



TROOP 397 – Newsletter – SEPT. 2009



1. The Troop went on an outing to **Shades State Park** and **Turkey Run State Park** from Friday, August 21st to Sunday, August 23rd. The Scouts who participated were: Zachary Irwin, Ben Behrend, Joseph Glennon, Grant Schwein, Jason Johnson, Drew Kennedy, Joey Kurucz, Bryce Daly, Nathan Konger, Luke Schepers, and Taylor Schepers. The adults who helped with the outing were: Mr. Daly, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Schepers. **Thank-you very much for volunteering !**

Friday night the boys and adults went to a Naturalist session called the “Owl Prowl” and took a quiet walk into the forest where they learned owl calls, called owls, and even got some replies. Saturday there was a breakfast of pancakes and eggs then everyone took a trip to Turkey Run Canoe Rental, boarded a bus for the trip upstream to put in, then paddled downstream back to the livery in just over an hour and a half. After lunch they took a long hike at Turkey Run (which counted as a five-mile hike for a Second Class Rank requirement) on rugged trails and explored ravines and canyons north of Sugar Creek.

Ben Behrend, Jason Johnson, Nathan Konger, and Luke Schepers hiked with a backpack to complete the hiking requirement for the Camping Merit badge. **Good job !**

Everyone had a dinner of hot dogs roasted on an open fire, chips, and watermelon followed by a “There Ain’t No Flies on Us” exchange with Troop 777 of Fishers. After dinner, Troop 210 of Greenwood joined our Troop for campfire songs and skits. Sunday morning they returned home after a breakfast of donuts and juice.

Everyone agreed that this trip was a lot of fun.

2. Troop Elections will be held this Thursday, September 3rd. If Scouts want to run for a leadership position such as PL, SPL, Historian, Librarian, and Scribe, they need to go to the Troop web site at www.Troop397.com and click on the “Handbook” link which has information about the election process. There is also an application available.

3. The Court of Honor is Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Noll Hall. Scouts need to wear full uniform with sash. Families are encouraged to attend. There will be several awards and badges given out.

4. **Dates and Events to Remember:**

(You will be informed if there are any changes to the following.)

- **THURSDAY, SEPT. 3RD – Troop Meeting (Citizenship, Campout Prep, Elections, Holiday World headcount due) – Youth Room – 7:00 p.m.**
- **THURSDAY, SEPT. 10TH – Court of Honor – Noll Hall – 7:00 p.m.**
- **FRIDAY, SEPT. 11TH – SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH – Sept. Campout**
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16TH – District Board of Review – Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville – 7:00 p.m.**
- **THURSDAY, SEPT. 17TH – Troop Meeting (Mr. Mathieson from Troop 303 will talk about Eagle Projects) – Youth Room – 7:00 p.m.**
- **SUNDAY, SEPT. 20TH – Country Fair Cleanup (bring work gloves and rake) – 9:30 a.m.**
- **THURSDAY, SEPT. 24TH – PLC Meeting – Youth Room – 7:00 p.m.**
- **TUESDAY, SEPT. 29TH – Troop Committee Meeting - St. Malachy Conference Room – 7:00 p.m.**
- **THURSDAY, OCT. 1ST – Troop Meeting – Noll Hall – 7:00 p.m.**