

TROOP 354 JULY - AUGUST 2011 CALENDAR

Several Scouts are working on possible Eagle projects. We will inform you of project dates after the projects are approved by the Eagle Project Board of Review. This is a 2 page calendar.

July

Monday 4 Fourth of July Parade (DMACC Parking Lot. 8:45 am): All Scouts and Leaders are invited to walk in the 4th of July Parade. You must wear your Scout uniform. We will meet at the DMACC Parking lot at 8:45 am for the Parade.

The Parade will begin and end at DMACC. All boys who walk in the Parade with the Troop or play in the band will receive community service hours for advancement. Let your son know where to find you before the Parade or pick him up at DMACC promptly when he completes the route.

10 - 16 Boy Scout Summer Camp (Camp Wakonda near Central City, IA): READ THIS CAREFULLY IF YOU HAVE A BOY GOING TO CAMP! We have many experienced leaders and older Scouts who will work very hard to make sure that your son has a great time at camp. We always work toward our mission of helping you to raise fine sons with high moral standards, leadership skills, and a desire to begin a lifetime of service to others.

Parents, I need your help in visiting with your son about the following: (1) Scouts are to be courteous and kind to all other Scouts at camp. Calling other Scouts names, using profanity, fighting, or damaging other's property is not acceptable behavior. We are at camp to have fun, but never at the expense of others. (2) Gambling is not allowed at Scout Camp. (3) The following items will not be allowed for boys at Scout Camp: cell phones, lighters, pornographic materials, electronic devices of any kind, electronic games, firecrackers, and any other devices designed to make the lives of other Scouts miserable. (4) Encourage him to treat the others the way he wants to be treated. We expect all Scouts to not talk above a whisper after lights out and to stop all talking within the next half hour or extra duties will be assigned. Otherwise, he may be calling you to explain his misdeeds under my supervision or to arrange to come home early. (5) Please take time to talk to your son about the positive experiences he will have at camp. Visit with him about your own great camping experiences as a young person. Talk to him about taking showers and brushing his teeth daily. Make clear that he is going for the entire week and that coming home during the week is not an option. No leader will allow a Scout to use a cell phone to call home or to use the camp phone. I will not allow Scouts to call home. I will call in cases of emergency only. Homesickness is not an emergency.

Necessities: No boy can go to camp without a signed Permission form. **Physical Forms:** Everyone must complete and hand in a Physical form signed by a Doctor and hand it or send it to Doug Thoma, 2403 N. 5th Ave. E., Newton, IA 50208. Physical forms can be found & printed at www.scouttroop354.org. Remember that you must attach copies of both sides of your insurance card to the physical. **Medical Release for Camp:** All parents of Scout Summer Camp campers must also check the medical release form that is part of the Physical form. Physical forms can be found & printed at www.scouttroop354.org. Schedule a physical with your Doctor soon.

Transportation: We will meet at 9 am Sunday July 10 in the newest parking lot east of Newton High School. We will collect money and have parents sign necessary forms in the parking lot. We will caravan to Camp Wakonda. Eat breakfast before you come. Bring a sack lunch and something to drink for the noon meal. The route to camp Wakonda is: North on I-380 to exit 16, turn right (east) onto IA 151/30, go east 6.8 miles to exit 259 turn right onto Hwy 151/13, continue north 11.5 miles to County Home Road (E34), turn right go 5 miles to town of Whittier, turn left (north) onto Whittier Road (X-20), go 5 miles to town of Waubeek, turn right crossing bridge onto Boy Scouts Road, go 1 mile to Camp Waubeek, 2 miles to Camp Wakonda. We will be in the Billy Anderson campsite. Parents, please bring sledge hammers or 2 pound mauls to help set up tents. Do not leave until the tents are set up. All individual gear will be loaded into the trailer for transport to the campsite at camp. Keep Scout shirts out and ready for pictures during check in. All parents are to be at Camp to pick up their boys at 8:30 am sharp on Saturday July 16!! All Scouts are to stay and help with cleanup until released by the Scoutmaster! Parents are expected to wait if necessary.

Mail should be addressed to: Your son's name, Howard H Cherry Scout Reservation, 4521 Boy Scout Road, Central City, Iowa 52214. **Emergency Phone:** 319-438-1837.

Troop Photos: All boys must have their uniforms ready for easy access when they arrive at camp! Also, Scouts who did not take a pre-camp swim test must pack so they can quickly find swim trunks and a towel. We will take Troop photos soon after the tents are set up. The pictures will cost \$4.00. Each boy can order a troop picture and pay for it at the Trading Post at camp. The pictures will be handed out at the Troop Court of Honor in August.

Pre-camp Preparation: I will provide a list of requirements that must be completed before camp if your son is to finish his merit badges at camp. Also, included is a list of what he needs to bring for each merit badge. You may email what he has completed to me before camp or hand me a note stating that requirements have been completed and signed by a parent in the parking lot before we leave.

What to bring: Tents, cots, and mattresses will be provided. I recommend bringing your clothes in a water proof plastic tub to keep them dry until they are used. Boys need to bring the following items to Scout Camp: Board game or card game (Do not forget this!), Scout uniform, a personal first aid kit, Troop 354 tee shirt (if you have one), shoes (absolutely no sandals or open toed shoes are allowed), rain wear, shirts, pants, shorts, 6 pairs of underwear, 7 pairs of socks (change socks at least once a day to prevent blisters), foot powder, moleskin for treating blisters, handkerchiefs, pajamas, sweatshirts, a warm jacket, swim trunks, soap, 4 washcloths, 4 towels, comb, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, insect repellent (no aerosols [pump only] & never use in your tent), ball cap, sunscreen lotion, sleeping bag or 3 blankets, a long sheet to keep the mosquitoes off at night, Boy Scout Handbook, school bag, laundry bag, small pillow, flash light with extra batteries, **\$25-30 of spending money in an envelope with your son's name and the amount of money on the front (we will collect the money, lock it up, and hand it out as needed), and personal medications in their original containers. Mark your son's name in his uniform, Troop tee shirts, and other clothing with a permanent marker (all Troop shirts look identical without this identification).** If you bring snacks they must be in labeled coolers which will be locked in the trailer at night. Don't ever eat your snacks in your tents or raccoons will wake you up several times each night.

Family Night: Wednesday night is family night at Camp Wakonda. A buffet dinner will be served in the dining hall from 5:30 – 7 pm (\$7.50 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 11). After dinner there will be planned activities and the Campfire with the Order of the Arrow Ceremony. The parents of all OA candidates will be called before camp. Please talk with your son(s) before camp about the fact that you will not take them home on Wednesday night period. We must know how many are coming to family night in the parking lot before we leave.

Tu 19

Pool Party (Maytag Pool. 7:30 – 9:30 pm): The entire family is invited. This event is free. Come and join the fun!

Aug

Tu 9

Troop 354 Potluck & Court of Honor (Newton Christian School Gym. 6 – 7:30 pm): Your sons will be honored for their advancements at this event. Scouts and adult leaders wear your Scout uniforms. The entire family is invited to this event. Bring a main dish and a side dish to this event. You will learn about the upcoming Scouting year. Also, you will receive information about merit badges your son has completed and his rank in Scouting. Bring money for the Adventureland Park Day Trip to the potluck.

Sat 20 Adventureland Park. This event needs to be planned soon. Money for this event will be collected at the Court of Honor August 9. This is a day trip.

Tu 24

Troop 354 Meeting (Woodrow Wilson Gym. 6 pm.)

Tu 30 Troop 354 Meeting (Woodrow Wilson Gym. 6 pm.)

Sept

Tu 6 Troop 354 Meeting (Woodrow Wilson Gym. 6 pm.)

9-11

Campout at Backbone State Park near Strawberry Point in northeast Iowa. Huge bluffs with trails, fishing, hiking, and some of the best scenery in Iowa.

Tu 13 Troop 354 Meeting (Woodrow Wilson Gym. 6 pm.)

Tu 20 Troop 354 Meeting (Woodrow Wilson Gym. 6 pm.)

Tu 27 Troop 354 Meeting (Woodrow Wilson Gym. 6 pm.)

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 Hawk Watch Weekend Campout: Effigy Mounds National Monument near

McGregor, Iowa. Camp at Pikes Peak State Park.

Oct

Tu 4 Troop 354 Meeting (Woodrow Wilson Gym. 6 pm.)