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By Tom Hicks

One of the main purposes of Boy Scouting is to help boys to grow into men with a strong set of values and ethics. The Scout Oath and Scout Law is one way that we deliver that promise to the Scouts. The Scout Law expects the scouts to live by just twelve points.

A Scout is **Trustworthy**.

A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

A Scout is **Loyal**.

A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.

A Scout is **Helpful**.

A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is **Friendly**.

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own.

A Scout is **Courteous**.

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

A Scout is **Kind**.

A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.

A Scout is **Obedient**.

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.

A Scout is **Cheerful**.

A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is **Thrifty**.

A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

A Scout is **Brave**.

A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

A Scout is **Clean**.

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is **Reverent**.

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

Often times we need to review the Scout Law which is located in your Boy Scout Handbook.

SILVER BEAVER CLASS OF 2005 INCLUDES A TROOP 42ER

The Silver Beaver Class of 2005 will be recognized at the Mid-America Councils Annual Awards Reception, on Saturday, November 5. Troop 42's Diane Kratz is a member of the Silver Beaver Class of 2005. The Silver Beaver award is a national award presented by local councils. Recipients are nominated for their noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth. The dinner and program will be held at the American Legion Post # 344 in Millard, Nebraska.

Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to young people within a BSA local council. More than 50,000 recognitions have been conferred to date.



CAMPING

High Adventure 2006 – Yellowstone



A Parent Planning meeting will be November 6 at 6pm. The meeting will be held the Fey's House, 1211 N 53 St. Any questions, please contact Paul Fey

"Westward, Ho!" Fall Camperall

Troop 42 is planning on attending the Fall Camperall at Camp Cedars hosted by Lewis & Clark and Wagon Wheel districts, October 28 - 30. Events will include shooting sports, climbing and rappelling, COPE, boating, team challenges, pioneering, and more.

PATROL CALL

NEW SENIOR PATROL LEADER



Welcome Mike Harper as Troop 42's new Senior Patrol Leader, or SPL. The SPL, is the top junior leader in the Troop. He leads the Patrol Leaders' Council (in consultation with the Scoutmaster), appoints other junior leaders and assigns specific responsibilities as needed.

REVIEWING TROOP DUTIES FOR CAMPOUTS

The Senior Patrol Leader, SPL, assigns the following duties by patrol, or the patrols provide one or more scouts:

- Troop Flags and signs/gateway
- Post Troop roster for the campout
- Post planned (and changes to) schedule of activities
- Troop dining fly setup
- Troop Fire Safety Pit/ring builders (if patrol fires not used) (sets up fire fighting gear, axe yard)
- Troop kitchen (if patrols not used, patrols still need separate areas)(troop QM job)
- Troop service project (everyone)

Each Patrol's Patrol Leader will assign the following duties:

- Two Food shoppers, they write the menus for each meal before departure
- Cooks for each meal
- Clean up, KP for each meal
- Water haulers, roster to rotate turns
- Tent setup, may include everyone but should be organized neatly with enough tents for the whole patrol/troop
- Kitchen Setup, includes trash point and food storage, may be performed by the cooks
- Latrine digger (when camping is primitive)
- Hand washing and first aid station
- Patrol areas marked, 2 Scouts needed
- Patrol gadget builders, gateways are good to post rosters on
- Waste water sump
- Fire Safety Pit Ring Builder, if not already present, and sets up both fire fighting gear and axe yard
- Fire wood collectors, should include everyone
- Torchmen, 2 Scouts needed to set up propane lanterns
- Patrol dining fly, if needed

NATIONAL CAMPING AWARD



The National Camping Award may be earned by Boy Scout troops and Varsity Scout teams, as well as by individual Scouts and Scouters. It is awarded on an annual basis or a cumulative basis. Units may earn annual Unit, Bronze, Silver and Gold awards for 10, 20, 30 and 50 days and nights of camping. Units may also earn the award for 100 to 1,000 days and nights of camping cumulatively.

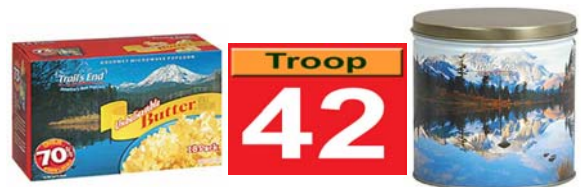
Individual Scouts and Scouters may earn the National Camping Award for 100 to 1,000 cumulative days and nights of camping. The patch may be worn on the right pocket, or on the pocket of a backpack. The Scout must keep track of his campouts and have the record approved by the Scoutmaster. Forms, ribbons, patches and more information are available at the Gottschalk Scout Shop or Mid-American Energy Center.

POPCORN SALES BENEFIT SCOUTREACH

Ten scouts from Troop 42 gathered at the 79th & Cass Hy-Vee on Saturday, October 15, to sell Trails End popcorn. The boys sold \$390.00 worth of product in five hours, resulting in a profit of \$122.00 for Scoutreach.

Scoutreach is a Boy Scout program for boys first through 12th grade with special urban issues. The Scoutreach program adjusts traditional Scouting operational methods to the characteristics and needs of individual situations that are present in local urban areas.

Thank you to Matthew Koehler, Nick Leuschen, Tyler Urban, Jack Folsom, Danny Pachman, Will Braesch, Forrest Bryan, Chris Ramsgard, Gary Lee and Brad Reha for your efforts on behalf of the troop. Thank you also to the adults who supervised: Lou Pachman, Joe Urban, Cate Folsom, Christian Bryan, Dwight Koehler, Pat Leuschen, Mike Ramsgard and Rich Reha.



GREEN SALES WIND DOWN

Troop Green Sales are nearing our goal. The sale of fresh greens ends on October 24. Scouts will need to turn in all sales sheets and monies at the Troop meeting.

Top salesman and Troop Fundraising Total will be announced at the December Court of Honor.

ADVANCEMENTS/HONORS

FALL COURT OF HONOR AWARDS

The Fall Court of Honor was held at Dundee Presbyterian Church on October 17, 2005. Awards received are as follows:

SCOUTS:

Autry, Jimmy: *Rank – Tenderfoot*. Bryan, Forrest: *Troop 42 Neckerchief*. Howe, Alex: *Rank – Tenderfoot*. Fey, Robin: *Rank – Star*. Koehler, Matthew: *Rank – 1st Class*. Lee, Gary: *Merit Badges – Personal Fitness; Service Star – 1 Year*. Lee, James: *Merit Badges – Personal Fitness; Service Star – 1 Year*. Lee, Michael: *Rank – 2nd Class; Merit Badges – Fishing, Personal Fitness, Pottery; Service Star – 1 Year*. Leuschen, Nicholas: *Rank – Tenderfoot*. Ramsgard, Christopher: *Merit Badges – Fishing, Personal Fitness*. Ramsgard, Matt: *Merit Badges – Personal Fitness, Personal Management*. Reha, Bradley: *Rank – Tenderfoot; Merit Badges – Personal Fitness*. Reha, Nick: *Rank – Bronze Palm*. Taylor, Ian: *Service Star – 3 Years*. Thoreson-Green, William: *Merit Badges – Citizen in Community, Family Life*. Urban, Tyler: *Den Chief Cord*. Washington, Tyreece: *Rank – Tenderfoot; Service Star – 1 Year*.

ADULTS

Derrick, Jon: *Troop 42 Neckerchief*. Green, Mary: *Service Star – 7 Years*. Grunke, Wes: *Service Star – 6 Years*. Hicks, Nancy: *Service Star – 2 Years*. Hicks, Tom: *Service Star – 4 Years*. Kratz, Diane: *Service Star – 18 Years*. Pfeiffer, Stan: *Troop 42 Neckerchief*. Ramsgard, Raylyn: *Service Star – 1 Year*. Ramsgard, Mike: *Service Star – 1 Year*. Reha, Rich: *Service Star – 5 Years*. Urban, Joe: *Service Star – 7 Years*. Wagner, Dixie: *Service Star – 4 Years*.

NEW NANI-BA-ZHU MEMBERS

From 1919 to 1939 at Camp Gifford, an important tradition was called the Tribe of Nani-Ba-Zhu. This tradition has been renewed at Camp Cedars.



Membership can be conferred on older Scouts, 3rd year campers, and leaders who participate in long term camping at Cedars. The purpose of Nani-Ba-Zhu is to reinforce the principles of the Scout Oath and Law and encourage participation in Scouting and long term camping at Cedars.

New Braves and Honored Warriors, as well as other tribesmen, constructed ceremonial regalia on August 27, when 112 Tribesmen gathered at Camp Eagle for the annual Nani-Ba-Zhu festival. Over 40 new members are now ready for 2006 summer camp. Among the new Braves are Troop 42's own Will Braesch, Danny Pachman, Chris Ramsgard, and Tyler Urban. New Honored Warriors include Mike Ramsgard and Susan Witty.

The use of Indian lore is part of the mystery and appeal of Nani-Ba-Zhu. Throughout the testing of candidates, and in all subsequent ceremonies, the character building aspects of Scouting are restated and renewed in a new and dramatic way.

SCOUTERS AWARDED TRIPLE CROWN

The High Adventure Triple Crown Award recognizes those individuals who have completed High Adventures at all three BSA National High Adventure Bases: Philmont, Florida Sea Base, and Northern Tier National High Adventure Canoe Bases.

Troop 42 is proud of our recent Triple Crown Award winners Mike Arehart, David Harper, Ben Wagner, and Tom Derrick. These awardees receive a Certificate of Recognition, a patch/emblem, and listing in the permanent worldwide Scouting registry of Triple Crown Award recipients.

TROOP 42's FALL COURT OF HONOR



Andy Seevers receives Eagle Scout Scarf and Pin from his father, Mark Seevers during the Fall Court of Honor.

**TROOP 42 STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES
FOCUS ON THE 1910s**

Compiled by Tom Derrick

From Omaha World Herald, August 15, 1917

**BOY SCOUTS GATHER POTATO HARVEST
AND HUNT PATRONS**

One hundred Boy Scouts of Omaha yesterday harvested their potato crop, grown on a Boy Scout field on the Center Street road past the Field club. The Boy Scouts have tended the potatoes all spring and summer.

Two tents have been erected on the field. Scoutmaster H. G. Montgomery of Troop 42, Scoutmaster Vincent Hascall of Troop 5, and Scoutmaster W. L. Hackett of Troop 3 are going to camp out with the potatoes in the tent until they are all sold to customers whom the scouts find. The proceeds of the potato sale go to war relief funds, probably the Red Cross. "Come early if you want a good scout potato," is the word the scouts are passing out to their friends.

From Omaha World Herald, August 17, 1917

BOY SCOUTS FIND MARKET FOR POTATOES

**Come early if
you want a
good scout
of a potato**

New potatoes grown by Boy Scouts in their patch west of the Omaha Field Club, have found a market. Yesterday Ernest Buffett, merchant

at Fiftieth and Underwood Avenue, offered to sell every one of the 200 bushels that the boys have cultivated. He will place them on sale there Saturday and guarantees

to get market prices for them. The entire proceeds will be turned over to the Boy Scouts. Mr. Buffett, in his patriotic role of potato vender, comes as a hero to the Scouts. The best offer the boys had heretofore was \$1 a bushel wholesale, when the regular wholesale price is \$1.50. Now the juvenile gardeners are assured of \$3 a bushel.

From Omaha World Herald; December 21, 1919

**TROOP 42 SCOUTS COAST AND SKI
INSTEAD OF MEETING**

BY JOHN H. KENNEDY, BOY SCOUT HERALD

Troop 42 could not have its meeting in the Dundee school Wednesday night because of the coal shortage. We all got our sleds and skis in the afternoon. We went over to the Happy Hollow golf links, where sliding is "dandy." Russell Doty, George Tunnidliff and I passed the first class first aid test last week.

Note: The Happy Hollow golf course/links is now Memorial Park.

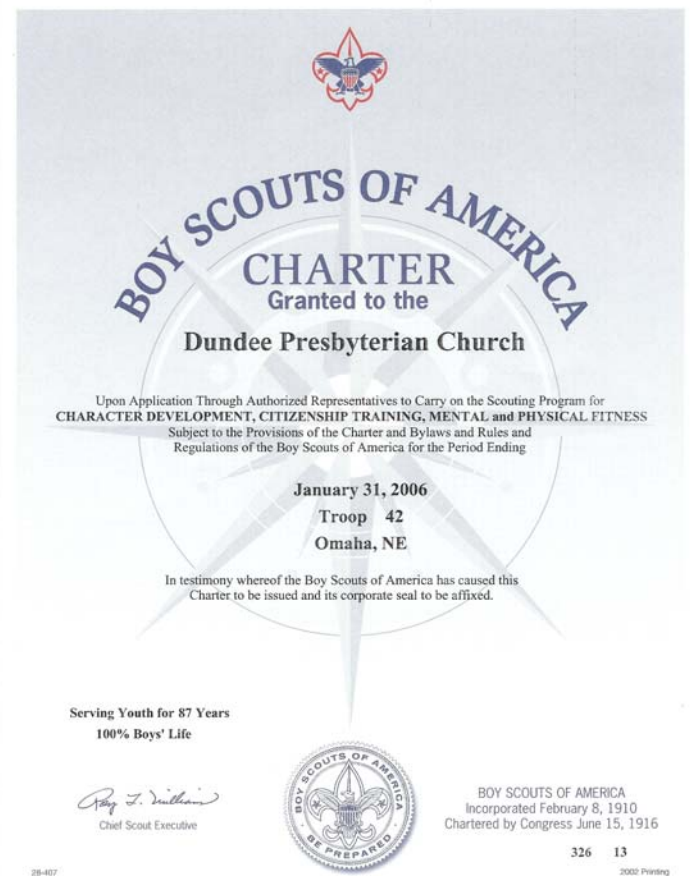
THE TROOP 42 CHARTER

What is a Charter?

Chartered organizations, such as churches, service clubs and other community groups, are granted charter status by the Boy Scouts of America. This allows an organization to share the Scouting program for community outreach and to help the organization meet the needs of local youth. Chartered organizations partner with a local Scout council to provide the support necessary for unit operations.

The Charter for Troop 42 currently covers the dates February 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006. As of December 31, 2004, our Troop has 87.5 (1050 months) of continuous service to the Dundee community. Our Charter Partners have been Dundee Elementary School (1917-1929) and Dundee Presbyterian Church (1930-2005).

Troop 42 re-chartered on time, with 100% Boy Life, and is a 2005 Quality Unit. For the previous year, Troop 42 conducted 28 service projects, with a total of 1048 hours for both Scouts and Adults. These include Eagle projects; Salvation Army bell ringing; Scout Sunday and Duty to God recognition ceremonies; service at campouts, summer camp, and high adventures; Memorial Park clean up; Dundee Days parade and clean up; helping with the ballot boxes for the Douglas County Election Commission; Scouting for food; plus others projects.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

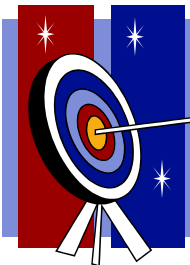
TROOP COMMITTEE CHALLENGE

Troop Committee members mark your calendars. The Troop Committee Challenge Training is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 6 – 9pm, at Dundee Presbyterian Church. Leader training is vital to the success of our Troop, it is important to attend this training session.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING COMING SOON

Boys & Girls Town will host this year's Mid-America Council University of Scouting on November 5. The day long event is the largest and most complete adult leader supplemental training event of the year. For additional information contact the Durham Scout Center.

TARGET 1ST CLASS SUCCESS



All Scouts who have not yet reached 1st Class are invited to attend "Target First Class" session before regular Troop Meetings. The sessions begin at 6pm and focus on requirements for advancement to Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class. Five Scouts participating in Target 1st Class advances to the rank of Tenderfoot at the Fall Court of Honor thanks to Target 1st Class.

NEW 1ST CLASS REQUIREMENT

Beginning January 1, 2006, an additional requirement will be added to the requirements for First Class rank in Boy scouting. Scouts beginning their First Class requirement work after this date must complete the new requirement. Scouts working on First Class requirements prior to this date will have until June 30, 2006 to complete First Class rank without completing the new requirement.

MERIT BADGES

UPCOMING MERIT BADGE WORKSHOPS

- 10/22 Indian Lore @ Durham Scout Center
- 10/22 Reptiles & Amphibians, Mammals @ Gifford Farm Education Center
- 10/29 Fire Safety @ Boys Town Fire Department
- 11/5 Astronomy Merit Badge @ Gifford Farm Education Center
- 11/19 Leatherworking @ Durham Scout Center
- 1/7 Photography @ Durham Scout Center
- 2/25 2/25 – "CSI Scout Shop" covering Fingerprinting, Safety, & Crime Prevention@ Durham Scout Center
- 3/11 Leatherworking @ Durham Scout Center
- 3/14 Court of Honor Workshop @ Durham Scout Center



So little time; Sew many badges! I will carefully hand sew your badges to uniforms, vests, etc. Fee is .75¢ per badge. Bring your items to a Scout meeting, or call Christian Bryan (Forrest's mom) at 551-4228

HIGHLIGHTS OF TROOP 42 COMMITTEE MEETING

October 3, 2005

From Minutes provided by Mary Green, Secretary

Present: Tom Hicks, Joe Urban, Stan Pfeiffer, Tom Derrick, Jay Witty, Sue Witty, Nancy Hicks, Peggy Pelish, Allison Latenser, Kevin Howe, Paul Fey, Mark Seevers, Raylyn Ramsgard, Mike Ramsgard, and Mary Green.

Committee Reports:

- Joe Urban announced Marian Fey has stepped down as Advancement Chair, Paul Fey will be taking her place.
- Stan Pfeiffer announced only 12 or 13 scouts have paid their dues so far. Stan will let the scoutmasters know who still owes dues.
- Joe Urban discussed an evaluation of the Committee leadership: written agenda, committee members should e-mail additions to the agenda to Joe; a written treasurer's report.
- Allison Latenser reported Greens Sales are going slowly so far. Sue Leuschen will be asked to send an e-mail to parents reminding them of the expectation of selling \$200 worth of greens, or the scout will need to pay the troop \$100. Amount is pro-rated if scout sells some greens but less than \$200.
- Sea Base High Adventure Update - We have just enough scouts to make up two crews for next summer. The trip has room for three or more scouts and one more adult.
- Fall Court of Honor, as well as Andy Seevers' Eagle Ceremony, will be held Oct. 17 from 6-8:30. The Seevers will provide cake and punch.
- Troop 42's Popcorn Blitz Day sale will be held Sat. Oct. 15 from 10-4. All proceeds will go to Scoutreach.
- A Troop Mission Statement was discussed. The Mid-America Council's Mission Statement will be reviewed and then decide if the troop can use the same statement or make up its own. Also, bylaws, rules, and parent guide could all be updated. Paul Fey suggested we have something we can give parents which includes what the Troop accomplished the past year including trips, service hours, etc. Sue Leuschen will be asked to pull these suggestions together.
- We need five or so people willing to serve on the Scoutmaster Search Committee, as Tom Hicks will be stepping down as Scoutmaster next summer. Joe Urban and Sue Leuschen are on the committee so far. The application process will be opened up to troop parents and church members.
- Sue Witty will continue as Institutional Representative for another year.
- Fall Camper-All will be held Oct. 28-30 at Camp Cedars. The Committee decided that Troop 42 will pay for the Webelos registrations, and Webelos will pay for their own food.
- The Committee Challenge Training will be held Nov. 21 from 6-9 p.m. Pizza will be provided.
- Tom Derrick reported that he has the TroopMaster 2005 software and will be getting it loaded up so scoutmasters can access it.
- Congratulations to Diane Kratz who has earned the Silver Beaver award.
- Tom will try to reactivate Troop 42's sponsorship of Memorial Park with Keep Omaha Beautiful.
- Jay Witty reported that Jason Witty would like to be an assistant scoutmaster with Troop 42.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER Merit Badge: **ORIENTEERING**

Saturday	1	9:00am	River City Roundup Parade
		9:00am – 3:00pm	Popcorn Blitz, sales begin
		3:00pm – 9:00pm	Popcorn Sales Celebrate at Vala's Pumpkin Patch, free if in uniform
Monday	3	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Troop Committee Meeting
	3	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Troop Meeting
Tuesday	4	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Roundtable & OA at Storz Pavilion, Lower Level Clarkson Hospital
Monday	10	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Troop Meeting
Saturday	15	TBD	Scoutreach Popcorn Sales at Hy-Vee, 78 th & Cass
Monday	17	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Troop 42 Fall COURT OF HONOR at Dundee Presbyterian
Monday	24	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Troop Meeting
		7:00pm	Green Sales End, Turn in all orders and money
	24	7:00pm	Popcorn Sales Ends, Turn in order sheets
Friday – Sunday	28 – 30	TBD	Fall Camporee at Camp Cedars
Monday	31		HALLOWEEN, NO Troop Meeting



NOVEMBER Merit Badge: **CINEMATOGRAPHY**

Tuesday	1	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Roundtable & OA at Storz Pavilion, Lower Level Clarkson Hospital
Saturday	5		University of Scouting at Boys & Girls Town
			Silver Beaver Reception & Dinner
Sunday	6		Honey Sunday
Monday	7	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Patrol Leader Council Meeting & Troop Committee Meeting
		7:00pm – 8:30pm	Troop Meeting
Monday	14	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Troop Committee Meeting
Friday – Sunday	18 – 20	TBD	Troop Campout at Chalco Hills
Monday	21		NO Troop Meeting
		6:00pm – 9:00pm	Troop Committee Challenge Training
Monday	28	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Troop Meeting



DECEMBER Merit Badge: **MOVIES**

Saturday	3	TBD	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Monday	5	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Troop Committee Meeting
		7:00pm – 8:30pm	Troop Meeting
	6	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Roundtable & OA at Storz Pavilion, Lower Level Clarkson Hospital
	12	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Troop 42 Winter COURT OF HONOR at Dundee Presbyterian
	19		NO Troop Meeting
	26		NO Troop Meeting



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- Tom Derrick, Retro Extra Contributor
- Tom Hicks, Scoutmaster

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