



Straight Talk with Rubber Ducky

News & Information for Scouts and Families of Troop 345 Eagan, MN
Online at www.Troop345.org



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Troop Meetings

Begin at 7pm at Northview Elementary in Eagan

Date Location - Theme

April 2017 - Planning & Personal Management

3	Gym - Planning & Personal Management
10	Cafe - Planning & Personal Management
17	6:30 PM Scouting for Food
24	Café - Meal Planning & Personal Management & Philmont Tent Check

May 2017 - Cycling MB

1	Gym -Cycling MB
8	Gym-Cycling MB
15	Gym-Meal Planning & Cycling MB
22	Gym-Things That Fly Recruiting Event

June-August 2017 Meetings at Thomas Lake Park

Upcoming Events

April 9, Noon	Camp Planning with Troop 187
April 22, 9am	Scouting for Food Collecting
Apr 28-30	Camp St. Croix
Apr 28-30	Philmont Shakedown @ Maria SP
May 6	Storage Locker Upgrade
May 19-21	Camporee at Phillippo
May 19-21	Philmont Shakedown @ Afton SP
June 5, 6:30p	Swim Night
June 16-18	Tetteguoche State Park
June 19	Picnic & Court of Honor
June 23-25	Philmont Shakedown @ Whitewater
June 27-28	Bike Trip
July 15-22	Tomahawk Summer Camp

"The advantages? Exercise, no parking problems, gas prices, it's fun. An automobile is expensive. You have to find a place to park and it's not fun. So why not ride a bicycle? I recommend it." ~ Stephen G. Breyer



Next Patrol Leader Conference (PLC) is 6:00PM May 7th @ Keller Williams Eagan
Patrol Leaders, Quartermaster, Webmaster and Scribe need to attend or send a substitute.

Parent/Committee Meetings are During First Troop Meeting after Each PLC
After flags and announcements, adults not needed for activities will meet separately.

Scouting for Food April 17 - 22nd
SCOUTMASTER CHALLENGE: Prizes for each patrol all patrol members participating.

POUND CHALLENGE: Be the patrol to collect the most pounds of donations to win a private pizza and movie night for your patrol. A dollar of cash donations will be added as four pounds.

EVERY RES CHALLENGE: Leave a door hanger and pick up a donation / knock on the door of every residence in your patrol's three neighborhoods to receive \$5 gift cards to Marcus Theatre.

Meet up at Northview 6:30pm April 17th to put out door hangers.

Meet up at Northview at 9am April 22nd to collect donations.

Things That Fly Recruiting Event
Northview on Monday May 22nd
Patrols are planning. Please let your patrol leader know if you have ideas on how to pull in recruits.

Jun 5th at Rosemount Middle School
6:30-8:30 PM. \$2 per swimmer (scout, adult, or guest). Summer Camp Swim Test first priority, then just fun in the pool for all.





Storage Locker Mezzanine Build May 6

Mr Wetterlind is coordinating this build. Let him know if you can help.
EricWetterlind@comcast.net



URGENT! For All Merit Badge Counselors

Current counselors should have received an email on how to renew. Any not renewed by the deadline of May 21st will no longer be able to counsel youth as you will no longer be a registered Merit Badge Counselor after May. Contact Joe Miller if you did not receive the email.

Phillippo Camp Kickoff May 5-7



Food, fun, fellowship, & service for all at the Phillippo Scout Camp opener! Friday night movies, food, & games. Come help us take care of a great camp! \$16 covers camp and food. Troops welcome!

<https://scoutingevent.com/250-oapsrsummerkickoff>

ASK JOE Miller for information on:

- Shooting ranges at troop campouts
- Transporting scouts and gear
- Ideas on opportunities for our scouts



June 27-28 Bike Trip

Tuesday ride from Red Wing to Phillippo and camp overnight. Wednesday bike fifty miles west. Mr. Hanson is working with Cycling Merit Badge Counselor Tranby to help scouts use this trip to earn their that badge. We need adults to drive the trailer and transport scouts and bikes home. Let us know if you can help.

Prepare for Summer Camp at Tomahawk July 15th - July 22nd

Details: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2_IS98bIAF2SHBCU3NCWE9HSG8/view?usp=drive_web

NOW

- Register for Summer Camp and pay \$25 deposit.
- Register for high adventures in the Tomahawk Sign Up book at Troop Meetings (Joe has it).
- Get an updated camp physical:
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf
- Choose merit badges/advancement to achieve at camp and start prerequisites (see Mr. Miller for a handout if you missed the presentation meeting in March).

APRIL 15

- Review Personal Camping Gear Checklist.

MAY 31

- Payment for all participants due (less deposit paid).
\$300 for scouts = \$287 Tomahawk + \$13 Troop Supplies (including T-Shirt)
\$118 for adults
- Program choices finalized.
- Wildlife training completed with Scouts and Adults.

JUNE 30

- Health and medical forms due. Include insurance card front and back. Provide two copies of the forms and insurance card to forms coordinator Sandy Tranby (tranbytribe5@Q.com)
- Special dietary communicated to camp.



Nuts and Bolts



NEW TROOPMASTER SOFTWARE

Troop 345 is transitioning to the fully online version of TroopMaster. Login information for Troopmaster Web 2.0 was emailed. If you did not receive your login or have any questions, email Joe/Sandi at Troop345News@gmail.com or go to the company help page at <http://www.troopmaster.com/howtotm.html>

District Roundtable - Second Thursday of each month August-May at 7:00 p.m. at LDS Church, 651 E. Southcross Drive, Burnsville, MN - For more information about Chief Black Dog, Roundtable, or about trainings, check out: <http://cbd.nsbsa.org/Communication/Newsletters/Chatter.aspx>

Merit Badges are offered by CBD Roundtable. Classes are 6:15 - 8:00 PM. Check online for more information: <http://chiefblackdog.nsbsa.org/Roundtable.aspx>

REMINDER, 2 Deep Leadership applies to phone text, and email. Per BSA Guide to Safe Scouting:

The policy of two-deep leadership and no one-on-one contact between adults and youth members includes digital communication. Leaders may not have one-on-one private online communication or engage one-on-one in other digital activities (games, social media) with youth members. Leaders should copy a parent and another leader in digital and online communication, ensuring no one-on-one contact exists in text, social media, or other forms of online or digital communication.

Always include another adult leader or the scout parent in your scout-adult communications.

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH THE TROOP

www.Troop345.org is our website. Webmaster leads the effort of keeping it up to date. Please report any issues you encounter to the Committee Chair (see top of newsletter).

Emailing the Ducky: If you are not currently receiving your Ducky newsletter by email and would like to, please email your request to Troop345News@gmail.com

Troop 345 Facebook Site: Troop 345 has a Facebook site. The following is the link to the site: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8652208292>

Texting Service: Remind Me! Troop 345 Remind Blast that can text reminders to Troop members and notify parents of return from camp arrival. If you have not joined, send your cell phone number to Troop345SPL@gmail.com and copy Troop345News@gmail.com with T345 Remind Blast in the subject line; your name and patrol noted with your request to be added.

PHOTO POLICY: No names are to be associated with scout photos posted on social media or public pages of our website.