TROOP 1 ITEMS OF INTEREST

 DECEMBER 2018 – AUGUST 2019

1. The December campout is the **Troop Shoot** at Camp Crooked Creek on December 14th – 16th. Final roster and fees due December 11th.
	1. Cost:
2. Youth - $15.00
3. SPL/ASPL - $17.00
4. Adults - $12.00
5. The **Troop Christmas Party** is scheduled for December 18th. Please see the flyer in your pony express folder.
6. The **December Patrol Leader’s Council** meeting is December 18th at 6:30 p.m.
7. No Scouts on December 25th and January 1st. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
8. Merit Badge Challenge 2019 – if you have not registered yet and still want to, there **might** still be open slots. Please go to [www.danbeard.org](http://www.danbeard.org) if you are interested. The registration deadline is January 1, 2019. The dates for the Challenge are March 9th and March 23rd.
9. The Troop is participating in the **Soles4Souls** shoe collection initiative sponsored by our Council. All Scout families and friends are asked to collect shoes for needy families during December and January. The shoes will be collected and delivered to the drop-off location on Scout Sunday, February 3rd.
10. January 1st – Start scheduling annual physicals (parts A, B & C) (youth and adults) – **please do not wait**!
11. OA Members – The OA Winter Banquet is Sunday, January 20, 2019 – you can register online at [www.danbeard.org](http://www.danbeard.org)
12. Troop Committee / Parent’s Meeting – Monday, January 21st at 7:00p.m. at the Coble’s Cabin, weather permitting. If road conditions warrant, the meeting will be at Florence Christian Church.
13. The January campout is the **Toboggan & Bison Ranch campout** near Angola, Indianaon January 25 – 27, 2019.
	1. Final roster and money deadline: January 22nd.
	2. Estimated Costs:
		1. Youth food/trailer: $15.00
		2. SPL/ASPL food/trailer: $12.00
		3. Adult fees:
			1. Food: $10.00
			2. Camping: $4.00
			3. Toboggan – 2 hours $6.50
			4. Bison Ranch $9.00
	3. The Troop will cover youth toboggan, camping, and bison ranch fees.
	4. All participants will need to bring lunch money for the trip home.
14. January Patrol Leader’s Council – Tuesday, January 29th at **6:30pm**.
	1. Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant SPL, Patrol Leaders, Troop Guide, JASM.
15. **Scout Sunday** is Sunday, February 3rd at Florence Christian Church at the 10:30 a.m. service. This is the world-wide recognition of Scouting and the Troop’s way of saying thank you to the church for its support. Please wear your full Class A uniform – this counts as service and as a requirement for Troop advancement.
16. Soles4Souls shoes due no later than Scout Sunday on February 3rd.
17. **Pack 32 Crossover** – February 2019 at Florence United Methodist Church – exact date & time TBD.
18. The Troop Ski Trip at Perfect North Slopes is February 10th.
	1. Details to follow soon from Council.
	2. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR SKIING.**
19. The February Troop campout will be at Fort Knox on February 22 – 24, 2019. We are still finalizing the agenda for the weekend, but will likely have lunch at the Dining Facility, swim at the aquatic center, and bowl at the local alley. The final roster and payment of food/trailer money for this campout is Tuesday, February 19th. The money needed for Saturday lunch and swimming is to be brought by each Scout to the campout. Approximate total cost is $25 per Scout and $35 per adult; a later memo will be sent detailing the costs and money needed.
20. The total cost for Summer Camp this year is **$315.00**, which will cover the camp fees, snacks, laundry, and gas for the trailer.
	1. **Down-payment of $50.00 due February 26, 2019.**
	2. **Completed Medical form – all parts – due April 16, 2019 for all participants.**
	3. **Final Payment of $265.00 due April 23, 2019.**
	4. **The final fee amount for adults is TBD, based on adult participation.**
21. Troop Order of the Arrow elections will be held at the February 19th Troop meeting.
	1. Requirements:
		1. 1st Class Rank
		2. 16 nights of camping, including a summer camp in the last 2 years.
		3. Scoutmaster approval.
22. Troop leadership elections will be held Tuesday, February 26th – the results of the election will go into effect March 1st.
23. February Patrol Leader’s Council meeting – Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30.
24. Merit Badge Challenge 2019 will be held at Highlands High School for the boys that pre-registered. The cost is $15.00 and registration is open until December 15th or as long as spots are available. You must get my approval for your merit badge choices before registering. The dates are:
	1. **Week 1 – March 9th.**
	2. **Week 2 – March 23rd.**
25. The Pack 138 Blue & Gold celebration is March 9th. This will also be the graduation of their Webelo II’s to the Troop. Details to follow.
26. The March campout is the **Cave Campout at Great Saltpetre Cave** near Mt. Vernon, KY on March 15 – 17, 2019.
	1. Estimated costs:
		1. Youth: $15 ($10 for food and $5 for trailer)
		2. Sr. Youth: $17.00 ($12.00 food plus $5 trailer)
		3. Adults: $26 ($12 for food and $14 for campground)
		4. Final roster & fees: March 12th.
27. Troop Committee / Parent’s Meeting – Monday, March 18th at 7:00p.m. at the Coble’s Cabin, weather permitting. If road conditions warrant, the meeting will be at Florence Christian Church.
28. The annual camp card sale is scheduled to begin on March 19th. This is a great fundraiser. Money will be due no later than April 30th. Details to follow.
29. March Patrol Leader’s Council meeting – Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30.
30. Camp Conservation Day at Cub World for those looking for service hours.
31. The annual Friends of Scouting presentation will be on Tuesday, April 16th before our Court of Honor.
32. The Bi-annual Court of Honor is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.
33. **Order of the Arrow members**: the Spring Fling sponsored by the Sheltowee is tentatively scheduled for April 12 – 14, 2019, location TBD.
34. The April campout is tentatively scheduled for April 12th – 14th. We are planning a survival, zip-line, or rappelling campout.
35. 2018 Medical forms for Summer Camp due no later than April 16th.
	1. These are due for **ALL** Scouts and any adults that camp with the Troop, especially Summer Camp.
	2. Fully completed medical forms are **REQUIRED** for all Summer Camp participants.
36. Final Summer Camp payment of $250.00 due no later than April 23rd.
37. April Patrol Leader’s Council meeting – Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30.
38. Spring Flower Planting @Florence Christian Church – Saturday, May 11th – 9am to 1pm. This is very helpful to the church and counts as service work toward advancement.
39. The May campout is the Bike Campout on the Little Miami Bike Trail on May 3 – 5, 2019.
	1. Estimated costs:
		1. Youth: $10 food, $5 trailer.
		2. Sr. Youth: $12 food, $5 trailer.
		3. Adults: $12 food
		4. Campground cost not finalized.
		5. Final Roster: April 30th.
40. Troop Committee / Parent’s Meeting – Monday, May 20th at 7:00p.m. at the Coble’s Cabin.
41. **The Flags for Veteran’s placement** at Florence Cemetery and CVG, in honor of Memorial Day will be on May 25th. This is a great way to honor fallen veterans; in addition, it counts towards service requirements.
42. The Florence Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 27th. The Troop will walk in the parade with Pack 138.
43. May Patrol Leader’s Council meeting – Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30.
44. The June campout is the trip to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village near Dearborn, MI on June 7 – 9, 2019.
	1. Estimated costs are still to be finalized.
	2. Final roster and money deadline TBD.
45. June Patrol Leader’s Council meeting – Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30.
46. **Summer Camp 2019** is scheduled for June 30th to July 6th.
47. No Troop Meeting July 9th.
48. Troop Committee / Parent’s Meeting – Monday, July 22nd at 7:00p.m. at the Coble’s Cabin.
49. July Patrol Leader’s Council meeting – Tuesday, July 30th at 6:30.
50. Planning of Troop activities for 2019/2020 will be during July and August.
51. OA Members (and potential future members) – OA Ordeal weekend will be August 16 – 18, 2019 at Camp Friedlander.
52. The August campout is the **Canoe & Kayak Campout** on August 23 – 25, 2019.
	1. Estimated costs:
		1. Youth: $10 food, $5 trailer, $17 canoe/kayak.
		2. Sr. Youth: $12 food, $5 trailer, $17 canoe/kayak.
		3. Adults: $12 food, $8 campground, $17 canoe/kayak
		4. Final Roster: August 20th.
53. August Patrol Leader’s Council meeting – Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30.
54. Troop leadership elections will be held Tuesday, August 27th – the results of the election will go into effect September 1st.
55. Early Bird Popcorn Sales will begin in early August 2019.
56. Boy Scout Roundtable Meetings – great learning opportunities for adults – second Thursday of each month at Lakeside Latter Day Saints Church.
57. OA Sheltowee Chapter Meetings - second Thursday of each month at Lakeside Latter Day Saints Church.
58. Just a reminder – **all Boards of Review are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday** of each month, so please plan advancement and Scoutmaster Conferences accordingly.
59. **ALL SCOUTS – PLEASE PAY VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO TROOP CALENDARS AND SIGN UP SHEETS.**