

# Troop 123

February 2018

## TROOP ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

It's time to elect new Troop leadership. Jacob Strous, Jimmy Harris and Harrison Blake have been our Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders for the past year and we need to elect a new Senior Patrol Leader. All of them have done an outstanding job, but we need to decide who will lead us this next year. If you are interested in this position, you need to be at least a Star Scout, 14 years old, and need to have held several Troop positions in your time with Troop 123. Please give this some serious thought. This is the most important position in the Troop. Make sure that you elect someone that will lead the Troop properly and keep pushing our Troop to **Do Our Best**. There are other positions open and we need to elect Patrol Leaders. If you want to be a Patrol Leader, you need to be First Class or above and need to be elected by your Patrol. Talk to your Patrol, so that they know that you're interested in the position. We also need a new Quartermaster, Scribe, Historian, and Librarian. If you are interested in any of these positions, you must be First Class or above and you need to write me a short letter letting me know that you are interested and what position you want. The last position that I need to fill is Troop Guide. This is a very important position and needs a Scout that is Star or above and has been a Patrol Leader.

*If you are First Class or above, you need to hold a Troop position to advance in rank.*

The position needs to be held for 6 months for each rank. What this means is that you must hold a Troop position for each rank that you advance. Give it some thought and let me know what you are interested in. The Elections will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that you attend and vote.

This is **Your Troop**, make sure **you** participate.



## JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING

Junior Leader Training is coming up on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have a Troop position you are required to be trained and come to training. If you are a member of the Senior Patrol, a Patrol Leader, or a Troop Guide plus any other position you need to be at The John Beltz Retreat, 4834 Harlem Rd. Galena, Friday night at 8:00 pm. (I will be emailing directions to you.) You will be done on Saturday at 4:00 pm. This is a change from previous years and all of our Scouts with a troop position will need to attend the whole event. You need to wear your class "A" uniform and come prepared to be challenged. Lunch is provided for you. All those completing the course will receive and be able to wear the Trained Patch on their uniform. If you have any questions, call Mr. Canini at (614) 395-5298 or email him at scanini@att.net.

## OA Elections

We are having OA elections on Monday 2/12. If you are interested, let me know so that you get on the ballot.

## BOY SCOUT MEDICAL FORM

Boy Scouts have a medical form that all of us must fill out every year. It is good for only 1 year, so everyone's medical form is expiring soon. You will need to have a new one for this year and if you are participating in Summer Camp, the new medical requires a physical and doctors signature. We need to have all medicals back by May 2018. See Bob Stone with any questions. 614 563-0704 or rstone3@columbus.rr.com  
Go to the Troop web site to get your medical form.

[http://www.troop123.org/pdf/troop\\_docs/BSA\\_Medical2016.pdf](http://www.troop123.org/pdf/troop_docs/BSA_Medical2016.pdf)

Troop web site... <http://www.troop123.org>

## More Troop News

### SUMMER CAMP 2018

It's time to start thinking about "Summer Camp" for 2018. I know it's only February, but we need to start making payments and decisions about this year's summer camp. We will be attending summer camp at D-bar-A Scout Ranch near Metamora, MI from June 24<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be about \$380.00 for Summer Camp. We are collecting this in three payments in January, February and April. If you have not signed up your Scout yet, we need to get him signed up NOW so don't delay. For more information on Summer Camp and to sign up contact Jen Stone, at (614 430-9982 or rstone3@columbus.rr.com

### FEBRUARY CAMPOUT

This month we will be going to John Beltz Retreat for a LAN party. If you don't know what a LAN party is, let me explain. LAN stands for "Local Area Network" and it's when you connect several computers or Xbox's together to form a "Network" and then play multiplayer computer games. It allows several people to participate in one game to work with or against each other, depending on the game. The Scouts were very enthused about this so I hope that this will be very well attended. You will need to get your Scout out to John Beltz on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, by 7:00 pm with his gear and computer. If he doesn't have a computer we will also be using X-Box's and other games. If you have one of these and want to use it, please bring it and the games. We will also need TV's for the X-Box type games, so if you have an extra one we can use for the weekend, please bring it along. Pickup will be Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. The cost will be \$15.00 to cover food. We will also be doing a service project at John Beltz. This should be a lot of fun, plus we will be indoors for most of the weekend, so plan on attending. See web site for information and directions.

### MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

This year, as in the past, we will be going to Camp Lazarus and working at the Maple Syrup Festival. Troop 123 will be working the second Maple Syrup weekend, March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be working all day, Saturday, at the festival. We will be meeting in the Camp Lazarus parking lot at 8:00 am on Saturday and we will be running the BB range all day. As part of the Maple Syrup Staff, each Scout will get a lunch. This is a fun time and opportunity to earn service hours. Most of you need service hours so don't let this pass you by. You will need to pick up your Scout by 5:00 pm in the parking lot Saturday afternoon.

## FEBRUARY TROOP EVENTS

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| <b>FEB 1</b>     | <b>ROUNDTABLE...</b> Northwest Christian Church, Fishinger Rd. 7:00 pm                                  |
| <b>FEB 4</b>     | <b>SCOUT SUNDAY...</b> A Scout is Reverent. 8:00 am St. Michael's.                                      |
| <b>FEB 12</b>    | <b>TROOP ELECTIONS...</b> Troop elections for Senior Patrol Leader.                                     |
| <b>FEB 12</b>    | <b>OA ELECTIONS...</b> Elect new members to the OA.   |
| <b>FEB 16→17</b> | <b>CAMPOUT...</b> LAN party at John Beltz's.  |
| <b>FEB 19</b>    | <b>PLC MEETING...</b> PLC Meeting is at St. Michael Church. 7:00PM - 8:30PM.                            |
| <b>FEB 19</b>    | <b>COMMITTEE MEETING...</b> The monthly committee meeting, 7:00 PM. Call Randy Domer for info 760-0640. |
| <b>MARCH 2→3</b> | <b>JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING...</b> John Beltz—Training for leaders.                                       |

### THIS MONTH'S TROOP MEETINGS

FEB 5, 12 & 26

### SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, is Scout Sunday. Troop 123 will be going to the 8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's on this day. We will be marching in with Pack 123 in honor of Scout Sunday. If you are Catholic you need to be at this event. We will be meeting in the Church basement at 8:15. You need to wear your **full class "A" uniform**. All of our Scouts are encouraged to participate in Scout Sunday and you don't need to be Catholic to attend Mass with us.