



# TROOP 244

## COMPASS

### APRIL 2014

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
1910-2014-104 YEARS

TROOP 244  
1967-2013-46 years

WEB SITE: [troop244doesmore.org](http://troop244doesmore.org)

#### Camp Pioneer Campout

April 25-27 we will be going to Camp Pioneer to do a service project. We are going to finish our summer camp site so that we can enjoy this summer. There will be also other activities for all scouts and leaders. Cost for the event will be \$25 per person. We leave on Friday April 25 at 5pm and return Sunday April 27 at 12:00pm. Come out and explore. First year scouts are encouraged to attend. Permission slip attached

#### SUMMER CAMP 2014

There will be a summer camp meeting on April 29 at 7:05pm during the regular troop meeting. Parents are encouraged to be there. We will discuss planning, preparation; merit badge sign up etc. many important items will be talked about at this meeting. All scouts and summer camp leaders are expected to attend. The final payment is due at this time. Total cost for camp is \$320 due by April 29<sup>th</sup>. If this is a concern please let me know. Dates for camp is June 15-21

#### TROOP PHYSICALS

All Scouts going to summer camp or Philmont must have a current physical form on file. All physicals are good for one year. We would like to have a physical day but we need someone that is a Doctor, PA, or Nurse practitioner. If anyone know who can help with this please have them call Hank at 271-2186 . All physicals must be turned in by June 1, 2014. You can download the current form from ([myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org))Please fill out Parts A,B and C

#### SWIM NIGHT

On Tuesday April 22 from 7:15pm to 9:00pm please meet at the WMU Lawson ice arena for a fun night of swimming and diving. The first year scout will work on requirements. Everyone will be required to take a swim test. There will be plenty of time to have fun; there is no charge for this event. You must wear swim trunks, no blue jeans cutoffs. Please meet us and be picked up at the arena. Thanks

#### APRIL SCHEDULE

April 8.....No Meeting  
April 15..Troop Meeting.  
April 19 ....Adopt-A-Highway  
9:00am to 12:00pm  
April 22 Swim Night Lawson  
Ice arena  
April 25-27...Camp Pioneer  
campout  
April 29.....Troop  
meeting...summer camp  
Meeting

#### MAY SCHEDULE

May 2-4 Philmont Shakedown  
campout at Rota-Kiwan  
May 6.....Troop Meeting  
May 13...Troop Meeting  
May 16-18 canoe campout  
May 18 Eagle Court of Honor  
May 20...Troop meeting  
May 26...Memorial Day Parade  
May 27...Troop Meeting

#### JUNE SCHEDULE

June 3....Troop Court of Honor  
June 6-8.... Pentwater campout  
June 10...Troop Meeting  
June 15-21...Summer Camp  
June 24....Troop Meeting

#### JULY SCHEDULE

July 1...Troop Meeting  
July 8...Troop Meeting  
July 15...Troop Meeting  
July 22...Troop Meeting  
July 29...Troop Meeting  
August 2-6 Mini High Adventure

## Canoe Campout

Hopefully the snow will disappear for this trip. On May 16 we will leave the church at 5pm for a 3 hour tour to Chippewa Landing near Cadillac, Mi. Cost for this trip is \$40 per person. We will be canoeing on Saturday and camping near the river. Will need adults to drive and help out.

## Philmont 2014

On May 2-5<sup>th</sup> there will be a shakedown campout at Rota-Kiwan on the Cope Course. Please bring you backpack with the gear you are bringing. This is a mandatory requirement to prepare you for Philmont. Please arrive Friday night about 6pm and be picked up on Sunday about 10am  
All Philmont fees must be paid by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## MINI HIGH ADVENTURE

August 2-6 plans are set for a trip to Gettysburg and whitewater rafting. We leave on Saturday August 2, arrive in Gettysburg and Sunday tour Gettysburg (we are planning a guided tour). On Monday leave Gettysburg for Ohio, Penn. On Monday we will be going to the natural water slide and see local sights. On Tuesday those scouts 12 and over who want to will do the Class 2-3 rafting trip. Those who are under 12 can do the one man raft on a slower part of the river (Duckies). Will depart on Wednesday for home. Total cost of the trip is \$175.00. A deposit of \$50 is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and the reminder paid in full by July 15. There are close to 50 participants signed up and there is room for more. Please double check the dates as there was a change from the original dates given.

## TROOP CAMBERSHIP

The troop has a campership fund and if a scout needs a little help to go to summer camp please fill out the application which is located next to our scout office door at the church. We will process the application and will grant up to 50% of the summer camp fee. We are also asking that if you are able and would like to contribute to this fund to help send a scout to camp there is a form available also at the church scout office. Your help will be really appreciated. If you have questions please see Hank.

## TRAIL TALK

- Merit badges books are available for everyone to use. There is a limit of three months to sign out a book if this is not enough time you can sign the book out again. We have over 100 books out please return these if you are done or it's been over 3 months.
- Recently some scouts are not wearing their Class A shirts to troop meetings. All scouts and leaders are requested to wear the scout shirt to all meetings.
- Pop can collections are always welcomed. There is a box by the entrance of the church. The funds for this collection are used to buy new Merit badge books.
- E-Mail addresses: I hope I have everyone's address if not please e-mail me at [hpoppen1@gmail.com](mailto:hpoppen1@gmail.com)
- If you want to know where you are as far as rank advancement come to the scout room and you can access the computer to see you progress.
- Last day to order the troop t-shirt is Tuesday April 29. Please turn in form to Hank. All scouts are required to have a red t-shirt for summer camp.
- If you want a troop Hoodie please fill out a form available in the scout and turn in to Hank

## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

April 19 the troop will doing our community service project by cleaning our section of highway in Schoolcraft. Hours will be 9am to 12pm. Ken Blaze will be the leader in charge. All scouts 12 and older are expected to help. Please meet at the Speedway gas station in Schoolcraft, please wear long pants and bring gloves. Please dress for the weather. Parents are encouraged to help. Hope to see everyone there. Thanks

## EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Sunday May 18, 2014 at 3pm there is an Eagle court of Honor for 2 of our scouts who have attained the rank of Eagle. All scouts are expected to attend and participate in the ceremony. Scouts are to be at the church at 2pm to rehearse. Parents are also encouraged to attend. This is an important event for these boys and your support for them is very important. Refreshments will follow ceremony.

**PERMISSION FORM FOR TROOP 244 CAMPOUTS & DAY TRIP**

**Camp Pioneer campout weekend April 25-27, 2014**

Please turn in the permission slip by April 22, 2014

Cost of the event is \$25.00 per person

As the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby give my permission for him to participate in this outing with Troop 244.

Time/Place of Departure: Friday April 25 at 5:00pm PORTAGE UNITED METHODIST

Time/Place of Return: Sunday April 27 at 12:00pm PORTAGE\_UNITED\_METHODIST (NOTE TIME OF RETURN)

I give permission to the leaders of Troop 244 to render First Aid, should the need arise.

In the event of an emergency, I also give permission to the physician, selected by the adult leader in charge, to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, Order injection, or secure other medical treatment, as needed.

I further agree to hold the above named unit and its leaders blameless for any accidents that might occur during this outing except for clear acts of negligence or non-adherence to BSA policies and guidelines.

In case of emergency, I can be reached by phone at:

Home Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

If I cannot be reached, please contact \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: (restrictions, allergies).

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Guardian)

**\*\*There will be no refund for this event\*\*\*\*\***

**Tear off top portion and turn in with the fees**

**Tear off bottom portion and put in a zip lock bag with the meds and turn in to troop leader on day of departure. ALL MEDS WILL BE LOCKED IN A BOX AND MEDS WILL BE DISPERSED BY A TROOP LEADER IN CHARGE OF MEDS.**

Name of Scout \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Prescriptions for Scouts: Please fill in the boxes below with type of prescription, dosage, and when it is to be taken.

| Prescription | Dosage | Time |
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Any additional please print on back of this sheet and check here