



T485-Delivering the Promise – May 2010 Newsletter

May Calendar of Events

Troop Meetings:

- 5/04 – General Meeting – Personal Management
- 5/11 – PLC / General Meeting
- 5/18 - General Meeting
- 5/23 – General Meeting
- Check our website for more troop information:
[HTTP://troop485.tripod.com](http://troop485.tripod.com)

Merit Badges offered this month

- Citizen in the Community – Cheryl Butler
- Personal Management – David Keener
- Sailing Merit Badge – Bubba Futch
- Merit Badge Website www.meritbadge.org

Road to Eagle

Joe Butler and Ray Flott are working with all star scouts and above during normal meetings. These scouts are focusing on remaining merit badge and projects required to make eagle. Parents or scouts please contact Ray at #521-4911 or email rflottjr@comcast.net with any questions.

Summer Camp 2010

July 4th – 11th, 2010

This year the troop will be going to Camp Bob Hardin located in North Carolina. The Troop will leave for camp on July 4th and, and will return to Jacksonville on July 11th. We will be rafting on the French Broad River on July 10th. Each scout needs to start thinking about merit badge selection. The cost this year is \$315 less any funds your son earned fundraising. Be on the lookout in the near future for our 2010 Summer Camp guide! Contact information Steve Bell.

Announcements:

Troop T-shirt Order: T-Shirt orders have been finalized and we need the money by Tuesday 5/11. If you have questions on your order or how much you owe please email Steve Bell at scubascout@comcast.net. Based on current estimates the cost should be between \$9 - \$13 dollars.

Camping Trip:

This month's camping trip will be at the Jacksonville Rudder Club. The purpose of this camping trip will be for boys that want to earn their Sailing Merit Badge. The boys will leave Friday 5/21 and return 5/23 Sunday. The cost of the trip is \$10 for food. Please contact Steve Bell for more information. (We encourage all adult trained leaders to attend)

Scoutmaster's Minute

Leadership – One of the main goals in Scouting is to teach our young men leadership. Well we really can't "teach" leadership. Leadership is learned not through listening, but through doing. That is why we focus on a "Boy Led Troop". The boys will make mistakes, but we do not set them up to fail. Rather we listen to what they want to do and let them move forward with their ideas even if we know it may not work out as "we would like". Not every boy will take the initiative to lead, so we try to give them a gentle nudge here and there. One way that you can help as a parent is to encourage your son to take on responsibility within the troop (large or small). There are plenty of opportunities for them. Another way to help is to listen to your son when he has a task or responsibility to complete. Be a resource for him but not a problem solver. Let him work it out, he will be stronger for it.

"The most important object in Boy Scout Training is to educate, not instruct." - Lord Baden-Powell

Scout Recognition

Troop 485 would like to recognize Kevin Coyle and William Froehlich for being selected by the troop to attend NYLT. NYLT is a leadership program that aims to give each participant a toolbox of essential leadership skills, the ability to set and achieve goals, the confidence and experience necessary to run their troop, an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from all around the North Florida Council, and – of course - a chance to have FUN!

Committee Chair Announcements

Leader/Volunteer positions still needed;

- Advancement Chair – enter merit badge information and pick up advancements at the scout shop.
- Equipment/Quarter Master Chair – provide direction to the scout quartermaster to inventory and replace equipment.
- Activity Chair – help plan activities and make reservations if needed.

The next committee/parent meeting will be held July 31st, 6:30 pm at Mark and Tinnon Froehlich's house. Exact times and directions will be distributed separately. Mark and Tinnon live at the beach and you are welcome to go to the beach and then wander up to their house when it's time for the meeting. All are welcome.

