

# Troop 171 Newsletter

from Scoutmaster,  
John Semanchik

<p><b>Tuesday, June 11</b> Due to the fact that Summer vacation started the prior week-end, we will not have a regular Scout meeting this night. I will be at the Church from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm to answer questions.</p>	<p><b>Parents' Camp Meeting</b> One parent of a Scout going to Summer Camp is asked to attend our monthly Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 13 at 8:00 pm in our Church room. One of the items discussed is parents attendance schedule at Camp. We have quite a few parents who want to spend a night or two at camp. We will also answer any questions and conduct monthly business. We also need to schedule drivers to and from Camp.</p>	<p><b>June 4 Meeting at Camp Davis</b> We will hold our June 4 meeting at Camp Davis from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Attendance for the entire time is optional. It is an outdoor meeting of fun &amp; games that also allows Scouts to earn outdoor requirements. I will also try to meet individually with each Scout going to Camp to review their daily schedule of Merit Badges and / or Trail to First Class events.</p>
<p><b>June 15 Pgh Motor Speedway</b> Our Troop will be sponsored again at the Pittsburgh Motor Speedway races on June 15. Details will be provided later. The cost will be minimal.</p>		<p><b>Merit Badge Prerequisites</b> Some Camp Merit Badges have prerequisites to be done before Camp, such as a one week ecosystem for Environmental Science. Make sure each Scout reviews the requirements for the Merit Badges he wants to take. There is a library of Merit Badge Books in the back room. See our Librarian, Dan Clunies.</p>
<p><b>Summer Camp, July 7 to 13</b> Meet at 10:00 am, July 7 in the parking lot of Sloop Road Park. Caravan to Dinner Bell Road Tavern. Reassemble, and drive together to Camp (no earlier than 12:30). I go to Camp the day before, so I will meet everyone at the Campsite.</p>	<p><b>Medicals for Summer Camp</b> For those Scouts that need to get a physical for Camp, make sure you get the original to me before July 1. I have the forms.</p>	<p><b>DUES</b> There are still a few Scouts who are behind in their dues payments. Dues are \$4.00 a month or \$40 per year (Sept to June); New Scouts from the month they joined to June. Please pay our Secretary, Steve Nicklas. Make checks payable to Troop 171. Steve has a list of those Scouts who still owe dues. Please try to have dues paid by our last meeting, June 4, at Camp Davis. The dues are used to pay for Advancement and Merit Badge patches, annual registration fee, group insurance, defraying the cost of outings, new equipment, etc.</p>
<p><b>Summer Camp Guides</b> Each Scout going to Summer Camp will have received a Summer Camp Guide, which includes the Merit Badges available, camp guidelines and the checklist of items to bring or leave at home. Please let me know if you did not get one.</p>	<p><b>Philmont July 13 - 27, 2002</b> Eight Scouts and four Leaders from our Troop will be going to the National Boy Scout Ranch - Philmont - in Cimarron, NM on July 13 for two weeks of backpacking in the Rockies. We will be going as part of the Greater Pittsburgh Council Contingent. GPC will be taking four crews of 12 members each. The age requirement is 14 by January 1st of the year going. Parents of new Scouts should talk to me about the Troop's future plans or thoughts about going to Philmont.</p>	
<p><b>Uniforms</b> It is the Troop's policy that Scout Shirts be worn at weekly meetings. At a Court of Honor, it is suggested that full Class A uniforms be worn (Neckerchief, pants, medals, etc). Class B's suggested without Uniform.</p>	<p><b>Philmont Shakedown</b> May 17 and 18 Camp Guyasuta</p>	