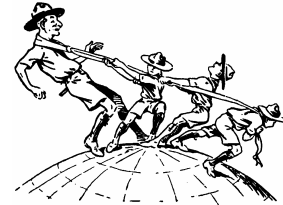


# Travel'n Troop 16 Newsletter

April, 2005



Dear Scouts, Parents, and Families,

I would like to invite you to our Eagle Court of Honor on Thursday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. This will be held in the basement at the Elk's Lodge No. 639. Once again the Elks have graciously agreed to serve us dinner before the ceremony. Be sure to thank them before we leave. We have three scouts getting their Eagle rank, Christopher Eddleman, Eric McLain, and Christopher Seyer. Come join us and honor them and their attaining the highest rank in Boy Scouting, and all the other scouts for their hard work this year. The ceremony should conclude at about 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact me at 335-1507, or email [eddelemanw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eddelemanw@sbcglobal.net)

Yours in Scouting,

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## New Troop 16 Eagle Scout!

Christopher Seyer is Troop 16's most recent Eagle Scout. He passed his district board of review in March. His project involved clearing out the Lewis Cemetery near Cape Girardeau, and restoring and resetting several of the tombstones. Christopher is a former Quartermaster for the Troop. He follows Eric McLain, who finished in January, and Christopher Eddleman, who completed his requirements in October.



## Welcome to New Scouts!

Four new Boy Scouts crossed over to Troop 16 from Packs 1 and 16 in February, and we also welcome a Scout who transferred from another Troop. Aaron Arnzen, Cole Howell, Matt Jedlinski, and Adam Raines are the new Scouts. All have now been on at least one campout, and are well on their way to Tenderfoot! The patrol elected its new Patrol Leader, Matt Jedlinski, and Assistant Patrol Leader, Aaron Arnzen. In addition, Jacob Buckenmeyer, a Life Scout from Troop 4, has transferred into the Troop. Welcome to all of you!

## LeGrand to be New Scoutmaster

Mr. Steve LeGrand will be assuming the job of Scoutmaster at the end of May. Mr. LeGrand has been an active leader in the Troop, and has gone on most of the campouts in the last two years. He also served as a leader when part of the Troop went to Camp Sabattis last year. Mr. Eddleman has served for three years as Scoutmaster of Troop 16, and will be switching to the job of Advancement Chairman beginning in May. Please give Mr. LeGrand all the help you can spare as he takes on this new role in the Troop!



## Veterinary Medicine MB offered at Spring Camporee

The Shawnee District Spring Camporee will be held on the Seminary Grounds in Perryville, Missouri on April 29-May 1. This year's camporee will feature stations that give the Scouts the opportunity to earn the Veterinary Medicine Merit Badge. The stations will feature live farm animals and pets, and feature animal care and veterinary medicine. Two pre-requisites are required: a discussion with a veterinarian about what they do in their jobs (planned for our April 28 meeting) and a 300-word written care plan for the animal of your choice. Mr. Eddleman would be happy to look at these BEFORE the camporee (to avoid those nasty incomplete merit badges).

## Johnson Shutins in May!!

Our May campout will be to a Troop 16 favorite site: Johnson Shutins near Ironton. The dates are May 20-22. There are NO planned activities—just having fun in the water and relaxing in camp. We will also go to Elephant Rocks on Sunday. We will camp in the group campground, and probably share it with one or two other troops.

## Remaining Activities, Spring- Summer 2005

Our 2003-2004 year is winding down, but there are still a lot of great activities in store for Troop 16! Most of these involve summer camps, or high adventure activities. Included are:

July 10-16– Week-long summer camp at Camp Lewallen in Silva, Missouri. A mailing should be sent out later if you sign up for camp.

June 10-24 – Treks at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

June-July – NYLT sessions, for those boys who want to learn more about leadership and are qualified to attend.

July 24-July 30 – camp for Catholic Scouts at Swift Base, S Bar F Scout Ranch near Fredricktown, Missouri.

Early August – PLC to plan next year's activities

One week later – Fall picnic at the Cape Girardeau County Park.

Hope to see all of you at camp!

## Summer Camp at Camp Lewallen

How would all of you Parents like it if someone handed you \$10, no strings attached? Pretty good, right? Well, one way to get \$10 fast is to pay for summer camp before the Camper Savings Day on May 1. If your Scout has enough in his Scout account (from selling popcorn or pizza), just tell Mr. Hunter to apply this toward summer camp, or give him a check for \$140 **ON OR BEFORE THE APRIL 28 MEETING**. After May 1, the cost for camp goes up to \$150. It is much easier on the adult leadership if everyone pays by May 1, because the Scoutmaster has to turn in a roster at that time, and we know how many

Scouts to plan for. Scholarships are also available if you have financial need. See Mr. Eddleman for details.

Attendance at summer camp is very important for all scouts. First time scouts participate in the Voyager program, which teaches important basic skills and fulfills many of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. Older scouts can earn several merit badges. To avoid disappointment, please have your son check to see if any merit badge requirements must be completed BEFORE camp.

Adults are also needed to stay at camp with the boys--whether they can stay for only one night or for the entire week. Let Mr. Eddleman or Mr. LeGrand know if you can stay at camp. All parents are invited to Parents' Night during camp. See you at camp, July 10-16!



## Physicals, Health Updates, and Red Cards

Scouts who have not yet submitted up-to-date health forms and red cards should do so soon if they are going to camp or are going to participate in a high adventure activity this summer. New physicals on the Class 2 form are required every three years (for Scouts and adults under age 40), and must be updated each year with a Health Update Form. We will be arranging free physicals very soon, and will announce the date via email. New physicals are needed for Ryan Little, Adam LeGrand, James Palen, Danny Easley, John McLain, Matt Jedlinski, Cole Howell, Aaron Arnzen, and Adam Raines.

Red cards show that boys have completed basic CPR, and we will be doing that activity at one of the May meetings. You will have to make other arrangements to get your red card otherwise.

Please MAKE SURE Mr. Eddleman gets all health forms and red cards before summer camp!

## National Youth Leadership Training Camp

Boys who are First Class Scouts, have attended summer camp for 2 years, and are age 12, are eligible to attend National Youth Leadership Training Camp (NYLT) on the recommendation of the Scoutmaster. This year's camps will be at Camp Famous Eagle at S Bar F Scout Ranch near Knob Lick, Missouri. Dates are either June 19-25, June 26- July 2, or July 10-16. Troop 16 requires that the Senior Patrol Leaders and any Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders have attended NYLT. The "Pack and Paddle" option for NYLT is open to boys age 14 and older, and who are capable of strenuous activity for backpacking or canoeing on Lake Nims. Mr. Eddleman has application forms, and must sign them before you send them in.

## Troop 16 to Send Two Crews to Philmont in June!

Troop 16 was lucky enough to draw for two crews for backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico this summer. Crew 1 is advised by Mr. Williams, and the crew elected Matt Pfau as crew leader. In addition to these two, Crew 1 includes Neil Kanneberg, Ryan Little, Stephen McCrate, Adam Parker, Chris Seyer, James Williams, Andrew Williams, Mr. Eddleman, Mr. Pfau, and Mr. Seyer. Crew 2 is led by Phillip Graf (of Troop 250 in Perryville)

and advised by Mr. Palen. Others in Crew 2 include James Palen and Travis Harrington from Troop 16, Brenton Ruopp, Adam Steele, and Mr. Pat Ruopp from Troop 5, and Andrew Fehr, Graf, and Mr. Andy Graf from Troop 250. Both crews have been participating in training hikes and backpacking campouts to prepare for their treks. The trip and 10-day treks will begin on June 10, when the crews depart by train, and return on June 24.



## Compass Course is Available on the Website

Last year, Assistant Scoutmaster Mr. Kiel and several Scouts set up a new compass course at Kiwanis Park. This course satisfies one of the requirements for First Class. The course is available on our web site: [http://www.showme.net/troop16/compass\\_course.htm](http://www.showme.net/troop16/compass_course.htm) Ask Mr. Kiel or Mr. Eddleman for answer keys (to prove you completed the course successfully), and they will sign off on your requirement.

## Adult Basic Leader Training (BLT)

Hey Adults! How would you feel if you saw the following sign in the Emergency Room of the Hospital: "Over 58% of our doctors are fully-trained!" Or, what if you were at a Cardinal baseball game, and the message, "65% of our players attended spring training" flashed across the scoreboard. You'd feel like you were in danger of your life or paying good

money to see bad baseball, wouldn't you! We expect to have people that do these jobs fully trained. Well, why should we expect any less from adult Scout leaders? So, adults, have we got a deal for you! Adult Basic Leader Training is going to occur at Camp Lewallen, Silva, Mo., on April 22-24. Learn all about the Boy Scout program and how to deliver to our boys in the best way possible, and make Troop 16 a better Troop. The courses are taught by experienced Scout leaders (who, by the way, ARE fully trained). Participants live as a patrol for camping and cooking, under the guidance of an experience Troop Guide. You can sign up at the Cape Girardeau Scout Office for a very nominal fee, or call Mr. Eddleman for more details. The fall session will be the last weekend of October if you can't make this one!

## Need a t-shirt?

Do you want to take pride in your membership in Troop 16? Well, it's difficult without a Troop 16 t-shirt! Have we got a deal for you!! Mr. Kanneberg has agreed to put together a t-shirt order, but we will need your size and the number of shirts you want by May 1. You can use either the signup sheet at the Court of Honor next week, or tell Mr. Kanneberg, Mr. Eddleman, or Mr. Williams what you need, and we will fix you up. Shirts are tan, with green lettering and scout symbol on the right upper chest. Cost will be announced later.

## Five to Receive Pope Pius XII Award

Five Troop 16 Scouts will be receiving the Pope Pius XII Award at Old St. Vincent's Church at 7 p.m. on May 5. This award culminates three months of Friday-night sessions to fulfill the requirements. Congratulations to Chris Eddleman, Stephen McCrate, Adam Parker, Andrew Williams, and James Williams for earning this award, and to Mr. Golden, Mr. Lester, Brother David

Migliorino, and others who helped out with the teaching sessions. If there is sufficient interest, we will offer sessions for the Ad Altare Dei Award (for younger Boy Scouts) next year.

## Thanks to the St. Vincents Mens' Association

A special thanks is in order to the St. Vincents Mens' Association, who donated money to us in March. This represents their 2005 donation to us, as a thank you for helping them out during the Lenten fish fries. Thanks also to all the Scouts and Leaders who helped out with the fish fries!



## Second Summer Camp for Catholic Youth

Anyone interested in participating in a second summer camp opportunity for Catholic Scouts should contact Mr. Eddleman IMMEDIATELY! The camp will be at Swift Explorer Base at S Bar F Ranch (near Licking, Mo.) on July. Any age scout can attend, and you can at least start on the Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII awards. Interested adult leaders who attend can be trained in offering the religious awards (if they so desire). Mornings will be devoted to high adventure activities, including water skiing, rock climbing and rappelling, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Afternoons will be devoted to merit badges. Mass will be celebrated at least twice during the week. Some of the staff will be

seminarians, so you will get to interact with them. Also, the Archbishop from St. Louis will be there one day, for a good bit of the day, to interact with the scouts. Meals will be served in the Swift lodge--so there will be no cooking at camp sites. (The first Scout reading this gets a free dinner cooked for him by the adults on the next campout. Call Mr. Eddleman to take advantage of this offer—the first one to call wins.)

## Help Out on the Troop Committee

Parents and other interested adults who lead boring, unfocused lives can pull themselves into excitement and focus by helping out on the Troop 16 Committee! Mr. Williams will be glad to find a job that uses your talents, and which will help out the Scouts in the Troop. Whether your special talents are for fundraising, camping, keeping records, guiding the Scouts in their spiritual development, or just assisting others, we've got a job for you! Just let Mr. Williams know.

## Scoutmaster's Minute - Clean

*Scoutmaster Bill Eddleman*



One individual I know is a very intelligent, seemingly articulate person—with one exception. This person sprinkles dirty words through just about everything they say. As a result, many people are very uncomfortable being around this person, and few take the person seriously. Why do you think this is so?

A Boy Scout swears to be clean as the 11<sup>th</sup> point of the Scout Law. Most of

you probably think this means you should do things like take a bath or shower, dress neatly, and remember to change your underwear regularly. We know that being dirty in body can lead to poor health, and result in a lack of self respect and respect from those around you. But, being clean is more than this. A Scout keeps his body AND his mind fit and clean. A Scout helps keep his home and community clean. He hangs around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. This helps to prevent poor health of your spirit, and keep your mind clean. So, next time you encounter someone who uses a lot of foul language, don't encourage them. Stay clean, and you'll feel better about yourself and encourage others to do the same!

## Important Dates!

Please check the troop calendar for more events.

- April 21** – Eagle Court of Honor
- April 22-24** – Adult BLT
- April 29-May 1** – Spring Camporee
- May 1** – Camper Savings Day
- May 5** – Religious Awards Ceremony
- May 20-22** – May Campout, Johnson Shutins
- May 24** – Shawnee Chapter, Order of the Arrow meeting
- May 26** – Last Spring Troop meeting and Pizza Party
- June 10-24** – Philmont
- June 19-25** – NYLT
- June 26-July 2** – NYLT
- July 10-16** – Camp Lewallen
- July 24-30** – Camp for Catholic Scouts



