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Troop 8 Court of Honor

Monday, May 13th is the last Court of Honor this school year for Troop 8 Scouts. Meet at Vine Congregational Church at 7:00 pm.

Our Scouts will receive merit badges and advancements earned since our last Court of Honor in December.

If your son has merit badges or advancement he would like awarded at this ceremony, they need to be completed soon. Parents should attend this very important awards ceremony.

Troop 8 Scouts in the News

Congratulations to **Alan Fast** who tied for first place out of 189 Lux Middle School students who took the American Mathematics Exam in November 2001. **Alex Bohlmann and Sam Lamer** tied for seventh place. Congratulations and great work guys.

Mrs. Jean Bergholz has been named as one of five finalists for the Nebraska Teacher of the Year. She received a \$1000 scholarship to be used for educational enhancement.

Mr. Kevin Griffin has been named Asst. Vice President of Union Bank.

Mrs. Karen Shoemaker's first book will be available on May 3rd. Night Sounds and Other Stories will have a reading at Lee Booksellers on May 17th at 7:30 PM

Important Dates

April

- Apr 22 Troop 8 Meeting
- Apr 23 OA Elections
- Apr 27 First Aid Day 8-Noon
- Apr 29 Troop 8 Meeting
- Apr 29 Philmont Payment \$150.00 due

May

- May 3-4 Arborland Spring Camporee
- May 6 Troop 8 Meeting
- May 11 Bird Study Merit Badge Clinic
- May 13 Troop 8 Court of Honor
- May 17 OA Spring Event
- May 18 Arborland Fishing Derby
- May 20 Troop 8 Meeting
- May 20 Ground Zero Presentation at the Troop Meeting. Open to everyone

June

- Jun 3 Camp Cornhusker Meeting
- Jun 9-15 Troop 8 at Camp Cornhusker

July

- July 13 Saltdogs Baseball Camporee
- July 23 Camp Cornhusker

August

- Aug 1 Grand Opening Outdoor Education Center
- Aug 5-8 Dog Care Merit Badge Clinic
- Aug 6 OA Patrol Meeting
- Aug 9 OA Pow Wow

Troop 8 Web Page

Our Troop 8 web page is available at: lincolne.com/nonprofit/troop8 There is lots of information available to you from advancements to merit badge counselors. The site is updated monthly with new information. Here are some of the things you can find on our web site:

- *Scout Advancement
- *Parent/Committee Meeting
- *Merit Badge Counselors
- *Merit Badge Counseling
- *Calendar of Troop Events
- *Troop and Scout forms
- *Troop library list
- *Camping recipes
- *Photos from our campouts

Who to Call

A number of our adult leaders can help you when you have questions.

Committee Meetings-Bill Whiston

Camping-Blaine Horalek
Steve Cartagena

Advancement-Steve Schafer

Equipment-Wayne Janssen

Adult Training-Jerry Bohlmann

Merit Badge Counselors-Steve Miller

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Camping With Troop 8</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">New Troop 8 Scouts</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Law Enforcement Day September 28,</h2>
<p>Here are summer camping opportunities with Troop 8 If you are interested in attending any of these camping experiences you need to contact a Troop 8 adult leader immediately.</p> <p>Camp Cornhusker June 9-15 Troop 8 will be at Camp Cornhusker for another fun filled week this year. Cost: 140.00 Program: Trail to First Class, 28 merit badges available, swimming, nature area, pond and waterfront. Activities for older scouts include Frontier Experience and COPE.</p> <p>Saltdogs Baseball Camporee Saturday, July 13th. Cost: Registration: Deadline Register with the Scout Office at 476-8846. Enjoy a pre-game picnic, a parade of boy scouts, camping on the field after the game and a movie. The next morning breakfast is served before worship service. Scouts receive a commemorative patch. This is great fun, plan to attend.</p> <p>Philmont July 23 to August 6 We have several openings left for our Philmont trip this summer. This is the ultimate Boy Scout Camp and an adventure you will not forget. If you are a First Class Scout or know someone who is from another troop that would like to go please contact Mr. Holmes.</p> <p>Lewis and Clark June 23 to June 29 Cost: \$140.00 There are 5 openings for this fun camp in South Dakota on the Missouri River. 45 Merit Badges are offered. Scouts must have 1 year of prior camping to attend. Contact Bill Whiston for more information.</p>	<p>Troop 8 just finished registration for the coming year. We want to welcome our new scouts and adult scout leaders.</p> <p>Scouts: Joe Beran, Matt Bindel, Noah Bohlman, Cole Bundy, Nicholas Doty, Jay Dupont, Benji Gordon, Nicholas Graef, Parker Hoffman, Joel Hunter-Pirtle, Sean Johnson, Austin Jones, Jonathan Rife, Daniel Sellon, Samuel Sneed, Michael Walker, Colton Whitted</p> <p>Adults: Casey Beran, Will Bindel, Alan Dupont, Michael Johnson, Britt Miller</p>	<p>Sunday, September 28, 2002 from 12:00—5:00 PM the Cornhusker Council will sponsor a Law Enforcement Day for area Scouts.</p> <p>Scouts will be able to do a building search, see a bike cop demonstration, have an ID card made, see a K-9 demonstration, try a traffic stop, see police cars, boats, and helicopters, make an arrest and earn a very special participation badge, uh patch, but it looks like a badge.</p> <p>Plan to attend this first ever law enforcement event. Troop 8 will attend this day so be prepared to sign up next fall.</p>
	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Arborland Fishing Derby</h2> <p>May 18th is the date for the Arborland Fishing Derby. Meet at Oak Lake from 10:00 till 1:00 PM for a fun fishing contest. Bring your own fishing gear if you have it, if not Rick Eades from the Fisheries Division will be there with fishing pools, hooks, worms etc. so first time fishers can participate.</p> <p>Registration is through the Council office . Cost for the event is \$5.00 if you register by May 10. After that date registration is \$8.00 and there is no guarantee you will receive a patch. The Derby fee includes trophies, patch and fishing equipment for those who need it.</p> <p>Lunch of a hot dog, chips and a drink is available for \$3.00 but you must pre-register for lunch. Call the Scout Office at 476-8846 to register.</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Bright Lights Merit Badge Classes</h2> <p>This year Bright Lights, Inc. is participating in a cooperative venture with the Boy Scouts for its 2002 Summer Enrichment Program. Bright Lights will offer classes that fulfill some badge requirements for Boy Scouts.</p> <p>Examples of classes that meet full or partial badge requirements are : architecture, aviation, clay art, cycling, genealogy, geology, engineering, multimedia, photography and printmaking.</p> <p>Check the Bright Lights brochure, the LPS Free Times or www.brightlights.org</p> <p>The classes this year are held mostly at Humann Elementary School near 40th and Old Cheney. For more information or to register call 420-1115 the Bright Lights office.</p>

Troop 8 Merit Badge Counselors

Merit Badges

If your son wants to work on a Merit Badge or two this summer, contact one of the Troop 8 counselors.

American Business	Steve Miller Steve Gade
Archery	Wayne Janssen Blaine Horalek Clark Smith
Art	Jean Bergholz
Astronomy	Joe Babcock
Athletics	Bill Wendling
Auto Mechanics	Neil Boring
Aviation	Randy Doerneman
Backpacking	Bill Wendling LeRoy Sievers
Camping	Joe Babcock Dale Fries Bill Wendling
Canoeing	LeRoy Sievers Wayne Janssen Dave Shoemaker
Chemistry	Joseph Algaier
Citizenship/Community	LeRoy Sievers Steven Schafer
Citizenship/Nation	LeRoy Sievers Steven Schafer
Citizenship /World	LeRoy Sievers Steven Schafer
Coin Collections	Jean Bergholz Bryan Beckman
Collections	Jean Bergholz
Communications	LeRoy Sievers Steve Gade Karen Shoemaker
Computers	Joe Babcock Mike Thompson
Cooking	Joe Babcock Dale Fries Bill Wendling
Crime Prevention	Joy Citta Mark Danner
Cycling	Bill Wendling Clark Smith
Disabilities Awareness	Mark Danner
Dog Care	Jean Bergholz
Drafting	Neil Boring Kevin Hays
Electricity	Chuck Fast Steven Schafer Blaine Horalek

Emergency Preparedness	Joy Citta
Energy	Chuck Fast
Engineering	Chuck Fast Kevin Hays Thomas Franti Steve Miller
Entrepreneurship	George Graef
Environmental Science	Clark Smith
Family Life	Jean Bergholz Karen Shoemaker
Farm Mechanics	Jerry Bohlmann
Fingerprinting	Joy Citta
First Aid	Steve Miller
Fish and Wildlife	Thomas Franti Clark Smith
Fishing	Michael Thurber Bill Wendling Clark Smith
Gardening	Thomas Franti Steve Miller Jerry Bohlmann Jane Sievers Karen Shoemaker
Genealogy	Kenneth Coolidge
Geology	Mike Thompson Steven Schafer
Golf	Steve Russell Kevin Hays Thomas Franti Dave Shoemaker
Hiking	Dale Fries
Home Repairs	Bill Wendling Steven Schafer Blaine Horalek
Horsemanship	Bill Wendling
Journalism	Karen Shoemaker
Landscape Architecture	Steven Schafer Karen Shoemaker
Law	Wayne Janssen Steve Russell LeRoy Sievers Joy Citta
Lifesaving	Kevin Hays
Medicine	Bill Whiston
Metal Work	Neil Boring Kevin Hays Neil Boring
Model Design	Neil Boring
Motor boating	Clark Smith
Music	Linda Schafer Dr. Tena Whiston
Orienteering	Dale Fries
Painting	Bill Wendling
Personal Fitness	Bill Wendling Steve Russell
Personal Management	LeRoy Sievers Steven Schafer

Pets	Jean Bergholz
Photography	Joy Citta Steve Gade
Pioneering	Dale Fries Bill Wendling
Plant Science	George Graef
Plumbing	Steven Schafer Marty Earhart
Public Speaking	Steve Russell LeRoy Sievers Joy Citta Karen Shoemaker
Reading	Jean Bergholz Karen Shoemaker
Reptile Study	Mike Thompson
Rifle Shooting	Dale Fries Wayne Janssen Clark Smith Kevin Hays Joy Citta Blaine Horalek
Safety	Joy Citta
Salesmanship	Dale Fries Steve Gade
Scholarship	Jean Bergholz Thomas Franti George Graef Karen Shoemaker
Science	George Graef
Shotgun Shooting	Wayne Janssen Kevin Hays Clark Smith Blaine Horalek
Soil-Water-Conversation	Mike Thompson Jerry Bohlmann Thomas Franti
Sports	Bill Wendling
Swimming	Bill Wendling Marty Earhart Kevin Hays Joy Citta
Traffic Safety	Joy Citta
Truck Transportation	Dave Shoemaker Tonn Ostergard
Wood Carving	Neil Boring
Woodwork	Dale Fries Joe Vance

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to be Merit Badge Counselors.

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Scoutmaster Minute

By Larry Holmes

We have new scouts joining us at Troop 8. Just a few weeks ago they were Webelos and now they have crossed over to be Boy Scouts. As I think of what it must be like for these new Scouts, the excitement, the new faces and new path ahead of them I wanted to talk about some of the familiar Boy Scout traditions we have with every troop meeting but may not think about as we say them or see them every week.

At every meeting we recite the Boy Scout Oath. "On My Honor" we say but do you think about what these words mean? What is Honor?

The Scout Handbook says that honor is loyalty to high ideals. Webster's Unabridged uses words like: "good name, reputation, excellence of character, high moral worth, nobleness, integrity, uprightness, trustworthiness" in its definition. However you define it, Honor goes to the very core of what you are. If you have it, everyone knows, they can tell it by your actions. And if you don't have it, well, it's equally obvious. So when you say "On my honor, I will do my best"you are pledging yourself to do the best you can. No half-measures or goofing off. You are saying that you will do it and I know that you will.

I thought our new scouts might be interested in the new Scout badge they will wear. The design is from the north point of the mariners' compass. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting selected that symbol for the first Scout badge. He said, "It is the badge of the Scout because it points in the right direction, and upwards. It shows the way in doing your duty and helping others." In other words, just as the north point of the compass helps us find our way in the field, so the Scout badge helps us find our way through life.

So the shape of our Scout badge should be a constant reminder to us of the things we pledge when we say the Scout Oath or Law. Let's think about that badge and what it means as we live our life as Boy Scouts.