

# July

2007

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<p>The Troop 53 annual calendar is planned each year by the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) and ratified by the troop parent committee. The boys plan the outings, themes, and activities. The Patrol Leaders Council may adjust and amend the calendar at their monthly meetings. Patrol Leader Council meetings are generally held the last Sunday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m. at McFarland Lutheran Church. Dinner is provided.</p>						
<p>Weekly Troop meetings are held Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at McFarland Lutheran Church in the Family Life Center. They end at 8:30.</p>						
<p>Troop 53 is part of the Yahara District of the Glacier's Edge Council, BSA. The Yahara District holds an informational Roundtable once a month for interested Scout leaders and parents at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Irongate Road on Madison's east side. These meetings are always the first Wednesday of each month. Order of the Arrow members can attend the local Chapter meeting that meets concurrently with the Roundtable.</p>						
<p>Current information can be found on the Troop Website <a href="http://www.pack-troop53.org">http://www.pack-troop53.org</a> New information is also announced by the Senior Patrol each week at Troop meetings, and posted on the troop bulletin board. Scouts are encouraged to bring a pen and something to write on to make sure they have the most current information of troop activities.</p>						

# August

Theme:  
General  
Advancement

2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5 National Youth Leadership Training, (NYLT) at EBSR
6 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. NYLT	7 NYLT	8 NYLT	9 NYLT	10 Woodman Center Workday Campout Depart, 6:00 p.m. NYLT	11 Woodman Center Workday Campout NYLT	12 Woodman Center Workday Campout Return noon.
13	14	15 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m.	16	17	18 Canoe/Kayak Outing at Rutabaga, Monona	19
20 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24 Order of the Arrow Fall Conference, Camp Indian Trails	25 Order of the Arrow Fall Conference, Camp Indian Trails	26 OA Fall Conf. Troop Court of Honor/Roundup/Picnic, MLC noon. PLC 6:00 p.m.
27 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31		
<p>Troop 53 kicks off the new year with a picnic Court of Honor on August 26<sup>th</sup> at noon at McFarland Lutheran Church. Summer Awards will be given and annual registration taken. August outings include a workday campout at the Woodman Center, located in NW Richland County, and a canoe/kayak day through Rutabaga, the local outfitter in Monona. Arrowmen may participate in the Tikoda Lodge Fall Conference at Camp Indian Trails, Janesville, WI.</p>						

# September

Theme:  
Hobbies  
2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
A busy month begins with the Mohawk District Camporee at the Stonefield Historic Site in Cassville, WI. A number of Merit Badges will be offered at this event along with living history interpretation.					1	2
3 Labor Day	4 School Starts	5 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	11	12	13	14 Camporee, Stonefield Historic Site, Cassville, WI Depart 5:30 p.m.	15 Camporee, Stonefield Historic Site, Cassville, WI	16 Camporee, Stonefield Historic Site, Cassville, WI Return noon.
17 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21 McFarland Family Festival Game Booth & Crossing Guard Duty	22 Popcorn sale Starts McFarland Family Festival Game Booth & Crossing Guard Duty	23 Family Festival Parade, 11:30 a.m. Game Booth & Crossing Guard
24 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29	30 PLC, 6:00 p.m.
Troop 53 hosts a skee-ball booth at the McFarland Family Festival and provides Crossing Guard services at the Farwell Street Crosswalks. The Troop's annual Popcorn Sale officially begins on September 22 with both site sales and take-orders.						

# October

Theme:  
First Aid/  
shooting  
Safety  
2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5 Yahara Camporee, Portage, WI Depart 6:00 p.m.	6 Yahara Camporee Portage, WI	7 Yahara Camporee Portage, WI Return noon
8 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20 Popcorn Sale Ends	21 PLC, 6:00 p.m.
22 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25 Wis. Teachers Conference	26 Wis. Teachers Conference	27	28
29 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	30	31				
The Portage Camporee features the historic Marquette Trail hike between the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers. Visit the Indian Agency house and the Fort Winnebago Surgeon's Quarters, earn the Marquette Trail medal. During October we will cover first aid and firearm safety procedures in anticipation of our November Campout.						

# November

Theme:  
Cooking

2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
The Yahara District Roundtable provides training to adult leaders the first Wednesday of each month at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 5602 Irongate Road, Madison.			1	2 Camp Carlson, Shooting Campout Depart 6:00 p.m.	3 Camp Carlson Shooting Campout	4 Camp Carlson Shooting Campout Return 11:00 a.m.
5 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11 Flag Folding American Legion Hall, 4:45 p.m. Veterans Day
12 Troop Meeting 7 p Troop Elections Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Troop Junior Leadership Training Lockin, MLC, 5:00 p.m.	17 Troop Junior Leadership Lockin MLC, with PLC at 1:00 p.m.	18
19 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24	25
26 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30 Pancake Breakfast set up, American Legion Hall		
Troop 53 will target shoot with .22 rifles and shoot clay pigeons with shotguns at Camp Carlson, across the Wisconsin River from Sauk City. Our certified range master will ensure safety procedures within the Guidelines to Safe Scouting.						

# December

Theme:  
Aquatics

2007

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Troop 53 kicks off Christmas in the Village with our annual Pancake Breakfast at American Legion Hall. Cook, wait table, clean dishes – we run a restaurant from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during this fun fund raiser.					1 Troop 53 Pancake Breakfast, American Legion Hall, 6:30 a.m.	2
3 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	11	12	13	14 Montello Cabin Campout Depart 6:00 p.m.	15 Montello Cabin Campout	16 Montello Cabin Campout Return noon. PLC, 6:00 p.m.
17 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break	29	30
31 Winter Break	The Montello Scout Cabin is located east of Montello, WI on Kirby Lake Road. This is an indoor experience, but Scouts can choose to tent outdoors. The lake may (or may not) be frozen. Troop 53 will not meet during the Winter Break.					

# January

Theme:  
Winter  
Camping

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 New Years Day	2 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet 6:00 p.m.	6
7 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19 Glacier's Edge Training Powwow	20
21 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Governor Dodge S.P. Freeze out Depart 6:00 p.m.	26 Governor Dodge S.P. Freeze out	27 Governor Dodge S.P. Freeze out, return noon. PLC, 6:00 p.m.
28 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31			
<p>Winter Camping is an important Scout skill to know and master. The Troop camps year-round, so knowing how to stay warm in cold weather is important. The Scout Handbook contains valuable information on how to stay warm and dry in winter. Learn what C.O.L.D. means.</p>						

# February

Theme:  
Skiing  
Snowboarding

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>The Klondike Derby is a sled race in which the Scouts furnish the power and skills to compete in several contests. Scout Sunday is celebrated all over the country on the first Sunday in February. Join the troop for services with our sponsoring organization, McFarland Lutheran Church, or attend your own house of worship – in uniform. A Scout is reverent.</p>				1	2 Glacier's Edge Klondike Derby Camp Indian Trails	3 Scout Sunday MLC, 9:00 a.m. Service.
4 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5	6 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m.	7	8 EBSR Cabin Campout & Ski Outing, Depart 6:00 p.m.	9 EBSR Cabin Campout & Ski Outing	10 EBSR Cabin Campout & Ski Outing, return noon
11 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23	24 PLC, 6:00 p.m.
25 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26	27	28	29		
<p>Weather-permitting, the Troop will camp at the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation, indoors, and spend Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Cascade Mountain Ski area. Bring your own skis or rent. You can take lessons if you don't know how to ski. Snowboarding is available too.</p>						

# March

Theme:  
Health Care

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
The Chicago Field Museum hosts groups for overnight stays for a night at the museum. Explore all night and sleep on the floor with the dinosaurs.						1	2
3 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9	
10 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15 Chicago Field Museum Overnighter	16 Chicago Field Museum Overnighter PLC 6:00 p.m.	
17 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23 Sea Base High Adventure Spring Break	
24 Madison Heritage Trail & Cit. Nat. M.B. hike, 8:30 a.m. Warner Park	25 Sea Base High Adventure Spring Break	26 Sea Base High Adventure Spring Break	27 Sea Base High Adventure Spring Break	28 Sea Base High Adventure Spring Break	29 Sea Base High Adventure Spring Break	30	
31 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	The Patrol Leaders Council has planned to attend the BSA Florida Sea Base for a high adventure week during Spring Break. Check the web page for details, requirements, and hard dates. Visit <a href="http://www.bsaseabase.org">http://www.bsaseabase.org</a> The Troop will not meet March 24. Have a great Spring break.						

# April

Theme:  
Cycling  
Safety

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 Yahara District Roundtable and OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12 Scouting for Food Bag – Flyer drop off, MLC, 9:00 a.m.	13
14 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19 Scouting for Food Bag Pick up, MLC, 9:00 a.m.	20
21 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25 U.S. Grant Pilgrimage, Galena, IL, Depart 5:30 p.m.	26 U.S. Grant Pilgrimage, Galena, IL	27 Grant Pilgrimage, Galena, IL, return noon PLC, 6:00 p.m.
28 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30	Scouting for Food is our annual service project to provide food for the McFarland Food Pantry. Flyers are hung on doors one Saturday and food donations collected and delivered the next.			
The U.S. Grant Pilgrimage celebrates our 18 <sup>th</sup> President in his hometown of Galena, Illinois. It is sponsored by the Blackhawk Council, and features museum tours, Grant's home, living history demonstrations, and a parade through Galena. There is no 20-mile hike, but a trail medal can be earned.						

# May

Theme:  
Sports

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's honor camping organization. Scouts are elected by their troop once a year, and are inducted into the Order at the Spring and Fall Conferences.			1	2 Order of the Arrow Spring Conference, EBSR	3 Order of the Arrow Spring Conference, EBSR	4 Order of the Arrow Spring Conference, EBSR
5 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Committee 6:15 p.m.	6	7 Yahara District Roundtable & OA Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Campout, Token Creek County Park, Depart 6:00 p.m.	17 Campout, Token Creek County Park	18 Campout, Token Creek County Park, return 11:00 a.m.
19 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Troop Elections	20	21	22	23 Troop Junior Leadership Training Campout MCL, 5:00 p.m.	24 Troop Junior Leadership Training Campout with PLC 1:00	25
26 Memorial Day Parade & Flag Folding Legion Hall, 4:45 p.m.	27	28	29	30 Pack/Troop Campout, Location TBD	31 Pack/Troop Campout, Location TBD	
Learning leadership skills is one of the goals of Boy Scouting. We do this through the patrol method. New Scout leaders are elected twice a year in Troop 53. Newly elected and appointed leaders are expected to attend the Junior Leadership training events. These events provide training for the new position of responsibility, provide teambuilding experiences, and conclude with a Patrol Leaders Council Meeting for the new officers.						

# June

Theme:  
General Advancement

2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) builds on Troop Junior Leadership Training. NYLT occurs twice in the summer, is put on the Glacier's Edge Council, and staffed by senior Scouts. The Troop tries to nominate 2 or more Scouts to attend NYLT each year.						1 Pack/Troop Campout, Location TBD
2 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5	6 Last Day of School	7	8 McFarland High School Graduation & Color Guard duty, 12:30 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14 National Youth Leadership Training, Camp Indian Trails	15 NYLT Camp Indian Trails
16 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. NYLT Camp Indian trails	17 NYLT Camp Indian Trails	18 NYLT Camp Indian Trails	19 NYLT Camp Indian Trails	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 PLC, 6:00 p.m.
30 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m. Summer Camp Packdown	Troop 53 continues to meet during the summer, but on an every-other-Monday schedule once school lets out. Summer is a great time for Patrols to get together to plan and do Patrol activities. The Scout Handbook explains how.					

# July

**Theme:**  
General  
Advancement

**2008**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4 Flag Folding, American Legion Hall, 4:45 p.m.	5	6 Summer Camp, EBSR, Depart 9:30 a.m.
7 Summer Camp, EBSR	8 Summer Camp, EBSR	9 Summer Camp, EBSR	10 Summer Camp, EBSR	11 Summer Camp, EBSR	12 Summer Camp, EBSR Return, noon	13
14 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 PLC, Annual Planning Meeting, 6:00 p.m. MLC	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31	Troop 53 attends the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation on Castle Rock Lake for summer camp. This is an outstanding opportunity for advancement and fun.		
The Patrol Leaders Council has planned a high adventure trip during the summer to West Virginia for Whitewater Rafting. Dates and details will be forthcoming when they are known.						

# August

**2008**

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