

TROOP 205

APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Troop 205 monthly newsletter. Andy Sayles is your new master of the printed word. In addition, to the newsletter, I will also become an Asst Scoutmaster to help out with the patrols.

***** Please note item #6 in changes below, NEW and VERY IMPORTANT!!! *****

There are changes coming to the newsletter and its distribution, which will be of overall benefit to the troop; however, as with any changes some folks will not be happy. I do wish to hear from anyone who has any complaints, suggestions, inputs, comments, etc. My contact information is at the bottom of the newsletter. I'm a big supporter of KISS; Keep It Simple Stupid; so this is being done in MS Word 2003 so everyone should be able to open it when it comes electronically.

Changes:

- 1.) Current month newsletters will be available at each troop meeting for scouts to bring home and parents to come and get during the month. Scouts will be reminded that 'Trustworthy' is one of the 12 points and they need to earn trust by ensuring they pick-up and give to their parents a copy of the current monthly newsletter.
- 2.) Newsletter will be posted to the troop web site.
- 3.) Newsletter will be sent via email to those parents and scouts who already have a current email address on file with troop or that supply Paul Sidney or myself with a valid email address. If you change your email, PLEASE give Paul or myself your new email address to update.
- 4.) Newsletter will **NOT** be sent via US Postal Service to your homes. Exception to this rule will be those who fill out a form (available troop meeting 3-10-08) and return completed form to Paul or myself. This is being done to save on expense, time, paper and associated waste.
- 5.) I will be gathering the information and creating the newsletter so any & all concerns with the newsletter should be direct to me. Paul will be sending the newsletter out electronically and doing any US Postal service mailings once I email him the newsletter. Paul has agreed to do this as he has the email lists and other necessary items already created and sees no reason for me to duplicate the effort and services.
- 6.) This will be **LAST MONTH (APRIL)** Paul will mail monthly newsletter via US Postal Svc, UNLESS you have filled out and return to myself or Paul a form requesting to have the newsletter mailed to you. Beginning with May 2008 edition, the Troop 205 monthly newsletter will be available via; hardcopy at troop meetings, emailed to all who have a VALID email address listed with Paul and on Troop 205 Website.

WELCOME TO NEW SCOUTS:

Jamal Bouabdellaoui: From Troop 218. For sports Jamal likes skateboarding, soccer, snow boarding/skiing. He is looking forward to the troop campouts and OF COURSE likes fire building.

Carol Bouabdellaoui: Mother of Jamal, wants to be involved with troop and would like to become a Snow Sports Merit Badge counselor.

Matt Murphy: From Troop 218. Matt also likes to skateboard & enjoy snow sports. He is an admitted fire bug, enjoys magic (never lend him any money, it disappears!) and likes the socialization that school enjoys

Sue Murphy: Mother of Matt, wishes to be involved in troop and so far has been impressed with Troop 205. Thank-You Sue! (Troop-let's keep her impressed)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 25/26 Climb Kalamazoo Lock-in, cost: \$35, Sign-up @ Welcome table. LAST NIGHT for sign up.

May 4 High noon, cut off for information to be in my email box for inclusion in the first edition of May newsletter. Anyone can submit information they want or feel the troop should be aware of.

May 10 Cedar Point, please see Welcome table for sign-up sheet if interested, space available.

May 16-18 Campout @ Yankee Springs (REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR TENN HIGH ADV TRIP). This is a joint activity with Troop 171 so scouts can get to know each other prior to Tennessee trip. Hiking will be done at this campout. See Welcome table for sign-up & information sheets.

May 19 Court of Honor – West Middle School

June 29 – July 5 Summer camp @ Camp Pioneer, Ohio. Please see Welcome table for sign-up sheet.

July 12-20 Troops 205 & 171 High Adventure trip in Tennessee. TRIP IS FULL, we are taking names for waiting list. Please see Welcome table for sign-up sheet.

Aug 25

SPL/Parent Committee meeting.

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS:

1.) A parent sub-committee (Paul Sidney-Chair, Bill Pedersen, Thad Bishop, Andy Vorbrich, Andy Sayles) has been formed to research buying a new 15 passenger van and trailer. This is at Paul Sidney's request. If you wish to join committee (see Paul) or have any pertinent input for the group to consider, please contact one of the committee members with that information.

* Update: Trailer has been purchased and Paul is getting it ready to be used, still working on Van.

2.) FOR SALE: Troop's old box trailer is available, sold to highest bidder, submit bids to Paul S (Scoutmaster), cut off for bids is May 16, 2008. Trailer is 6' x 10', enclosed, Wells Cargo, 2990 GVWR. Questions please contact Paul S.

3.) Tennessee High Adventure Trip: see <http://www.troop205bsa.org/links.htm> or cd-rom issued at meeting for Trip Info & Packing List.

4.) Please see <http://www.troop205bsa.org/links.htm> or cd-rom issues at meeting for Summer Camp forms and information.

5.) A cd-rom with all forms for Tenn High Adventure trip and Summer camp will be distributed tonight (Mon 4-14-08). If you missed on 4-14, please see Paul or Welcome table or www.troop205bsa.org/links.htm

5.) The April 4-6 campout @ Rota-Kiwan and day trip to GR was very enjoyable for those that attended. I attended day trip, missed the 2 nights camping, however; was there until late on Saturday night. Scouts and parents had fun, altho' we DID HAVE TO listen to Pual moan and groan and complain about him not being allowed to have enough time in the G. Ford Presidential museum. 2+ hrs in the museum and Craigs Cruisers waiting in the wings, Get Real Paul!!!! (Think he was reading every placard at least twice!)

6.) After 17 years and 55000 mile of dedicated and reliable service to Troop 205 we say goodbye to the Troop van.

On May 31, 1991 Troop 205 purchased the van with 9994 miles on it after it was used as a dealer demo vehicle. It has been everywhere from Florida to Philmont to Washington DC and numerous ski trips. Other than running out of gas a few times, the van got us to our destinations safely and

without fail. Always upstaged by the Bus, the van has been a trusty servant to the Troop and to the many scouts who benefited from its service. As we retire the van from our motor fleet we look forward to welcoming a new van in the very near future.

The van was purchased on Monday April 14th by the Greater Faith Fellowship Church. The membership of the church was excited and grateful to purchase our van to replace the van they lost to a deer accident earlier this year. They were pleased with the condition of the van and how well kept and clean it was knowing it was 18 years old, 64000 miles, and used by a bunch of Boy Scouts. Looks like the 11th point of the Scout Law "Clean" has worked to our advantage!

7.) The parent committee meeting scheduled for 4/28/08 has been canceled. Will be reschedule at a later date - Carol Martin will be unavailable on Mon 4-28-08. We will send out a calling post thru Paul once a new date is decided on.

8.) ALL scouts and/or parents should contact Carol Martin 372-9392 ASAP regarding the status of their health forms. Any health form that is expired or incomplete could result in that scout not being able to attend scout related activities. There are no trip refunds for trip cancellations due to incomplete health forms!

Yours in Scouting

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P.S. Best way to communicate with me is via email, second is phone, third see me at troop meeting.

Request From to have Monthly Newsletter Mailed to Home

I. Name: _____

II. Street Address: _____

III. City: _____

IV. State & Zip Code: _____

Please return completed form to either Paul Sidney or Andy Sayles or Welcome Table.

Any concerns with newsletter should be directed to Andy Sayles, contact information available on newsletter.