

TROOP 461

“KNOTSENSE”

News and Activities of Boy Scout Troop 461

March-April 2007

“News that ties us all together!”

- **March is Charter Renewal Month.** Please bring your renewal to Mr. Jeff Gueulette at any March Troop Meeting. The troop’s annual dues are \$45 for Scouts and \$15 for adults. The second Scout in a family can renew for \$35. The fee pays for annual dues, insurance, *Boys Life* subscription for each family, advancement awards and other program costs. As in past years the fee does not cover special camping costs and food purchases. Please renew your membership promptly (see attachment).
- **Neighborhood Lunch** is a program run by the Epworth Euclid United Methodist Church on the last weekend of each month. This meal is for people on government assistance who cannot make funds stretch the whole month. This year Mr. Day has asked Troop 461 to help feed the hungry on Sunday, March 25th from 1:00-3:00pm. Scouts can earn service project hours for their ranks at this event. Lunch will be provided for scouts that attend from 12:15 to 12:45pm. Please try to arrive by 12:00pm.
- The **Glacier Ridge District Merit Badge Day** is on Saturday, March 31. The Scouts will be working on merit badges at the next three meetings to prepare for this event. Scouts – This is open to all scout ranks. Please take advantage of an opportunity to work on merit badges not offered at summer camp (e.g. Citizenship of Community, Nation or World, Communications, etc.) To obtain worksheets for any merit badge visit <http://www.meritbadge.com>. Parents - Our troop sponsors a lunch so Mrs Cathy Trepal be asking you for some help. Mrs Trepal can be reached at 216-297-0117 or Cathytr424@aol.com.
- The troop will have a **Fishing Campout** on April 20-22, 2007 at Camp Manatoc in Peninsula, OH. Mr. Frank Fiederer from Cub Scout Pack 461 will be our fishing expert. A cabin has been reserved and some tent camping is available for scouts that need nights under the stars. The Fishing Campout is scheduled on the same weekend as the Summer Camp preview. This is a chance for scouts to see where summer camp is this year and explore the camp. Mr. Mehling will notify the troop with details.
- The troop will be sponsoring a **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** on April 29th at the Highland Heights Community Center. The funds raised will go towards individual scout camping funds. Mrs. Trepal will also be asking for help on this event. Please mark your calendar.
- Don’t forget to check out the Troop website for troop and scouting info! Be sure to bookmark this site on your computer! <http://www.bsatroop461.org> or (<http://home.att.net/~kosareo/Troop461.htm>). CONTACT THE “KNOTSENSE!” Email: kosareo@att.net or call: 440-473-5317 with your news.

March Calendar of Events

Thursday, 3/1, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Heights Community Center.

The game tonight will be Paper Football. Scouts will begin working on merit badges and any rank requirements! The troop will work the Citizenship in the World merit badge. We need adult leaders to help with rank requirements, but not all requirements can be completed at troop meetings. The Merit Badge Book Library and other materials will be available. There will also be a parent meeting with Mrs. Trepal to discuss the lunch at Merit Badge Day and the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

Thursday, 3/8, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Heights Community Center.

The game tonight will be Balloon Volleyball. Scouts will continue working on merit badges and rank requirements! The Merit Badge Book Library will be available.

Wednesday, 3/14, 7:30pm: Sunrise District Roundtable, Jewish Community Center. (26001 S. Woodland Rd.)
This is a chance for adult Leaders to learn more about District Activities and meet other adult leaders from troops.

Thursday, 3/15, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Heights Community Center.
The game tonight will be Dodgeball. Scouts will continue working on merit badges and rank requirements! Mr. Day will talk about Personal Fitness & the Neighborhood Lunch. The Merit Badge Book Library will be available.

Sunday, 3/18, 7:00pm: Troop Committee Meeting at the Highland Heights Community Center.

Thursday, 3/22, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Heights Community Center
Last Day for Troop Dues! Scouts will continue working on merit badges and rank requirements!

Sunday, 3/25, 1:00-3:00pm: Neighborhood Lunch at Epworth Euclid United Methodist Church
This is an excellent Service Project activity which is required for most scout ranks. This meal is provided to neighborhood people on government assistance. Lunch will be provided for the scouts from 12:15 to 12:45pm. Epworth Euclid United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Chester & 107th St.

Thursday, 3/29, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Heights Community Center
Scouts will continue working on merit badges and rank requirements.

Saturday, 3/31, 8:45am-4:00pm: Merit Badge Day at the Highland Heights Community Center
Contact a merit badge counselor now to begin working on merit badges so you can pass merit badges at this great event. Our troop sponsors the lunch so come prepared to spend the day
(<http://www.glacierreidgecc.org/mbday/index.html>).

April Calendar of Events

Thursday, 4/5, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Heights Community Center
Activity & Game: TBD by Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)

Wednesday, 4/11, 7:30pm: Sunrise District Roundtable, Jewish Community Center. This is a chance for adult leaders to learn more about District Activities and meet other adult leaders from troops.

Thursday, 4/12, 7:30-9:00pm: No Troop Meeting due to Spring Break for Mayfield City, Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, Richmond Heights, St. Gregory, and South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools. (Sorry Hawken Students!)

Thursday, 4/19, 7:30-9:00pm: COURT OF HONOR!!! All Scouts (in full uniform) and parents are encouraged attend this meeting. Scouts will receive the badges and ranks they earned since October. Don't forget the famous Groszek Awards!

Friday - Sunday, April 20-22: Campout. The patrols can camp in tents, cook meals.

Thursday, 4/26, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Hts. Community Center.
Activity & Game: TBD by Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)

Sunday, 4/29, 4:00-6:30pm: Troop Spaghetti Dinner at the Highland Hts. Community Center.

Upcoming Dates

May 4 – 6, 2007: Scouting 360 (Greater Cleveland Council's 2007 Encampment) at Berea Fairgrounds

June 17 – June 23, 2007 – Summer Camp @ Manatoc in Peninsula, OH

July 30 – Aug. 12, 2007 – Philmont Scout Ranch (Venturing Crew 461), Cimarron, NM

August Weekends, 2007 – Hole in One Contest @ Airport Greens - Fundraiser