am I really a fireman now?' Billy, you are, and the Head Chief, Jesus, is holding your hand,' the chief said With those words, Billy smiled and said, 'I know, He's been holding my hand all day, and The angels have been singing.' He closed his eyes one last time.

What a special thing for this dying young man! How often do we look out to see what we can do for others? Do we do our best job as a Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader to work with those younger scouts who have elected us to lead them? Are we doing the best job we can do in every thing we do? Think about where you stand.

Yours in Scouting,

Charles Goodwin, Scoutmaster

BIG BROTHER CAMPOUT

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CAMPOUT

November 7-9, 2008

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost \$23.00
Adults \$5.00 for special dinner

Please sign up by October 30.

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December 5-7, 2008

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Cost \$20.00 .

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January 9-11, 2009

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I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Leaf Rake CUMC 9:00 AM
2	3 Mike Engel B'day	4 Troop Meeting 7:30 PLC 7:15 M.B., Session 3.1 Scorpions Screaming Eagles	5 Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 CUMC	6	7 Wilderness Survival Campout Meet at the church at 6:00 PM Dress Warmly Class A's" Eat before you come Jake Walk B'day	8 Wilderness Survival Campout Chad Hudgins B'day
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16	17	18 Troop Meeting 7:30 PLC Meeting 7:15 M.B. Session 3.2 Vikings Wolverines Elijah Savage B'day	19 Scoutmaster Conferences by appointment	20	21	22
23 Matt Minns B'day	24 Troop Swim 6:30 PM Washington Township Rec Center	25 Troop Meeting 7:30 PLC Meeting 7:15 Boards of Review Panthers Dragons	26 Kalon Stagner B'day	27 Cassidy Wallis B'day	28	29
30 Adam Koenig B'day						

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