



# Irons in the Fire

The Newsletter of Boy Scout Troop 188

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## Scout parents!

*Please stop in when dropping off or picking up your Scout.*

*Information tables are set up at the bottom of the stairs, with notices, forms, and other useful information. You may also submit fee payments and permission slips to the waiting volunteers.*

*Please note that volunteers are always needed to help out with Scout activities and with driving to and from campouts.*

*Driving scouts to a campout, attending committee meetings, becoming an assistant leader, and taking pictures are just some of the ways you can help keep Troop 188 active and viable!*

*Next committee meeting:*

Wednesday, January 14th

## First Aid Meet: Disaster Strikes, Scouts Respond!

Signal Hill District Scouts and Scouts from visiting districts responded to a mock disaster at Harper College Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, as part of the District First Aid Meet hosted by Troops 21 of Barrington and 188 of Palatine. Nearly a hundred Scouts were asked to act as first responders to a group of over ninety tornado victims suffering injuries that ranged from broken bones to cardiac arrest and puncture wounds. In one intense hour, victims in nine identical stations were assessed and treated by teams of scouts.

Scouts from all participating troops were assigned to response teams based on their individual experience, rank, and merit badges earned. This mixing of Scouts from different Troops took the scouts required them to quickly determine who in their team possessed which first aid and leadership skills. All scouts were scored on individual performance, and each response team was scored on teamwork and first aid skills. Members of the Palatine Medical Reserve Corps and Wauconda Fire Department served as judges for the event. Tom Smith of the WFD led a discussion session on triage and professional response following the competition.

"This type of simulation is critical to a Scout's development. Testing of first aid and preparedness skills is needed to discover strengths and weaknesses in a Scout's training. By reenforcing a Scout's strengths and strengthening his weaknesses, he will be better prepared when he encounters an actual emergency. Baden Powell called scouting a game with a purpose. Today's event was a game. 'Tomorrow's disaster' may be the real thing. Scouts who parti-

cipated in the first aid meet are now better prepared for the real thing," stated Neil Baltz, First Aid Meet Director.

Troop 188 took home the First Aid Meet Trophy for best troop performance. The Blue response team which included scouts, Alex Esau (T335), John Curry (T209), Joey Misecka (T29), John Hammel (T335), Jake Fava (T168), John Parzynski (T461), Alex Goodridge (T309), Kevin Somers (T309), and Aaron Nagy (T32) was judged to be the best performing response team and took home custom-made neckerchiefs. Thirty other scouts were recognized for having top individual scores.

Troop Committee Chairpersons Linda Hochstein (T21) and Beth Stowick (T188) send special thanks out to the hundreds of volunteers who made this event a reality. Thanks also go to CVS for providing first aid kits; Catered by Design, Great American Bagel, and McDonald's for providing food; Coleman Carpets and Glander Paving for providing materials; Good Shepard Hospital for providing personal first aid kits; Harper College for providing the venue; Home Depot for providing paint; Pregis for providing thousands of dollars of materials used to create the disaster scenes; to Kathy Kvittek, Steve Corcoran, and Mark Gray for creating the scenery; to Steve Burgoon for managing the scoring and awards; to Brian Thompson for the video program; to Jerry Heinrichs for "everything"; to the Palatine Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Palatine Medical Reserve Corps, and Wauconda Fire Departments for their expertise and volunteering their time to make our event a success; to professional make up artist Krist Newman and his team, Dan Dudych, Bridget Dominiak and Peter McManus for making the victims appear appropriately gruesome; and to all of the participating scouts and scoutmasters for making this years first aid meet a success!

— Julie Baltz



**Scouts:** Please remember to wear your Class A Scout uniform:

- whenever you are representing Troop 188 or the BSA,
- when you are doing your service hours,
- when you are traveling to or from a Scout outing or a camp, and
- when you are meeting with a Merit-Badge counselor or a Review Board.

Thank you!

#### Need a form?

On the Troop 188 web site, the following forms are available for download and printing:

- Class 1 & 2 Medical Form
- Class 3 Medical Form
- Medicine Administration Form
- general Event Permission Form
- Medical Release Form

Go to [troop-188.org](http://troop-188.org) and click on "Forms". The documents are provided in PDF form.

## Jerry Puts Yet More on His Scouting "Plate"

NWSC Finance Director Pete Stikovich is pleased to announce that Scouter Jerry Heinrichs of Palatine has agreed to chairing the 2009 Council Community Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign.

"We are extremely happy to have Jerry head up this very important position," said Stikovich. "For years, the lack of adequate Community FOS contributions has been a major obstacle in meeting the council's annual budget. Jerry's past experience from being a successful fundraising chair in a Chicago Area Council district is a valuable asset to our Finance Committee."

Heinrichs has been a long-time registered Leader. He is an Assistant Scoutmaster with and Treasurer and outfitter for Troop 188, has served as an Associate Advisor and Committee Member for Venturing Crew 188, and is crucial to many Troop functions, such as the Feast and annual popcorn sales.

Thank you, Jerry! — *Beth Stowick*

## Order of the Arrow News

This year's Haunted Hike was like a roller coaster. We got everything set up in record time on Thursday, with lots of help from the chapter. Friday night we had a great crew of ghouls ready to scare the visitors. Then the rain fell and it got ugly. The visitor count was down and we even closed a few minutes early. The youth tried very hard to not let the rain dampen their spirits but it was tough. On Saturday, the Lodge opened the hike at 3 pm for a non-scare event; after waiting an

hour or so, the number of visitors started to pick up. As the time for scaring drew nearer, our count grew to almost twenty-five boys. Josh and Paul did a fantastic job recruiting help. Since Signal Hill is always at the end of the hike (save the best for last!) we had to wait until a few minutes past 6 for the real hike to get going. By then the boys were totally cranked and it was like releasing an over-wound spring! We actually had several groups decide to skip our area because of the horrible screaming coming from the tent. (Full blast haunted hike is really too much for really young kids; they should take advantage of the fright-free times or use the "Disney" protection.) Every time a group came through claiming "Disney immunity", the boys came under control and respectfully allowed them to pass and then went back to full speed for the next group. Finally the biggest high for me was the clean up on Sunday. We had a great turn-out and were finished cleaning up by 11:30 am; allowing me to keep my promise to the boys that we would be finished by noon. A few of us did stay longer and help with Lodge cleanup, but the chapter was done on time.

I'd like to thank Josh Noel (our chapter chief) and Paul Stowick (our Haunted Hike chairmen) for organizing everything and getting the volunteers we needed; the visitors who tolerate our mistakes and gasp at just the right time (were the tears real?); and finally the youth who make it all "go".

The best youth are selected for the Order of the Arrow (OA). I'm confident the vast majority of these provide cheerful service to scouting every day but too few decide to support the Lodge directly. I'm proud to call all of the OA brothers but hold a special respect for those that serve directly.

— *Kevin Cutts, O.A. Chapter Adviser*

## Woodcarving Offered at Camp Lakota

Woodcarving will be offered on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at Camp Lakota. The times will be from 9am until 12pm and 1pm until 3pm. Scouts may attend one or both sessions. Lunch will be the responsibility of the participants, so come prepared.

This program is for both youth (boys and girls) and adults. If you would like more information, or if you want to register, please contact Lou Akins either by phone or email. There is no cost for this program unless one wishes to purchase pre-made slide blanks, but we need to know how many will be registering so that the materials needed will be available that day.

All youth should be 11 years of age or older.

contact: Lou Akins  
phone: 847-358-7492  
e-mail: lakins130@sbcglobal.net

To make camping arrangements, please contact the Northwest Suburban Council at 847-824-6880.

— Frank Chlebek

## Burpee Museum & Merit Badges

The Burpee Museum offers merit-badge programs for the interested Scout. Upcoming events include an astronomy sleepover (January 16-17 and February 21), a geology workshop (January 24), and a bird-study workshop (March 21).

The interested Scout may review the current listing of events by visiting the Museum's web site at:

[burpee.org/education/scouts.asp](http://burpee.org/education/scouts.asp)

## Troop Positions

The following is a listing of the new Troop leadership:

### Patrol Leaders

Jolly Rogers- TBD  
Pinetrees- Greg C.  
Wolverines- Nick B.  
Batmen- Tom K.

### Senior Staff

SPL- Jeffrey Pearson  
ASPL- David Baltz  
ASPL- Patrick Norman  
Quartermaster- Kevin Hilmer

### Troop Positions

Order of the Arrow Rep- Robert P.  
Instructor- Brandon O.  
Instructor- Dan D.  
Librarian- Eddie G.  
Historian- Tom M.  
Scribe- Mike C.  
Chaplain's Aide- TBD

Please note that all positions can be changed if necessary, and a lack of positive performance can also result in one's removal from his position.

— Jeff Pearson

## Troop Meetings & Events

January 10: Volo Car Museum

January 10: Junior Leader Training (9 am to 3 pm)

January 12: Board of Review

January 14: Monthly Committee Meeting (Wednesday, 7:30 pm)

January 16-18: Klondike

January 23-25: Klondike (alternate)

February 11: Monthly Committee Meeting (Wednesday, 7:30 pm)

~~February 21-22: Maquoketa Caves~~

March 8: Daylight Savings begins

March 11: Monthly Committee Meeting (Wednesday, 7:30 pm)

March 20-22: Survival Weekend (Lakota)