



Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 236
Christ United Methodist Church
Kettering, Ohio
January-February 2009
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Troop 236 would like to welcome the following new members: Mitchell Hill and Justin Barbour. Mitchell was brought in by Ben Conley and Justin by Josh Wright. 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 Troop 236.

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 Schoeppner and Mark Richardson are in charge of the campout. Meet at the church at 6:00 PM in Class "A" uniform. Be sure to eat before you come.

WINTER BUSHWHACK

The Winter Bushwhack is a 10-mile hike on January 18. You can still go if you did not purchase 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. Mr. Kern is in charge.

WRIGHT BROTHERS DISTRICT SKI TRIP

On January 25, Troop 236 will join the Wright Brothers District for a day of skiing at Perfect North. Meet at the church at 7:00 AM and return at 6:30 PM.

Options & Pricing	Early Bird Special due by January 6th	From January 7th thru 20th	Day of Event
Ski/Snowboard lift with rental equipment	\$38	\$40	\$42
Ski/Snowboard lift only (you have your own equipment)	\$26	\$28	\$30
Ski/Snowboard with rental for kids under 7	\$13	\$15	\$17
Ski/Snowboard lift only for kids under 7	\$1	\$3	\$5
Snow Tubing for entire day!	\$26	\$28	\$30
Combo Ski Lift/Tubing with rental equipment	\$43	\$45	\$47
Combo Ski Lift/Tubing (you have your own equipment)	\$31	\$33	\$35

Questions? Call Debra Edwards at 298-9852 or debraedwards2004@sbcglobal.net

CUB KLONDIKE

The Cub Klondike will be on January 17. 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 hours. You may also just meet us at Indian Riffle Park.

LOCK IN AT CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

On January 30-31 from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM we will have a lock in at Christ United Methodist Church. There will be basketball, volleyball, billiards, table tennis, movies, card 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, and DVD's. We will have pizza for the cracker barrel and doughnuts in the morning. This has become a very popular event for Troop 236. Cost is \$10.00 for scouts and guests. This is a good opportunity to invite your friends and introduce them to the fun in Troop 236. 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. Bring a sleeping bag if you wish. There will be quiet rooms for anyone who wishes to sleep.

CAVING CAMPOUT

On March 13-15, we will have a backpacking campout. We will return to Carter Caves in Kentucky. This will be a wild cave tour for those who wish to crawl, climb, and slither through narrow passages with only the light of a flashlight. Definitely bring old clothes for this one. Mr. Sewell has been able to get us into an armory for this campout, so we should have plenty of room. As usual, we will wear our Class "A" uniforms while traveling. We will cook by patrol with a Dutch oven meal by each patrol for a pot luck buffet. Cost is \$22.00. Drivers are free. Adults who don't drive are \$10.00 for the cost of the cave trip. Mr. Sewell is in charge of this campout.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp this year will be on June 21-27. Cost is \$203.00. Cost for new scouts is \$210 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 \$50.00 deposit by March 15 with full payment by June 1. There is a late fee except for new scouts. 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 1. 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 for new parentson May 12 following the Court of Honor.

Payment Schedule

Date	Returning Campers	First Year Campers (Kit Cricket)
January 27th	\$36.00	\$43.00
February 24th	\$36.00	\$36.00
March 24th	\$36.00	\$36.00
April 21st	\$35.00	\$35.00
May 19th	\$30.00	\$30.00
June 9th	\$30.00	\$30.00
Total	\$203.00	\$210.00

ANNUAL ROLL CALL AND INSPECTION ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTION

On January 27 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 Scott 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.

COURT OF HONOR

Our next Court of Honor will be at 7:00 PM on February 10. **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 should bring a 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 22. 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 this one Sunday

SCOUT SABBATH

On Saturday, February 14, Troop 236 will join Mr. Feuer at the Scout Shabbat. We will meet at the church at 9:30 AM in full class "A" uniform and travel to the services at Beth Abraham. 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. This year, with the economic problems, this is especially important. We will pass out the bags on March 15 after returning from the Caving Campout. Anyone not attending the campout should meet at the church at about 1:00 PM. 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 21 to pick up the bags. 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 2 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.

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Merit Badge College is a great opportunity to pick up some extra merit badges. This will be held again at the University of Dayton on February 7, March 7, and March 28. Meet at the church at 8:00 AM. We will need some drivers. Cost is \$10.00. Brendan Greaney is in charge.

VENTURING CREW 236 RECRUITMENT MEETING

The Troop 236 Venturing Crew is having a recruitment meeting on Sunday, January 18 at 7:00 PM at Christ United Methodist Church. Venturing is a Boy Scout program for boys and girls who are at least 14 and have completed or will soon complete the 8th grade. The program continues for venturers through 20 years of age. The Troop 236 Venturing Crew focuses on high adventure and participates on many of the Troop 236 campouts. This is a great opportunity for our sisters and girlfriends or for older boys. Mrs. Nagel is our new Venturing Crew Advisor.

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 January 7. 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. We believe all parents will truly experience the pleasure of working with our scouts.

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, 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 the 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 may be 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 have not, please provide us with an e-mail address. If you change your e-mail address, please send me "Doc" an e-mail and let him know. Doc's e-mail address is doc236@woh.rr.com. Let us know if your son's e-mail address does not accept attachments. If possible, please set it to accept attachments from Troop 236.

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.**

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE I Wish I Was That Brother

Upon graduation from college, a few years back, a young man received a gift from his older brother. It was a shiny brand new Packard. The car of his dreams! One morning as he approached the car he saw a young lad of 12 peering through the windows into the car! Obviously enthralled with the car, the lad didn't hear the young man approach. "Is this your car?" the lad asked when he noticed the man. "Yes it is!" the man responded! "Wow! This is a nice car!" remarked the lad, "How much did it cost?" "I don't know!" answered the man. "It's your car, but you don't know how much it cost?" exclaimed the young lad. "No," stated the man, "you see, my brother bought it for me!" "I wish...I wish...I wish" stuttered the lad. The man thinking he's going to say, I wish I had a car like this. "I wish I was like that brother!" finished the boy!

Amazed at the lads response, he offered to drive him around the block! As they were driving, the lad requested if he would drive him home. Thinking he wanted to show off that he was riding in a new car to his friends, the man agreed! They drove more than a few blocks to where the boy lived, and as he turned onto the street, the man noticed that it wasn't the best kept neighborhood! The houses were dirty and broken. He pulled up in front of the boy's house. "Please wait," the boy yelled as he ran into the house! "Oh, he's probably going to get his family to show off the new car", the man thought to himself.

The front door opened and, out came the young lad. In his arms he carried a small boy, crippled from birth! The lad brought him out to the car, and stated as he hugged his younger brother, "See, just like I told you! It's a brand new car! And someday, I'm going to buy you one just like it!"

How unselfish this boy was....to be the kind of brother that looked after others first!

What kind of Scout are you...Are you like the older brother!

Yours in Scouting,

Charles Goodwin, Scoutmaster

TOBOGGAN CAMPOUT
January 9-11, 2009

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost \$26.00 Family \$58.00 No charge for drivers.

Please sign up by January 6th (late sign up due to bad weather for December 16th meeting.)

WRIGHT BROTHERS' DISTRICT SKI DAY
January 25, 2009

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost variable. See schedule in Newsletter.

Please sign up by January 6th for the cheapest rate.

LOCK IN
January 30-31, 2009

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____

Cost \$10.00

Please sign up by January 20.

CAVING CAMPOUT
March 13-15, 2009

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parent can drive _____

Cost \$22.00 \$10.00 for adults who don't drive.

Please sign up by February 24.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 4.2 Wolverines Vikings	7 Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 PM CUMC	8 Wright Brothers District Roundtable 7:00 St. Albert's Cath Church	9 Toboggan Campout Meet at the church at 6:00 PM Class "A's" Eat before you come Alex Ward B'day	10 Toboggan Campout
11 Toboggan Campout	12 Zach Harris B'day	13 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 4.3 Dragons Panthers	14	15	16 Drew Bell B'day	17 Cub Clondike Dalton Benett B'day
18 Winter Bushwhack Venturing Recruitment Meeting 7:00 PM CUMC	19	20 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M. B. Session 5.1 Psychotic Platypuses Raccoons	21 PLC Meeting All PL's APL's and Leadership Corps should attend 7:00 Venturing Roundtable	22	23	24 MVC Adult Recognition Dinner
25 Wright Brothers' District Ski Day Meet at the church at 7:00 AM Wear Ski Clothes No Uniforms Justin Barbour B'day	26 Scoutmaster Conferences by appointment	27 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 O.A. Election Roll Call and Inspection Screaming Eagles Wolverines Brice Douglas B'day	28	29	30 Lock In 7:00 PM	31 Lock In Pick up at 7:00 AM

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1 Daniel VanDeHoef B'day	2 Alex Maschino B'day	3 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 5.2 Vikings Wolverines	4 Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 PM CUMC	5	6	7 M.B. College Jeff Dunn B'day
8	9	10 Court of Honor Dinner 6:00 Court of Honor 7:00 Leadership Corps	11 Scoutmaster Conferences by appointment	12 Wright Brothers' District Roundtable 7:00 PM St. Albert's Cath Church	13	14 Scout Sabbath Meet at the church at 9:00 AM Class "A"s" Sean Cassidy B'day
15	16	17 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 M.B. Session 5.3 Panthers Dragons	18 PLC Meeting All PL's, APL's and Leadership Corps should attend 7:00 CUMC	19	20 Brendan Embry B'day	21
22 Scout Sunday Meet at the church at 10:45 AM Class "A's"	23	24 PLC Meeting 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 Boards of Review Raccoons Psychotic Platypuses	25	26	27	28