

## Boy Scout Troop 680

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## Camping

**Freeze Out-** Jan. 12, 2008 we had our freeze out campout at Washington state park. We had 13 Scouts attend along with 4 adults. The weather was perfect for our 6 mile hike through the park. It was cold at night but beautiful during the day, we had a great fire burning all day and the food was spectacular.



## Activities

**Laser Tag-** Thirteen scouts attended laser tag at the “Laser Rock” in Belleville, Illinois and it did rock. We played four awesome games of laser tag, had pizza and drinks, and in the end Mr.Cusack defeated us all. Everyone thought that we should do that again as a Troop.

**X-Box 360 Halo Tournament-** We had a great turnout at The Halo tournament hosted by the Stachiws on December 15<sup>th</sup>. It was an all out battle between patrols but in the end Nick Scarfino finished off Michael Stachiw to claim the Halo Championship.

## Advancement

All scouts in troop 680 have advanced to first class in first year. A big congratulation to all the first year scouts and the leaders who helped them meet their goal.

Of our thirty current members, seventeen have achieved the rank of Life.

In- troop merit badges continue with Mr. Faust working on citizenship in the community. We had the mayor of Valley Park Jeffery Whitteaker , attend the January 29, meeting and had a great discussion about the city.

Mr. Efken is moving forward with personal management merit badge and several scouts have already completed the badge. All other scouts need to keep working on those logs that you received the first time you met with him.

Joe Yahl passed his EAGLE Project board of review on January 9, 2008 and has scheduled his project dates for March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> so sign up early to help.

## **Order of the Arrow**

OA members need to mark your calendars for the One Day of Cheerful Service helping repair flood damage at Johnson Shut-ins State Park on April 4, 2008.

Spring conclave will be at Beaumont Scout Reservation the weekend of 4/18/08-4/20/08.

All non- OA scouts need to keep track of their camping nights so you can be eligible to get tapped out at S-F Summer Camp.

## **Summer Camps**

Mark your home calendars for our two long term camps this summer. The first camp will be camp Drake in northern Illinois 6/22/08-6/28/08. Our second week long is at S-F Famous Eagle in Knob Lick, Mo. on 7/20/08-7/26/08.

We have reservations at both camps and payment for camps will be due 30 days before camp.

## **Upcoming Events**

Hidden Valley Ski Trip - 2/16/08 9:00 am till 4:00 pm. Cost is \$66 per person.

Pack 680 Blue and Gold - 2/24/08 2pm Let's all welcome the new Scouts joining our troop.

Joe Yahl Eagle Project - 3/1/08 and 3/2/08 9-3pm at the Yahl garage.

Sky Zone outing replacing Troop meeting – 3/4/08 6pm-8pm Cost is \$16 per scout.

Electronics Weekend – West Tyson County Park pavilion. 3/7/08-3/9/08. BIG FUN

Train Trip to Chicago – 4/3/08- 4/5/08. It's time to commit to this trip.

OA Spring Conclave – 4/18/08- 4/20/08

Spring Camporee – S-F Scout ranch 4/25/08 -4/27/08

## **Other News**

Troop 680 had two new Scouts join us from another troop in Valley Park. Nick and Neil Snodgrass changed from troop 328 to 680 and have a lot of experience as scouts.

Nick is a Life Scout and wants to begin working on his Eagle project very soon. Neil is a seventh grader at Valley Park school and is working on his First class rank.

Scout Sunday/ Super Bowl Sunday was a fund raiser and we sold pizza's and Gus's pretzels outside of church. According to Dr. Burnette, we raised \$300 for the Troop. Thanks to Dr. Burnette, Matt Burnette, Dr. Stachiw, Michael Stachiw, Joe and Jimmy Yahl for standing out in the cold to help the troop.