



# THE COMPASS

## TROOP 244 WINTER 2014-2015

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### HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

Starting Tuesday December 1 we will start collecting Toys for Bethany Christian services. Bethany (non-profit) is an adoption and foster care agency. Many children go thru this agency and many do not have a home they can call home. Santa's sled will be staged by the scout room to put the toys in. Please do not wrap the toys. The toys should be new and in their package. Over the last 15 years we have collected over 4000 toys. This is our chance to give some happy smiles to young children. We will collect until Dec. 16, 2014.

### Holiday Party

**The troop holiday party will be December 16.  
7pm to 8:30pm**

**We will need scouts to bring pop or cookies to share**

### TROOP MEETINGS

There will be no meetings on December 23 or 30.  
Will resume on January 6, 2015

### JANUARY CAMPOUT

**On January 16-18 we will be going to Cranhill Ranch. We will be in a lodge. Activity includes: climbing an ice wall, cross-country skiing, ice skating. Tubing/sledding. The cost per scout including the rentals is \$50.00 per person.**

**This is a first for the troop and I been told that this is a great time. Please sign up on the activity board. The original date was the 23-25 of January but the ranch was unable to give us that date. Sorry if this is inconvenient.**

### FEBRUARY CAMPOUT

On February 20-22 we will be camping at Rota-Kiwan in the Fort campsite. Possible activities include. Playing hockey on the lake, snow shelters, and working on a merit badge. This also will be our annual turkey feast. In all a great time. Cost \$25 per person.

### Court of Honor

Reserve the date for our annual Court of Honor/Dinner on February 24, 2015. This event recognized scouts who have earned merit badges or rank advancements. We also will celebrate with a dinner. Dinner starts at 6PM. Cost for the dinner will be \$5 per person. This is a good time to catch up on upcoming troop activities and announcements.

### TROOP SPIRIT MERCHANDISE

Show off your troop spirit with Troop 244 merchandise.

We have Troop Hoodies \$25

The Troop red t-shirt \$10

Troop 244 wicking shirt \$15

And available before Christmas is the troop Nalgene water bottle. Great for camping or other activites. Available in three colors: Red, Blue and Green \$12.

All items are available and are located in our scout room at the church. If troop meetings time doesn't work for you call me at 271-2186

### SCOUT SUNDAY

February 8 is Scout Sunday. We will participate in the church second service which starts at 11am. We would like all scouts to attend this service to represent our troop and thank the church for their support. You do not need to be a member of that Church or any church to attend. Also this will be special as Pastor Wood is retiring and we would like to give him special thanks.

# SUMMER 2015 ADVENTURES

## SEABASE 2015

There are 31 participants from troop 244 and 11 participants from troop 161 that are going to Seabase July 4<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Cost is \$1350. There are still some spots available. A deposit of \$100 was due back in April 2014. A second payment of \$377.50 was due by Sept. 15.

On this trip you will either be sailing a 44ft. sailboat or spending 5 nights on a deserted island. You will be swimming, snorkeling, fishing and enjoying the beautiful sights and weather.

The next payment of \$377.50. per person is due February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

## PHILMONT 2016

**If you may be interested in going to Philmont in 2016 please let Hank know. This is only a survey as we have not made a commitment.**

## ISLE ROYALE

### JULY 26-AUG. 1ST, 2015

Here is a great backpacking adventure for the scout who is 13 years old or older. We will be traveling to the National Park Isle Royale which is located in the middle of Lake Superior. This will be 5 full days and 4 nights on the island. You will experience the opportunity to hike across the island, fish in the island lakes for walleyes and bass, see wildlife up close and personal such as moose, fox, and maybe a wolf.

The boat ride to the Island is 4 and half hours long and that is an experience in itself.

Please sign up now so we can plan the reservations.

Limited spots available, youth and adult is 20 people.

First come basis.

Cost will be about \$450.00 per person. (Tentative)

Deposit of \$100 due by April 1st

## MINI HIGH ADVENTURE FOR 2015

August 8—13 we will be going to South Manitou Island and spent 2 full days on the Island, there will be hiking, fishing, exploring, great food and the experience of backpacking. You will ride a ferry to the island from Leland, Michigan. This is a great trip to prepare you for future backpacking trips, sign up on the activity board to save your spot.

Cost is tentative at \$175 per person.

Age for this trip is 10 years and older.

Please make your decision by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

## CAMP PIONEER Summer Camp 2015

Reserve the date June 21-June 27, 2015. Troop 244 will be going back to Camp Pioneer located near the Michigan and Ohio border. It is about 1 ½ hours from Portage. This camp has been a very positive experience the last two years. Besides the 86 merit badges they offer there are many different experiences the scouts can do. There is ATV (14 years and up), horseback riding, golf, aviation (get to fly a plane (14 years or older), a fantastic area for astronomy and many more adventures. Last year the scouts earned 260 merit badges at camp. But summer camp is not just about merit badges. It's about fellowship with your friends and making new ones. Our campsite is awesome and although it rained a lot last year we had a blast. Signup is in happened now. The cost for Camp is \$325.00 per scout and \$140.00 per adult. We need adults so parents don't be shy. Each person must have a physical within the last twelve months before summer camp starts.

Your last year's physical will not work for this year's camp. To get a copy of the physical form go to the national website for boys scouts and go to forms and download the current health form. All health forms need to be turned in by April 28, 2015<sup>t</sup>. A deposit of \$100 is due February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Final payment is due ON APRIL 28, 2015

A troop campership fund is available, see Hank for details.

## DATES FOR 2014-2015

12/02/14-Popcorn money due  
12/16/14-Holiday party-Toys for Bethany  
12/23/14-NO MEETING  
12/30/14-NO MEETING  
01/16/15 to 01/18/15 Campout, Cranhill

02/08/15-Scout Sunday  
02/07/15-Eagle Recognition Brunch  
02/20/15-02/22/15 Campout, Rota-Kiwan  
02/24/15 Annual dinner COH  
02/24/15 Fudge sale starts

03/20/15-03/22/15 Campout  
03/24/15-Swim Night  
03/31/15 Fudge sale delivery

04/07/15-No Meeting  
04/18/15-Adopt-a-Highway  
04/24/15-04/26/15 Campout Springfield Ill.  
04/28/15-Summer Camp Meetings  
Summer camp/Seabase physicals due

05/15/15-05/17/15-Campout,  
05/25/15-Memorial Day parade-Portage  
05/26/15-Court of Honor

06/05/15-06/07/15 Pentwater Campout  
06/21/15 to 06/27/15-Summer Camp

07/4/15-07/12/15-Seabase Florida  
07/26/15 to 08/01/15 Isle Royale

08/08/15-08/13/15-South Manitou Island

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

Cranhill Ranch January 16-18, 2015

The cost for this event will be \$50 per person

Please turn in the permission slip by **January 6, 2015**.

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 January 16 at 5:00pm PORTAGE UNITED METHODIST

Time/Place of Return: Sunday January 18 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 leader 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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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

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