

1. The troop has returned from the 62nd Abraham Lincoln Pilgrimage. A lot went on. Would some of the Scouts who went to Illinois like to stand and tell the troop what they did at the Pilgrimage
2. Spring clean up for McFarland Lutheran Church is this Saturday, May 5, starting at 9:00 a.m. Troop 53 will be assisting in cleaning the grounds. We also need your help in painting the Scout Garage, and moving the empty shed to the back of the Rainbow Center. Come in your work clothes. Rakes and shovels will be helpful. This is another way to show our appreciation to McFarland Lutheran Church, which has sponsored our troop since 1939.
3. Summer camp payments are due tonight. The cost of summer camp this year is \$210. Camp is July 8 – 14 at the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation. After tonight, the cost of camp goes up to \$225. If you have not yet signed up on the merit badge sheets for what merit badges to take, please do that tonight.
4. The Troop is offering Fleur de Lis honor unit fleece jackets for about \$17 to commemorate our 2006 Fleur de Lis status in the Glaciers Edge Council. These fleece jackets will be Navy Blue, the “Troop 53” and the Fleur de Lis symbol stitched on the left front. The sizes are mens’ adult and run from Small to triple extra large. Sign up for a Troop 53 fleece jacket on the back table.
5. We have an opportunity to raise money for the council and for our Scout Accounts by selling flashlights. Two kinds of flashlights. Shaker flashlights and clip-on LED lights. These run \$20 and \$10. – Demonstrate lights - How many of your would be interested in selling these lights in the next couple weeks?
6. Our next campout is at the Woodman Center. It will be the “Survival Campout.” See if you can survive without a tent, stove, lantern – just the things that you can carry in your bookbag. We will cover survival skills in troop meetings for the next three weeks. Be prepared to camp lightweight. Learn how to light fires, build shelters, and stay warm in the woods.
7. The next Patrol Leaders Council meeting is this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. here in the Family Life Center. This is the last PLC before new leader elections. Current patrol leaders and officers should attend this meeting. Troop elections will be April 21.
8. Any Order of the Arrow men going to the Spring OA Conference at EBSR and need a ride should see Mr. Chalmers tonight.
9. If you passed a swimming or orienteering requirement in the last week and didn’t get your Handbook signed, be sure to get that done tonight.
10. Are there any other announcements for the good of the troop?