

1. The Patrol Leaders Council met last week and created the troop calendar for the rest of 2007 and the first half of 2008. Among the things to look forward to in the coming year:

- Living history camporee at Stonefield Historic Site in Cassville, Wisconsin in September,
- Marquette Trail Camporee in Portage Wisconsin in October,
- Shotgun and Rifle shooting at Camp Carlson in November.
- Return to the Montello Scout Cabin in December,
- Winter Freeze out at Governor Dodge State Park in January,
- Skiing and Snowboarding at Cascade Mt. in February
- An overnight in the Chicago Field Museum in March.
- The U.S. Grant Pilgrimage in Galena, Illinois in April,
- Spring camping at Token Creek County Park in May.

High Adventure outings include the Florida Sea Base in March during Spring Break, and Whitewater Rafting in West Virginia during the summer of 2008. We have a lot of good adventure ahead for Troop 53.

2. Our next campout is in two weeks at the Woodman Center. We will participate in the Woodman Center workday on August 11. Patrols should plan meals tonight for Saturday breakfast and supper. The Woodman Center will provide lunch, and the troop will provide mountain man breakfast on Sunday. Permission slips are available on the back table. The Woodman Center is one of our favorite places to camp.

3. The troop is planning a canoe/kayak day on Saturday, August 18 through the Rutabaga Canoe store in Monona. We need two qualified Safety Afloat adults to lead this activity. It would be good tonight to get a show of hands of how many Scouts are interested in a Canoe/Kayak day.

4. Tony Lugo Caruso and Brant Birrenkott will be heading to the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation this Sunday for a week of training at the National Youth Leadership Training event at EBSR. Evan Chalmers is serving as one of the instructors. Good luck to Tony and Brant, we will want a full report from you when you return.

5. Our Scout year officially begins on August 26 at the summer Court of Honor – Round Up and Picnic. Come to the church lawn by the Scout Garage on Sunday, August 26 at noon. Bring your favorite meat to grill and a dish or desert to pass. We will have a cook out. We will also distribute all the summer awards earned since our last court of honor, and take registrations for all Scouts for the upcoming year. Be sure to be there.

6. Order of the Arrow news: The Fall Conference is August 24 – 26 at Camp Indian Trails near Janesville. All Arrowmen are welcome to attend. Register through the Glaciers Edge Council office. Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonies will take place, and the Lodge will elect officers for the next year.

7. The next meeting of the Order of the Arrow Yahara Chapter is Wednesday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Irongate Road. All troop Arrowmen are encourage to attend the chapter meetings. There is reported to be good snacks there.
8. Are there any other announcements for the Good of the Troop?