



TROOP 244 *September 2014*

THE COMPASS

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SUMMER 2014 REVIEW

What an awesome summer the troop had in 2014! We started the summer at Pentwater, where everyone had a great time. There were go-carts, swimming, videos games, miniature golf and a trip to the beach on Lake Michigan. The weather was great and the activities were fun.

Summer camp 2014 was so much fun. Scouts earned 254 merit badges, rank advancements and activity patches. Some boys spent part of their time on ATV's. while others went motor boating. We had several boys go on the High Cope area and climb on the high ropes. Many scouts earned the climbing Merit Badge. There was so much to do that we didn't have time to do it all. This camp was just plain awesome. The staff was excellent and the program was super. The food was plentiful and we cooked in our own campsite. No one burned the food(maybe just a little). There were many activities that the boys and adults did this year that we did not do in 2013. Camp Pioneer was the place to be for learning, fun, and great food and fellowship. This was an awesome camp and we look forward to going again next year.

Philmont in July was a fantastic experience for all of the 29 participants. We left Kalamazoo on July 14 by Amtrak. The train arrived about 4 hours late in Raton but that didn't bother us, we were so excited to be at Philmont. We did our basecamp procedures and left the next day on our trek. It did rain the first few days, with some real great thunderstorms and we even had some hail, but that was all part of the adventure. The crews had opportunities to go spar pole climbing (climbing up telephones poles), shoot black powder guns, and do some blacksmithing. Some crews climbed to the top of Mt. Baldy (12441ft.) while some climbed to and camped on the top of Mt. Phillips. Scouts also got to go mountain biking, do gold panning and hike a lot of miles. We saw some awesome sunsets and beautiful scenery. Some saw wildlife up close and personal (bears, cougar, deer) The treks were difficult and challenging, but everyone had a great experience, no one will forget this for the rest of their lives.

In August the mini-adventure this year was a trip to Gettysburg and Ohio, Penn. The scouts camped in Gettysburg on Saturday and Sunday night. They had a personal tour bus and guide that showed them all the different monuments and explained what happened at the different locations. Some of the scouts and leaders even got to go on Horseback rides. The trip to Ohio, Penn was for Whitewater rafting and duckie rafts. On Tuesday many of the participants had the opportunity to float down the middle Yougheny River which was a class 2-3 rafting trip. Only one raft dumped and everyone had a super time. Also they went down the natural water slide which was a little hard (sliding down boulders can be tough). All in all everyone really enjoyed the Trip.

As you can see troop 244 did a lot this summer and everyone had a great time. These are experiences they will never forget. This next season, 2014-2015 will also be a fun filled. Hang on for an awesome time. It is a very true statement when we say TROOP 244 "DOES MORE".

FALL CAMPOUT

Our first campout this fall will be to Northpoint in South Haven. Hopefully the weather will be warm and sunny to enjoy the beach. Be prepared for a lot of fun and learning. Cost for this trip is \$25 and a permission slip is attached to be turned in by Sept.23, 2014. We will leave the church at 5pm On Friday Sept 26 and return on Sunday about 12:00pm Sept. 28. This is a tenting experience but there is a cabin available for cooking and protection from the elements if necessary.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

2014-2015

As we start another season we are also collecting registration fees and troop fees.

This year we are keeping the fee at \$125 per scout. For a breakdown \$35 goes to national fees, \$30 goes to awards and \$60 goes to the troop general fund. We would like to have all fees paid by October 1st, 2014. If there are concerns please let Hank know.

ORDER OF THE ARROW CAMPOUT

For those of you were selected to the Order of the Arrow at summer camp the Ordeal Fellowship campout is Sept 19-21, 2014. All of you should have received a letter inviting you to this campout. You must go to the Southern Shores web site to register and pay. If you did not receive a letter please let me know. Also if you cannot make this campout they will have another one in May 2015. Hope to see you there.

OCTOBER HAUNTED FOREST CAMPOUT

October 24-26 at Rota-Kiwan we again will be having fun for Halloween. Troops will be putting together displays to entertain other scouts and have some scary fun. Be prepared with your fun costumes and come out for this fun weekend.

TROOP SPIRIT MERCHANDISE

You can purchase troop spirit merchandise, like Hoodies, car decals, and Troop t-shirt. The order form is available in the scout room. Fill out and turn in to Hank.

We currently have Hoodies, and the red troop t-shirt in stock. Hoodies are \$25 and the t-shirts are \$10. By popular demand we are going to order Wicking T-shirts this year. This will be great for campouts and those long hikes. Cost will be \$15 and available in M, L, XL. XXL. The shirts will be a Leave No Trace neutral color. The shirts will be available in October.

TROOP OPEN HOUSE

On September 23, the troop will have an open house to invite other boys from school and current scout's friends to join the troop. It will start at 6pm. There will be hotdogs and chips. The scouts will play a game of kickball and everyone will just have a great time. Bring a friend that might be interested in joining. Hank and other scout leaders will be there to answer any questions.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Adopt-a-Highway will be Sept. 20 starting at 9am. We will meet at the Speedway Gas station in Schoolcraft. Dona Michaelson will be the leader in charge. You must be 12 years and older to participate. Let's have a great turnout to help the environment and clean up our highways. We should be done by noon.

NOVEMBER CAMPOUT

November 21-23 we will be camping at Camp Pioneer. That's right ,the same camp we went to summer camp at. We will be renting a cabin but would like most of us to tent camp. We will plan a service project and work on a merit badge or two. Cost will be \$30.

Popcorn sales start soon. Be ready to sell and grow your account. Steve Edson, Pam Edson, Megan Beaudoin are our Troop Kernels.

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 .

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

COURT OF HONOR

Tuesday Sept. 30 will be the troop Court of Honor. The scouts have earned about 364 merit badges this past summer and about 30 rank advancements. All scouts and parents are asked to attend this event. It will start at 7pm sharp. Parents support your son in Scouting and attend this event.

2014-2015 Season

THE TROOP CALENDAR IS SET AND NOW YOU CAN LOOK OVER THE DATES. THE ACTIVITY BOARD WILL BE SET UP AT THE CHURCH AND YOU CAN SIGNUP FOR THESE EVENTS.

All Troop meetings are on Tuesday Night from 7:00pm to 8:30pm unless indicated.

09/20/14-Adopt-A Highway

09/26-28/14 Northpoint Campout

09/30/14-Pocorn sale starts

09/30/14-Court Of Honor

10/24-26/14 Campout-Haunted Forest RK

11/04/14 -Popcorn orders due

11/21-23/14 Campout at Pioneer

11/25/14-Deliver popcorn

12/02/14-Popcorn money due

12/20/14-Food Drive

12/16/14-Holiday party-Toys for Tots pickup

12/23/14-NO MEETING

12/30/14-NO MEETING

01/23/15 to 01/25/15 Campout

02/08/15-Scout Sunday

02/07/15-Eagle Recognition Brunch

02/20/15-02/22/15 Campout

02/24/15 Annual dinner COH

02/24/15 Fudge sale starts

03/21/15-03/22/15 Cranbrook institute

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, Cranhill (horseback)

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

07/25/15 to 07/31/15 Isle Royale

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

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ISLE ROYALE

JULY 25-31, 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.

Sign up if interested.

Cost will be about \$400.00 per person. (Tentative)

SEABASE 2015

There are 31 participants from troop 244 and 11 participants from troop 161 that are going to Seabase July 4th to the 12th, 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 is 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.

There will be a meeting on Sunday October 5 at 2pm at the church. All participants must attend this meeting

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. 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.

PERMISSION FORM FOR TROOP 244 CAMPOUTS & DAY TRIP

September 26-27, 2014 we will at Northpoint, South Haven

The cost for this event will be \$25 per person

Please turn in the permission slip by Sept. 23, 2014.

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 September 26 at 5:00pm PORTAGE UNITED METHODIST

Time/Place of Return: Sunday September 28 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).

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

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

Tear off top portion and turn in with the fees

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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

TROOP 244 SPIRIT MERCHANDISE

Troop 244 Hoodie.....Cost \$25.00 Circle Size (SM) (MED) (LG) (XLG) (XXLG) Quantity _____ Total \$ _____
Add \$2.00

Troop 244 Red T-Shirt.....Cost \$10.00. Circle Size (SM) (MED) (LG) (XLG) (XXLG) Quantity _____ Total \$ _____
Add \$2.00

Troop 244 Summer Camp Shirt 1 shirt comes with summer camp fee. Indicate Size _____XXXXXXXXX
Additional Summer Camp Shirt \$10.00 Indicate Size _____ Quantity _____ Total \$ _____
(XXLG) add \$2.00

Troop 244 Wick Shirt.....Cost \$15.00 Circle size (SM)(MED)(LG)(XLG)(XXLG)Quantity _____ Total \$ _____

Troop Decal.....Cost \$10.00 Quantity _____ Total \$ _____
Total Due \$ _____

Name _____

Paid \$ _____ Date ____/____/____

ORDER THESE ITEMS TO SHOW OFF YOUR TROOP SPIRIT. WEAR THESE ITEMS TO CAMPOUTS AND MEETINGS. BE PROUD OF YOUR TROOP AND LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT TROOP 244 DOES MORE.

ALL ITEMS WILL BE EMBROIDERED WITH TROOP 244 DOES MORE MOTTOS AND A DESIGN TO FIT OUR TROOP SPIRIT.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE PREPAID AND WE WILL ORDER IN QUANTITY TO GET THE BEST PRICE FROM THE SUPPLIER. HOPEFULLY WE CAN ORDER IN MASS QUANTITY BEFORE JANUARY.

THE SUMMER CAMP T-SHIRTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL SUMMER CAMP.