



Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 236
Christ United Methodist Church
Kettering, Ohio
July-August, 2009

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Date	Event	Location	Patrol
7/7	Kickball	Wenzler Park	Dragons
7/14	Capture the Flag	Watts Middle School	Scorpions
7/21	Dinner 6:00 PM Court of Honor 7:00 PM	CUMC	Leadership
7/28	Miniature Golf \$3.50 one course \$5.00 both courses	Indian Trails	Vikings
8/4	Flag Football	Beavertown Elementary School	Wolverines
8/11	Laser Quest \$7.00 one mission \$14.00 two missions	Laser Quest	Psychotic Platypuses
8/18	Elect SPL & Select Campouts	CUMC	Leadership

All of these activities begin at 7:00 PM and end at 8:30 PM.
Meet at the site listed.

CAMPOUT SIGN UPS DURING THE SUMMER

Since we don't have regular meetings during the summer with Mr. Ritter there with the lap top, you may sign up by sending a note with a check made out to Troop 236 and drop it off at the house or send it to:

Joe Ritter
4316 Ireland St.
Kettering, OH 45440

ELECTION OF SPL AND CAMPOUT SELECTION FOR 2009-2010

It is important that we have a good attendance at the meeting on August 18th we we elect the SPL and select the campouts for 2009-2010. Meet at the church at 7:00.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Troop 236 has been asked to do a flag retirement ceremony in Kettering on the Fourth of July at the Krispy Kreme from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. This is a very impressive ceremony. We would like to have as many troop members as possible there for this event. Mr. Ray will furnish hot dogs, pop, and doughnuts to all who participate. Mr. Ritter is in charge of this event.

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 31-August 2. Mr. Reichers and Mr. Janek are in charge. The cost is \$25.00. This year we will return to Seneca Lake. Those who are taking the water skiing merit badge will stay over Sunday afternoon to complete the requirements. The number for this merit badge is limited, and you must do the pre-skiing work with Mr. Janek at the meetings. We hope to have several boats this year, so this should be a great event. Mr. Reichers 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."

TROOP 236 LEADERSHIP AND SCOUT SKILLS CAMP

This year will mark the 23rd anniversary of the Troop 236 Leadership and Scout Skills Campout. This campout will be held on August 13-17, 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 12 leadership skills and really sharpen your Scout skills in first aid, 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. Tyler Maschino 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. Participants should meet at the church at 6:00 PM in Class "A" uniforms. All staff are asked to report to Woodland Trails by noon on Thursday to review scout skills and to cover the expectations of the staff. Tyler is an outstanding leader, and I'm sure this year's training camp will be outstanding.

KINGS ISLAND

We will be going to Kings Island on Saturday, September 5. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM. The price is \$36.00. **No uniforms for this event.**

COURT OF HONOR

Our next Court of Honor will be at 7:00 PM on July 21. There will be a dinner at 6:00 PM. The Troop will supply 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.

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.

VENTURING CREW 236 IS UP AND RUNNING

The Venturing Crew 236 is now up and running. Their first event was an overnight climb at Urban Crag. This is a great opportunity for our sisters and girlfriends or for older boys. Brice Douglas is the President. Mrs. Nagel is our new Venturing Crew Advisor. **If you know of boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 20 who might be interested, please invite them to visit.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCOUTS

Congratulations to Josh Dalzell who was elected into the National Honor Society at Fairmont High School. A special congratulations to Nick Kern who has received an appointment to West Point.

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 September 2. 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 CAMPERSHIP 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, Mr. Schoeppner, 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 Award 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 an e-mail and let me 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 tries to keep our equipment updated. 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

I have published a book about my first 15 years as Scoutmaster. 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 July.

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

Bullying

For Matthew Gilman, school was nothing short of prison. The sixth grader was tormented relentlessly by bullies.

They taunted him about his hair and eyebrows. They taunted him about his talent for art and computer animation. They taunted him in the classroom, on the playground and when he went to the bathroom. They pushed him and knocked his books out of his hands.

Matthew couldn't take it anymore.

The Boy Scout with a high I.Q. who loved to draw, travel and play video games committed suicide in his California home in January 2005. He was 12 years old.

In 2009, two eleven year old boys committed suicide leaving a note that it was because they were constantly being bullied.

The difference between joking and bullying is as vast as night and day. Joking is meant in fun and is done by friends who mean no harm. If the joker is asked to stop, he will -- and he won't do it again.

But bullying is when someone intentionally hurts or humiliates someone through words, pictures or violence. Bullying is one-sided, usually happens again and again, and the bully often has unequal power over the victim: The bully may be bigger, older, more popular or have a group of friends backing him.

When someone is joking with you, you don't feel like a victim.

Research shows that as many as one in four students have been bullied. Bullying impacts both the bully and his victims. Kids who bully are more likely to drop out of school, smoke, drink alcohol, get into fights and end up in the juvenile justice system.

Students who are bullied are more likely to skip school, have lower self esteem, be depressed and lonely, have health problems and think about suicide. Occasionally they fight back with violence as with many of the school shootings.

Are you a bully:

- You tease people relentlessly in a mean way, call them names or make fun of how they look, talk, dress or act.
- You have spread a nasty rumor about someone in conversation, in a note, through e-mail or instant messaging or on a web site.
- You have physically pushed someone around just because you felt like it or you wanted to make them look foolish.
- You've been a part of a group that did any of these things.

So what do you do the next time you're tempted to bully someone? Put yourself in their shoes, think about how it will make them feel and what those behaviors will do to your reputation and just don't do it, as there are always negative consequences. Also talk to an adult you trust about why you are acting this way. He or she may be able to help you change your behavior.

What do you do if you are bullied?

- Tell a trusted adult and keep telling until the adult takes action.
- Tell your school if it is school related. Most schools have a bullying solution in place.
- Protect yourself -- never agree to meet with the bully.
- If you are threatened with harm, inform your parents and the police.

Think about it.

Yours in Scouting,
Charles Goodwin, Scoutmaster

EMANON CAMPOUT
July 31-August 2, 2009

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parents can bring a boat _____

Cost \$25.00.

Please sign up by July 15.

LEADERSHIP CAMP
August 13-17, 2009

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parents can drive _____

Cost \$45.00 for participants and \$40.00 for staff

Please sign up by August 4.

KINGS ISLAND
September 5, 2009

Name _____ Patrol _____

I am going _____ Parents can drive _____

Cost \$36.00.

Please sign up by August 18.

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July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SCUBA Crews depart for Sea Base Andrew Hensley B'day	2 Sea Base	3 Sea Base	4 Sea Base
5 Sea Base	6 Out Island Sea Base Crews return	7 Kickball Wenzler Park Dragons 7:00-8:30 PM Sea Base Kyle Armstrong B'day	8 SCUBA Crews return from Sea Base	9	10 Zach Harmony B'day Grant Sewell B'day Bobby Priest B'day	11
12	13	14 Capture the Flag Watts Middle School Scorpions 7:00 - 8:30 PM	15 Josh Wright B'day	16 Jack D'Agostino B'day Kyle Loftis B'day Jacob Reed B'day	17	18
19 Jason Otis B'day Riley Osgood B'day	20	21 Carry In Dinner 6:00 Court of Honor 7:00	22	23	24	25
26	27 Garret Fogel B'day	28 Miniature Golf Indian Trails Vikngs \$3.50 one course \$5.00 both courses 7:00 - 8:30 Hudson Osmolinski B'day	29 Tyler Horn B'day	30 Conner Richards B'day	31 EMANON CAMPOUT Meet at the church at 6:00 PM Class "A's" Eat Before you Come Tyler Horn B'day	

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August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 EMANON CAMPOUT
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9	10 Steven Harrell B'day	11 Laser Quest Psychotic Platypuses \$7.00 one mission \$14.00 two missions 7:00-9:00 Andrew Stein B'day	12 Adult Leaders' Meeting	13 Leadership Camp Meet at the church at 6:00 PM Staff report to Woodland Trails at noon "Class "A" uniform	14 Leadership Camp Nathan Gottschalk B'day	15 Leadership Camp Scott Lewis B'day
16	17 Leadership Camp Return at around 4:00 PM	18 SPL Election Campout Selection 7:00-8:30 Class "A" Uniform	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 PLC 7:15 Troop Meeting 7:30 Patrol Organization Dragons Panthers Bryan Woelfle B'day	26 Sam Meier B'day	27	28	29
30	31 Sean Kohen B'day					