

Mark Your Calendars

- ◆ Troop Meetings—January 5, 12, and 19
- ◆ Patrol Leader Council—January 26
- ◆ Klondike Derby—January 23-25
- ◆ Troop Committee—January 20
- ◆ Roundtable—January 8
- ◆ District Dinner—January 10

The Fireball Express



January 2004

Paul Crooks, Scoutmaster

Rank Advancements

Second Class

Ben Kretsinger
Garrett Ragland

First Class

CJ Hucke

Star

Michael Luczak

Eagle

Ryan Carlyle
Thomas Lyman

Eagle News

Ryan Carlyle and Thomas Lyman passed their Boards of Review and are now officially Eagles! That makes 11 for 2003!

Andy Longres presented his project to put new siding on a storage shed at Immacolata Manor.

374 Outings

The winter outing planned for December was indeed wintry with snow on the ground and more during the night. Thirteen Scouts and nine adults enjoyed snowball fights, slogging four miles around Watkins Mill Lake, and a falling down good time playing broom hockey at the Line Creek ice rink.

January's outing is the traditional North Star Klondike Derby at the traditional Kelsey Short area at Smithville, Lake January 23-25.

Hey folks!

You should have your registration in for next year already. Please see the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

It is also time already for your second payment for Scout Camp. As Gator mentioned at the Troop Committee meeting, ONLY 200 more days till Summer Camp! Please send or give or hand over \$100 per attendee to Carla Drummond in January. She can be seen at Scout meetings or mail it to 452 N. Morse, Liberty, MO 64068.

It's time to Register Again

All this for only \$10/person!

1. Sign up for another year of fun and activities at the old Scout troop—and the opportunity for a 10-day vacation at Bartle Rockreservation.
2. Renew your Boy's Life subscription for only \$10.80 more.
3. Register as an adult and show your support for the program plus receive *Scouting* magazine
4. Don't miss a single issue of your information-packed *Fireball Express*.

Registration of \$10.00 per person, for each Scout plus each Adult, plus \$10.80 per Boy's Life subscription is due to Patti Williams December 29, 2003. Bring to a meeting or mail to Patti at 1620 Tudor, Liberty.

Online Scouting News

If you would like to receive the Heart of America Council online Newsletter, *Adventures in Scouting*, please email Christina Crandall at cdrandal@bsamail.org and provide your name, address, phone, and preferred email address.

Good news

We now have enough money pledged or raised to purchase and outfit a new (used) trailer for Troop 374. Thanks to everyone who contributed to getting a larger, easier-to-haul trailer for outings and summer camp.

Tree sales

As of December 16, we had sold all but 20 trees and had a profit of \$2700. The tree lot was dismantled December 20. Thanks to every one who helped with this fundraiser, and an extra big thanks to Greg and Brenda Carrell for coordinating this important fund raiser.

Philmont info meeting

If you are a regular reader, you know these two things: planning is going on for high adventure trips in 2004 and 2005, and it is hard to get into Philmont. For rookies, High Adventures are challenging long-distance trips that are the highlight of a Scouting career. Philmont is the ultimate high adventure trip, backpacking high in the mountains of New Mexico.

Steve Diamond has scored a coup and gotten our troop spots for TWO teams to hike Philmont July 26-August 7, 2005. This means we have room for 16 Scouts age 14 and older and 8 adults!!! A meeting will be held January 6 for those interested in this trek. The first deposit of \$50 is due the end of January 2004, so you must commit now. IF you have ever thought of going to Philmont, THIS is the opportunity.

District Dinner

The North Star district dinner will be held at the Marriot on January 10 at 6:00. Eagle Scouts of 2003 will attend compliments of the troop. Any parent or other Scouter who would like to attend, please contact John McBurney at 781-6923 (633 Morse) and give him \$20 for each person attending. Please make the checks to Troop 374.

Troop Activities

Instead of working on badges, it is Derby time. Scouts will be working on Pinewood Derby and preparing for Klondike Derby.

Troop 374 took part in the Liberty holiday parade December 6. The "float" was provided by **L&L Towing**.

PLEASE get your registration for each Scout and adult to Patty Williams NOW!

Scouts need to...

...work on their own to finish up Merit Badges started. We try to offer 2-3 badges each month. It is the responsibility of the Scout to complete requirements he didn't get done at the organized sessions.

Useful Phone Numbers

- Scoutmaster Paul Crooks.....792-5469
- Comm. Chairman Bill Moberly.....781-4455
- Treasurer Don Carlyle.....792-0091
- Registrar Patti Williams.....781-4863
- Board of Reviews Patti William.....781-4863
- Newsletter Ed. Phyllis Carlyle.....792-2446
- OA Chair Jim Antrup.....415-3399
- Food Coupons Brenda Carrell.....781-1712
- Religious Guide Patrick Hill.....781-7014
- Fundraising Carla Drummond506-0441
- Trash bags Tim McElhaney.....781-2879
- Outdoor Chair Steve Diamond.....792-2125

Now—Training Online!

By the way, we need all adults to take Youth Protection training so you can help your son and his friends learn and grow. Youth Protection training is now available online at <http://www.hoac-bsa.org/>, click on "Training", "Health & Safety" "Youth Protection" and take it from there.

Excitement in Liberty

Congratulations to 374 Eagle Scout Ryan Carlyle for becoming a National Merit Semifinalist AND scoring 1600 on the SAT. (The editor probably wouldn't mention this, except the school and city are at least as excited about this as Patrick Mazi's State wrestling championship mentioned in this newsletter a few years ago...)

Winter at Watkins Mill—Photos by Kevin Carlyle. To see the rest of the pictures, visit the Troop web page.



Troop Committee Meeting December 16, 2003

Troop Committee was attended by Paul Crooks, Phyllis Carlyle, Carla Drummond, Karen Mathes, Greg Carrell, Brenda Carrell, John McBurney, Richie Robinson, Don Carlyle, MaryAnn Lemons, Patti Williams and our fearless, keep-the-meeting-short leader, Bill Moberly.

Our next Troop Committee meeting will be held **January 20, 2004**. Did we mention these meetings are usually shorter than an hour?

All parents are welcome. This is an excellent way to learn about the activities of the troop and how it works.

Utilize technology!

Sign up to get the Fireball Express via email and save your troop time and money, plus receive it a week (or 2 or 3) earlier! We have over 87 families receiving the newsletter via e-mail now.

Listmembers also receive reminders and fast breaking troop news. The newsletter arrives in PDF format, requiring Acrobat Reader, but can also be downloaded in Word format by visiting <http://fireball.374liberty.org>. Right click on the desired document, and save it to your hard drive to read. You will also find PDF versions of the troop rosters at this site, too.

To get on this Fireball email list, email your editor at dcarlyle@kc.r.com. We promise that your email address will not be used for anything but troop business.

Thanks to Assistant Scoutmaster and Webmaster Kevin Carlyle for setting up and maintaining the email list and download page.

Upgrade of the 374 Website

Assistant Scoutmaster (and CMSU senior) Kevin Carlyle made it his summer project to build his own Web server, which allows him more flexibility in designing Web pages. This also allowed him to purchase and host a domain name for Troop 374, and the address for our Troop web page is : **www.374liberty.org**

With this upgrade, Troop 374 has more space and can make the web page better and bigger. If you would like to add content or functionality, contact Kevin@flyingember.com. The camping web page is now is part of 374liberty.org instead of on a commercial site. To go directly to the camp outing information type: **374liberty.org/camping**

The Fireball email list, used for the newsletter and other info, also has a new address: **fireball@374liberty.org**



Boy Scout Registration Renewal Due by December 29

Scout _____	Patrol _____	Register <input type="checkbox"/>	Boy's Life <input type="checkbox"/>
Scout _____	Patrol _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scout _____	Patrol _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult _____	Phone _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adult _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Address _____			

Enclose \$10.00 for **each** registration, and \$10.80 for **each** subscription. TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Bring to meeting or Mail to Patti Williams, 1620 Tudor Lane, Liberty, MO 64068

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