

Troop 759 Activity Summary

April 12, 2011

Court of Honor (COH); this is a troop meeting where the scouts are recognized for the achievements that they have earned. Typically we have light refreshments. The end of summer COH is a larger gathering. For the last several years we have rented a pavilion at a local park and had a cookout. *Family members are welcome/ encouraged to attend COH.*

Skiing; The ski trips are 2-3 day skiing/boarding events at a ski resort within a 3-4 hour drive. These trips are family based. *Friends and family are welcome to attend.*

Klondike; This is a district event that usually occurs in January. There is one night of optional camping on Friday. The troop has been running the matchless fire station at the Klondike for many years.

Winter Cabin Camping; This is a two night camping outing where we stay in a cabin. Usually we have rifle shoot on the Saturday of the camp. Female quarters are typically available for moms and female crew members.

Mall Show; The Mall show a Saturday District event that takes place in a local Mall. The troop usually runs a station such as note tying.

Scouting for Food; The Scouting for Food campaign is a food fundraising event that takes place on two consecutive Saturdays near the end of February or beginning of March. The scouts canvass neighborhoods and local grocery stores for food donations.

Camp-O-Ree/ Adventuree; This is a two night camping event where Venture Crews set up stations for the troops to attend.

Swim Test; This is an annual test offered in the spring by the troop that is used to qualify scouts/adults for swimming activities.

Mount Hebron Clean-up and Fair; Mount Hebron Presbyterian Church runs a fair every spring as a fund raiser for their day care program. For several years, scouts, adults and family members have volunteered to run stations at the fair. Approximately two weeks prior to the fair, the church has a clean-up day to clean-up the grounds and plant flowers. *Friends and family are welcome to help volunteer.*

Religious Retreat; This is a relatively new 2 night council camping event offering stations for scouts.

First Aid/CPR; The troop renews and trains scouts and adults in first aid and CPR. This annual activity usually happens in the spring.

White Water Rafting; the rafting trip is a 2 night camping event that involves rafting the rapids on a white water river. The troop offers rafting for all skill levels. *Friends and family are welcome to attend.* Drive time is usually 3-4 hours.

We Remember; This is a council event that takes place at several locations on the Friday before Memorial Day. We typically go to National Cemetery on Frederick Road just inside the Interstate 695. Scouts place small American Flags on the graves of every veteran buried at the cemetery. The flag placement is followed by a brief ceremony. *Friends and family are welcome to attend.*

Cub Scout Olympics: This is a district event where troops run athletic stations for cub scouts.

Boat Float: Every spring the Columbia Association host card board boat races at Lake Kittamaqundi. The troop has been building and racing in this event for several years. *Friends and family are encouraged to attend and watch.*

Water Park Trip: The troop takes a one day trip to a local water themed park.

Cub Scout Day Camp: this five day camp (usually from around 8:30 am to 4:00 pm) is for cub scouts. Troop scouts and adults have volunteer to staff stations for many years.

Fireworks Cleanup: Troop scouts and adults watch the fireworks at Lake Kittamaqundi on the Fourth of July and then stay to clean up after the event. This is a fund raiser for the troop.

Northern Tier, Philmont, Sea Base and Summit (near future); There are four BSA national high adventure camps in the US. Each offers different opportunities for the scouts and adults of the troop. The troop usually attends one of these camps each year. Northern Tier is a canoe adventure, Philmont is back packing oriented, Sea Base deals with sailing and SCUBA, Summit (when completed) will center around white water, climbing and repelling activities.

Summer Camp; This is a weeklong overnight camp for the scouts offering chances for merit badges and many activities. The scouts vote each year on the council camp location.

Camping: The troop goes on several 2 night camp every year involving different activities. Among the activities are: hiking, biking, back packing, canoeing, rafting, shooting (rifle, shot gun & archery), and historic visits.

Beach Camping: Every September, the troop invites the families of the scouts to join the troop on a 2 night beach camping trip. Sometimes we are on the beach, while other times we are in a camp ground near the beach. The troop usually performs an environmental project on Saturday. Strolls on the beach, camp fires, biking, clamming, fishing, swimming, volley ball, foot ball, boggy boarding, body surfing are a few activities that we have performed on this weekend. *Friends and family are welcome to attend.*

Webelos-O-Ree (WOR): The troop is known for its participation in running hooting sports at various district and council events; the WOR is no exception. The WOR is a chance for the troop to run various stations for first and second year Webelos scouts. For many years our troop has run archery for the first year Webelos, BB' s for second year Webelos and at the end of the day, .22 caliber rifles for the boy scouts.

Day Trips: The troop has several one day trips each year. Some of the places that we have attended include: museums, sporting events, battlefields, Arlington Cemetery, local parks