



Boy Scout Troop 26

Big Bend Wisconsin

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April 2018 Newsletter

Main items worth highlighting:

- Please support the **Eagle Court of Honor for Viktor Radosevich to be held on April 8th**.
- There is a **Life to Eagle Workshop next weekend (April 14th)** (sign up on pacbsa website)
- **Order of the Arrow Elections** will be on **April 17th**
- Plan for one of our seasonal **Road Cleanup events on April 29th**
- We have started sign-up for the **Big Bend Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast on May 6th**. Please sign up or contact Mr. Gerum with your availability.
- **June 26th** is the tentative date for our **next Court of Honor**
- There are **LOTS of merit badge clinics in the coming several months**, check the links and descriptions below for many unique opportunities. Some have been recently added.
- **Reminder for Scouts to BRING YOUR BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK** to all Troop meetings.

For Scouts with questions on the following items, they are encouraged to ask their Patrol Leaders. For Parents with questions on these items, you are encouraged to discuss those with Mr. Gerum, one of the Assistant Scoutmasters or myself.

For those needing to make presentations for their ongoing Citizenship in the Community merit badge work, you may arrange to present those directly with your Merit Badge Counselor, Mrs. Sima, or we can squeeze time during any of these Troop meetings.

2-Month Plan for Troop Meetings

Apr 3rd **PLC / Adult Committee Meetings**

Apr 10th Eagles Nest Prep / Cyber Chip if time allows

Apr 17th OA Elections / Outdoorsman PreReq Check / Hiking Merit Badge

Apr 24th Copper Falls/Rock Island Planning w/T363

May 1st **PLC / Adult Committee Meetings**

May 8th Outdoorsman & Baraboo Prep

May 15th Crossover Prep / Advancement

May 22th AOL Crossover / Ice Cream Social

May 29th Nature Hike and Identification for Advancement

Jun 12th Potential Date for Town Representative Talk (MB Requirement)

Other Upcoming Scout, Troop or OA Activities Of Interest (info links follow)

Apr 7th BSA Rangemaster Training at CLL

<http://www.pacbsa.org/document/shootingsportsinstructortrainingsforspring2018/178863>

Apr 7th OA LEC & Chapter Mtg

Apr 8th VR Eagle Court of Honor

Apr 8th NRA Certified Range Safety Officer (RSO) Training at PAC Service Center, \$60

<http://www.pacbsa.org/document/shootingsportsinstructortrainingsforspring2018/178863>

Apr 14th Life to Eagle Workshop (AM or PM session, register online by April 12th)

<http://www.pacbsa.org/document/lifetoeagleflyer-4-14-2018/179878>

Apr 14th Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic at Crowne Plaza, Milwaukee, 7:30 AM – 12PM, \$6

<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2213343&OrgKey=2586>

Apr 20th-22nd Eagles Nest

Apr 20th-22nd Oakleaf Leader Training at CLL

<http://www.pacbsa.org/document/oakleaf4-20-2018registrationform/178812>

Apr 20th - 22nd OA Section C-7 Conclave

Apr 21st Leave No Trace Trainers Course

<http://www.pacbsa.org/document/leavenotracerainerscourse-4-21-18/179205>

Apr 22nd Scout Mass at St. Joseph's Church, assemble at 10:15 am

Apr 27th - 29th Troop Shoot

- Apr 28th Law Merit Badge Clinic at Milwaukee Bar Association, Milwaukee, 8 AM – 4 PM, \$6
<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2214192&OrgKey=2586>
- Apr 29th Road Cleanup on Hwy 164
- May 2nd Super Roundtable (Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts)
- May 5th OA LEC & Chapter Mtg
- May 6th Big Bend FD Pancake Breakfast
- May 11th-13th Outdoorsman Camporee at Daniel Boone Conservation League, Richfield, WI
https://www.troop175.us/system/files/OCFlyer2018_20171218.pdf
- May 18th – 20th Baraboo Circus Heritage Camping
<http://www.glaciersedge.org/1199>
- May 19th Motorboating Merit Badge Clinic at William J. Russel Sea Base, 9AM – 12 noon, \$6
<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2214205&OrgKey=2586>
- May 20th Dog Care Merit Badge Clinic at Wisconsin Humane Society, [4500 W. Wisconsin Ave.](#), 1-5pm
<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2241161&OrgKey=2586>
- May 22nd AOL Crossover / Ice Cream Social
- Jun 1st- 3rd Copper Falls Outing
- Jun 1st – 3rd OA Spring Conference
- Jun 4th, 11th, 18th Smallboat Sailing Merit Badge Clinic at William J. Russel Sea Base, 6:30-m-8:30pm, \$6
<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2214566&OrgKey=2586>
- Jun 10th - 15th NYLT at CLL
- Jun 29th – Jul 1st Rock Island Outing
- Jul 9th, 16th Canoeing Merit Badge Clinic, [2454 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milw.](#), must have Swim. MB or Test, \$6
<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2291114&OrgKey=2586>
- Jul 15th-21st Summer Camp at Camp Long Lake
- Jul 17th-19th Muskego Cub Scout Day Camp (Contact camp director about providing service)
<http://www.pacbsa.org/document/cubdaycamp2018savethedate/177480>

Jul 23rd, 30th Rowing Merit Badge Clinic, [2454 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milw.](#), must have Swim. MB or Test, \$6

<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2291110&OrgKey=2586>

Jul 24th – 26th Mukwonago Cub Scout Day Camp (Contact camp director about providing service)

<http://www.pacbsa.org/document/cubdaycamp2018savethedate/177480>

Jun 26th Court of Honor

Aug 1st Scoutrageous Product Sales Training / Registration

Aug 11th Big Bend National Night Out

Aug 13th-20th Philmont High Adventure

Aug 17th – 19th OA Fall Conference

Sep 28th - 30th Devils Lake Camp & Hike

For reference, Local Merit Badge Clinics are posted on the following websites (usually with online MBC signup links):

Potawatomi Area Council website:

<http://www.pacbsa.org/event-flyers/64435>

(Milwaukee area) Three Harbors Council website:

<http://www.threeharborsscouting.org/OpenRosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=46873&orgkey=2686>

Merit Badge and Requirements Update:

Our Council: <http://www.pacbsa.org/advancement/boy-scout/68014>

National: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

ALWAYS read the merit badge clinic listings well in advance of the clinic (spots are often limited). Follow their registration requirements and find out exact times to be there, prerequisites to be completed prior, etc. Expect to be required to read a merit badge book prior to the clinic and to show up with a Troop 26 leader signed blue card at the clinic.

Current Medical Forms

Parts A, B Only (less than 72 hour camp) http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Parts A,B, C (greater than 72 hours) http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

Guide to Safe Scouting <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx>

Boy Scout 2016 Requirements Information:

Printable Insert: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/524-012_BS_Requirements_Insert.pdf

Comparison w/Prior: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf

New Requirement FAQs <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutrequirementsFAQs.pdf>

Scouting Magazine Blog: <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/01/06/new-boy-scout-requirements-for-2016-now-in-effect/>

Boy Scout Guide to Advancement: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

Introduction to Leadership Skills

<https://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/ILST%20FINALS%202011%20-%20Item%20Number%20511-016.pdf>

For corrections, please let Mr. Rinaldi

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