

TROOP 461

“KNOTSENSE”

News and Activities of Boy Scout Troop 461

March-April 2005

“News that ties us all together!”

- **March is Charter Renewal Month.** Please bring your renewal to Mrs. Paula Mullet at any March Troop Meeting or to her home at 1162 Dorsh Rd. South Euclid. OH 44121-3875. The troop’s annual dues are \$40 for Scouts and \$12 for adults. The second Scout in a family can renew for \$30. 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).
- The **Glacier Ridge District Merit Badge Day** is on Saturday, March 19. 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 we’ll be asking you for some help.
- April’s campout will be sky-high, or at least the rockets will be. The troop will have its third **Rocket Launch Campout** in April. Starting on March 24th, three troop meetings will concentrate on building and understanding model rocketry. Building, launching, retrieving, and re-launching a model rocket is just one requirement for the Space Exploration merit badge. Mr. Kosareo is available as a counselor for this badge to any interested scout. The Rocket Launch Campout is tentatively scheduled for April 22-24, 2005. Mr. Cribari will notify the troop with details.
- SPL Elections will be held April 28th. Please let an adult leader know if you’re interested in running for this prestigious position.
- **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: prmullet@worldnet.att.net or call: 216-382-2820 or snail mail: 1162 Dorsh Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121 with your news/information.

March Calendar of Events

Thursday, 3/3, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Hts. Community Center. The game tonight will be Paper Football. Scouts will begin working on merit badges and any rank requirements! The PLC selected three merit badges: Communications, Citizenship in the Nation, and Family Life. We need adult leaders to help with merit badge requirements, but not all requirements can be completed at troop meetings. The Merit Badge Book Library and other materials will be available.

Tuesday, 3/8, 7:45-9:00pm: Highland Heights City Council Meeting, Highland Heights City Hall (next door to the community center). This is an opportunity for scouts who are working on the Communications or Citizenship in the Community merit badges! For these merit badges scouts must: 1) attend a public meeting, 2) practice active listening skills, and 3) take careful notes. Communications requires an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed during the meeting.

Wednesday, 3/9, 7:30pm: Sunrise District Roundtable, Lyndhurst Baptist Church. This is a chance for adult Leaders to learn more about District Activities and meet other adult leaders from troops.

Thursday, 3/10, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Hts. 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.

Thursday, 3/17, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Hts. Community Center. The game tonight will be Dodgeball. Scouts will continue working on merit badges and rank requirements! The Merit Badge Book Library will be available.

Saturday, 3/19, 8:45am-4:00pm: Merit Badge Midway (<http://www.quonos.com/mbday>). 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.

Thursday, 3/24, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Hts. Community Center. **Last Day for Troop Dues!** Rocketry preparations! Tonight the Scouts will start building their rocket kits.

Thursday, 3/31: **NO TROOP MEETING!** Spring Break for the Mayfield Heights, Richmond Heights, & South Euclid-Lyndhurst School Districts.

April Calendar of Events

Thursday, 4/7, 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!

Sunday, 4/10, 7:00pm: Troop Committee Meeting at the Highland Hts. Community Center.

Wednesday, 4/13, 7:30pm: Sunrise District Roundtable, Lyndhurst Baptist Church. This is a chance for adult Leaders to learn more about District Activities and meet other adult leaders from troops.

Thursday, 4/14, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Hts. Community Center. The troop will continue model rocket construction!

Thursday, 4/21, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Hts. Community Center. Scouts will put the finishing touches on their model rockets! Patrols will also organize their patrol boxes and plan meals for the Rocket Launch Campout.

Friday - Sunday, April 22-24: Rocket Launch Campout (TBA). The patrols will camp in tents, cook meals, and launch their model rockets on Saturday.

Thursday, 4/28, 7:30-9:00pm: Troop Meeting at the Highland Hts. Community Center. The game tonight will be Kickball. SPL Elections will be held, and patrol elections will also be held.

Upcoming Dates

May – Aug, 2005: 8 Captains' Games – High Adventure/Summer Camp Fundraiser

May 13 – 15, 2005: Spring Camporee

June 26 – July 2, 2005 – Summer Camp @ Beaumont

July 25 – Aug. 3, 2005 – National Jamboree

August, 2005 – Hole in One Contest - Fundraiser