

BSA Troop 282

Spring Court of Honor Report

Hello parents of Troop 282,

I would like to thank all the families that came to the court of honor last week. Our district representative Tony Reneke did the friends of scouting presentation for donations that night. The troop pledges a yearly goal for this donation and we encourage all the parents that were not in attendance to please consider a donation. When we meet this goal it helps our troop in many ways that we usually don't think about. One way to look at this is to think of the "iceberg analogy". The thinking is that scouts & volunteers see only 20% of what the council provides the troop, and that they also do perform a lot of work under the surface. Again please donate what you can to help us meet this goal.

Another thing that was announced is our new Chartered Organization Representative Chuck Moffat with One Love Church here at ECS. Some of you may already know him, if you have not met him please take the time to welcome him to the troop. I believe in the near future we will be having more service projects that relate to our Charter Organization.

Another thing that was announced was that the troop is in need of adult volunteers. We really need adults that are willing to become part of the troop committee and share some of the troop responsibilities that help make the troop run successfully. If you have a young scout and have time and would like to participate, please contact me. Something to remember is that when more adults are involved more scouts are involved. If any Parents would like to attend a monthly outing to see what it is like please see me, the upcoming Camporee this May offers a fantastic opportunity to see the troop in action during daytime events. Daytime visitors are welcome, especially for lunch!

One thing that was not mentioned was the upcoming crossover of new scouts entering the troop, currently we expect 4 from Pack 413, there may be more! The crossover is planned for April, please try and make the new scouts and families feel welcomed and reach out to them if you're at a troop meeting. If you may know any youth that might be interested in joining the troop feel free to bring them to a troop meeting, or pass the information on to me. We are always open to new scouts!

Another thing that was not mentioned is that troop physicals and medical forms that will be needed for summer camp and the high adventure this summer will be checked. We will send out a list in the near future to update you on your son's status. Reason being is that we want you to get this on your radar sooner than later. Our troop doctor Karl Saxman informed me that most insurance cover this check-up.

And we would like to give you as much advanced notice as possible to schedule with your doctor. I discovered that if I email the forms to my doctor, they fill them out and I just need to swing by and pick them up. Look for an email list soon on this.

Lastly if you were not in attendance, Cathi Busse announced she has stepped down from the troop committee chair position. Cathi is one of the troop founders and has been involved in numerous levels of scouting for over 20 years. Cathi has touched a lot of scouts and scouters over that time. She is not leaving the troop; she informed me she will still perform services for the troop such as merit badge counselor and Eagle Scout advisor and our friends of scouting liaison. When Cathi asked me to take this position on for the troop I was honored and I accepted. I have known Cathi for 8 years since she asked for a den leader to volunteer for my son's wolf den. Soon after that she asked me to also fill in as Cub master, after that she recommended I take an upcoming wood badge course, and so on. In a way I think she has been grooming me for this position for some time? Cathi has always helped me and guided me through a lot in scouting, I think the main thing she did for me was instilling the values of scouting, and I live a more fulfilled life because of that. All of these skills have taught me that you can always' s do a little more, and in life it's a whole lot better when we all do well. I am really excited about this new chapter for the troop and look forward to being a part of Cathi's legacy.

Finally spring has arrived; along with it spring sports, gardening and cabin fever. I know how busy this time of year can be for everyone and with the school year ending soon. I encourage everyone to enjoy the spring season and take advantage of the great monthly outings planned before spring is over and we move into summer. "Spring into scouting" and go enjoy the outdoors.

Sincerely

Paul Griffiths
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