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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- At the February PLC, the group discussed a campout calendar, summer camp, and meeting activities.
- These are our **upcoming activities and campouts**. Stay tuned for details or a sign-up sheet at troop meetings.
 - February 21-23 -- Troop Campout: Polar Bear @ Firelands
 - March 7-9 -- Troop Campout: 652 Arrows Crossover @ Butler
 - o April 11-13 -- Troop Campout: Observatory Campout @ Geauga Park District
 - May TBD
 - June 15-21 -- Summer Camp #1 @ Manatoc
 - July TBD (maybe) -- Summer Camp #2
- **Service opportunities**: The girls' troop may be participating in council's <u>Trash the Trash Day</u> on May 3. <u>Mrs. Christian</u> is coordinating. Six scouts are needed to assist the parish at Food Truck Thursday on June 7. It's one hour of service from 6:30-7:30 PM in the parish parking lot. Speak with <u>Mr. Maher</u> if you can help. The annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 9. We will be sending out a sign-up for scouts to work a shift during the event.
- **Fundraisers**: The girls' troop will host their annual spaghetti dinner on March 15 and the venture crew will hold their annual pancake breakfast on May 18. Volunteers are needed to help at both events. And... it's all hands on deck for the boys' troop annual pop & water sale at Brecksville Home Days from June 20-22. A shift sign-up will be sent out for parents and scouts to choose when they will help at the sale.
- The **troop committee needs adult volunteers** to fill the roles of assistant scoutmaster (scouting program, camping, and troop meetings), advancement chair (track merit badges, awards, and ranks), membership coordinator (welcome new families, prep for recruiting/tabling events), service project coordinator (find, inform, and coordinate service opportunities), and fundraising (additional opportunities outside the pop & water sale). Speak with Mrs. Weisfelder to inquire how you can assist.
- Need a Scoutmaster conference or a Board of Review for rank advancement? Scouts should send an email to Mr. Snyder
 (with another adult copied to be in compliance with YPT) or request a conference at an upcoming meeting.
- Scouts are encouraged to do merit badges throughout the year. Upcoming merit badge (MB) classes and Merit Badge
 Universities (MBU) are always listed in this newsletter. Want to take a merit badge on your own or complete a partial? Speak
 with Mr. Snyder about finding a MBC.

TROOP CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Regular troop meetings are held every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM at St. Basil's Parish Center. See the full <u>troop calendar</u>.

DATE	EVENT	TIME/PLACE
February 21-23	Troop Campout: Polar Bear	Firelands SR
February 26	Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
March 7-9	Troop Campout/Pack 652 Crossover	Camp Butler
March 12	PLC Meeting	6:30 PM
March 15	652G Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	
March 26	Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
April 9	PLC Meeting	6:30 PM
April 11-13	Troop Campout: Observatory Park	Geauga Park District
April 20	Easter Sunday	
May 7	Troop COH	
June 9	St. Basil Parish Picnic	12:00-5:00 PM

ADVANCEMENTS

Congratulations to Andrew F. (Star) on his recent rank advancement.

MERIT BADGE/TRAINING EVENTS

- February 20: <u>Dog Care Badge Lab</u> @ LEC
- February 22: Robotics Exploration MB @ LEC
- February 23: Merit Badge Sunday @ LEC
- March 6: Home Repairs Badge Lab @ LEC
- March 8: <u>Archery, Kayak, or Climbing MB</u> @ KSU
- March 15: <u>Game Design MB</u> @ LEC
- March 22: <u>Fire Safety MB</u> @ Fire Museum, Cleveland
- March 23: Cooking MB @ Beaumont
- April 3-5: <u>Wilderness First Aid Training</u> @ Beaumont
- April 26: Metalwork MB @ Kent State Univ.
- May 17: <u>ILST</u> @ Beaumont
- May 18: Merit Badge Sunday @ LEC
- June 8-14: NYLT @ Firelands