

TROOP

183



Family Newsletter

Summer Edition 2009

Event Summaries

Our troop has had a great spring and summer this year.

Troop elections were held on May 11, 2009. Congratulations to all of the scouts, who were elected to, or have accepted, their new leadership positions.

This May's special outing was a campout and hike to commemorate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Both Scouts and adult leaders hiked a 20-mile trail that followed the footsteps of Lincoln when he walked from Salem to Springfield, Illinois, as a young man. Reading a book about Lincoln, writing a report, and participating in the hike qualified the scouts and adults to earn a commemorative award. On the trip home, some members of the troop visited the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Lincoln's grave. Thanks to Mr. Larry Armstrong for arranging this great trip and experience.

The High Adventure for the year was a trip to Bois Blanc Island located in northern Michigan in Lake Huron. Seven scouts and four adult leaders camped at a beautiful site right along the north shore of the island. Events included raft building, mountain biking, canoeing, and fishing on three of the island's interior lakes. Lot's of fish were caught including perch, rock bass, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and northern pike. Thanks to Mr. Al Geisler for arranging this year's high adventure trip.

21 scouts and 8 adult leaders attended this year's Summer Camp at beautiful Ransburg. The troop camped at Deer Haven, which is close to many of the activity centers, dining hall, and trading post. Lot's of merit badges (27 different kinds!) were earned, and a number of scouts earned their Camper and Woodsman awards - on their way to Firecrafter. Congratulations to all and thanks to the adult leaders who helped make this a great week!

2009 Schedule

August 15-16

Ahoy! Get ready to spend a night on a real, World War II submarine. The troop will be going to Muskegon, Michigan to stay on the USS Silversides. To secure your berth on the sub, please see our treasurer, Mr. Bates. The fee is \$29 for the night. Note: this does not include transportation or food.

August 28-29

Join us for our Annual Family Pitch-in Picnic and Court of Honor. A lot of merit badge achievements, rank advancements, and other accomplishments will be recognized. Webelos and parents will be joining us for a campfire, overnight campout, and activities on Saturday morning at "Camp St. Michael's". See you there.

September 12-13

The White River still needs help. This year's cleanup will be followed by a Noblesville troop and pack campout at Teeter Retreat along the banks of the river.

October 9-10

The troop will be helping our district's Webelos at their encampment at Camp K. This is a great way to have fun and earn service hours too.

October 16-17

Fall Camporee - Location TBD.

Troop Meetings

Place: St. Michael's Episcopal Church in South Harbor, Noblesville (next to the fire station).

Time: Mondays, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Website: www.bsatroop183.org