



Wicked Cool
Silver Wolves

Zion 8th Yorkton SCOUTS

NEWSLETTER

September 2010



This is a very very long News Letter - please read thoroughly then read it again !

Regular meetings are THURSDAYS 6:25 PM - 8:30 PM

A **BIG WELCOME**. A few camps have already been scheduled for this years scout program.

This newsletter is for BOTH the parents and Youth to Read.

With the start of the program there is always something that gets missed, forgotten, or not explained by either the youth or the leaders. If I forget to inform you about something or you can not find out what is supposed to be happening, please give me a phone call.

News Letters, Yearly Event Schedule, Weekly Meeting Ideas, will no longer be printed out on paper and handed out at meetings. These papers become misplaced or lost. It is time to join the digital age with the assumption that all our scout members and their parents have Internet access from home.

The group website has been operational for a few years now. Scouts and parents can view meeting dates, camp dates, news letters, and more. Any information that the scouts deal with is placed onto the web site so they can view it anytime. The Zion 8th Yorkton Group Website address is ...

<http://www.skscouts.ca/yorkton/>

Welcome to the **Wicked Cool Silver Wolves**, we are a very active outdoors orientated troop. We plan to go camping at least 4 times this scouting year, and will toss in a couple one day hikes, and other special community service opportunities..

Youth require at every Thursday evening meeting their Scout Handbook, Scout Sash, and Uniform shirt. Badges **MUST** be properly sewn in place and everything is to be labeled with your name.

Dues of \$2.00 for each meeting are also required. Scouts you will also will require, 1 meter of rope, knife, cup, water bottle, whistle, compass, notepad & pencil, flashlight, and permits (you will get these later) for each meeting. Scouts it is suggested to make yourselves a scout meeting pack, therefor everything is always ready when you attend your weekly meetings.

Also Scouts you are to be prepared to go outside for every meeting. This means bring boots, jackets, what ever is necessary to stay warm and dry during inclement weather. Snow, Rain, Sun does not stop our programs. The Scout Motto of be Be Prepared means just that.

Neckers will be supplied if you do not already own one, and pioneer scout epaulettes will be earned and presented at the Fall Camp during Investiture.

Paper work - Parent Consent Forms for camps and events will only be handed out for all camps.

Camping Equipment Required -

In the spring the Scouts require a good **backpack** with waist/hip strap. It must be able to hold

clothing and gear required for a two day camp. Usually foam pads get attached on the outside of the pack, and sleeping bags can either go inside or be attached outside as well.

Scouts also need a good **sleeping bag**. A 3 season sleeping bag rated from -5 to -15 Celsius is the best.

Scouts will be carrying their gear at least 1 km to and from a couple camps this year on foot and by sled.

Other essential items are a good flashlight or headlamp, and a good knife. Scouts have your initials or name engraved and/or written on all your personal items. The group has an engraver at the hall to be used during section meetings.

Scouts can use either smaller fixed blade knife, or a good lock blade knife. **Knives in which the blade moves and does not lock are not acceptable in the troop.**

There is lots of different types of camping equipment available, if you are not sure ask the Troop Scouter and we can help you pick out the most suitable and affordable item. Items can be purchased as needed during the year, once the youth knows what he/she requires they can help choose what is correct for them.

Scouts always wear their uniforms to and from camps and events. An equipment list is provided on the web site and scouts should be able to add or reduce the amount of equipment required. You must be able to carry everything in one trip. Exceptions lawn chairs, PFD's and other bulky items when they are required for the event or camp. This may sound tough, but it makes you pick only what you really need to take to camp.

FIRST CAMP - September 25,26,27 - All Sections Camp -

The troop is going to an All Sections camp at Good Spirit Lake. This means the beavers, cub, and scouts will all be at the camp during the same weekend.

Remember Scouts camp in the wind, snow, rain, bugs and shine.

The troop plans to leave Friday Evening from Pede Hall. We shall be arriving at camp in the dark, be prepared with your flashlight or headlamp to set up camp.

SECOND CAMP - October 8,9,10,11 - Thanksgiving Weekend Camp -

We can get an extra day adventure at camp.

The troop plans to leave Friday Evening from Pede Hall. We shall be arriving at camp in the dark, be prepared with your flashlight or headlamp to set up camp.

THIRD CAMP - November 11,12,13,14 - Remembrance Day Weekend Camp -

We can get an extra day adventure at camp, and you have no School Friday,so time to get outdoors.

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The troop plans to leave Thursday Afternoon from Pede Hall after the Remembrance Day service.

FEES for Camps

At present the user fee for this year is \$10 per night at camp. Therefor for a 2 night weekend camp the fee is \$20. This money is used to rent the camp, pay event registration fees, purchase groceries,

and other supplies needed to be at camp.

Badge Testing -

Testing for challenge badges will be done at meetings and at camps. It is the scouts responsibility to inform the Troop Scouter that they are prepared to demonstrate they have completed the requirements for a challenge badge. Requirement status of Voyageur Awards and Pathfinder Awards will be found on the Scouts Bulletin Board at the hall and when a youth has completed all their requirements they can ask the Troop Scouter for the award.

Badge testing is done in front of the troop. The earning of a challenge badge is approved or disapproved by the members of the troop. The Troop Scouter can over rule this if he thinks the standards have been set to low (usually the case is the opposite and the youth set the standards high).

Voyageur and Pathfinder Requirements - citizenship, personal development, outdoors

Scouts, if there is a requirement that you have completed in school or else where, please inform the Troop Scouter, and it will get placed on your record on the Scout bulletin board.. I would rather spend time on outdoor education experiences, and youth leadership development than go over material you have previously done else where.

That was a lot to read -

Yes there is a lot of information. Parents please ask if you do not know what is happening. The leaders will be informing the youth on events, and camps. **It is the youths responsibility to inform mom and dad what is happening.** Yes it will take time, and issues will arise, but the goal is to give more and more control to the youth, so that in older sections of scouting there is only advisors helping them out.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything please ask
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