

Pack 150 Newsletter

August 9, 2017

Upcoming Scout Activities (all activities occur at Donegal Presbyterian Church at 1891 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 unless otherwise noted)

- Thursday, August 31, 2017 – 6:30pm – Welcome Back Scouts! / Rocket Build (see more information below)
- Thursday, September 7, 2017 – 6:30pm – New Scout Round Up! / Rocket Build (see more information below)
- Thursday, September 14, 2017 – 5:30pm until 8:00pm (drop by event) – Rocket Launch! Riverfront Park, 1632 Old River Road, Marietta (see more information below)
- Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 6:30pm – Committee Meeting
- Saturday, September 23, 2017 – 2:00 pm – Educational Farm Tour at Flinchbaugh's Orchard & Farm Market, 110 Ducktown Road, Hellam, PA 17406
- Thursday, September 28, 2017 – 6:30 pm – Den Meetings (Including Lions)
- Saturday, September 30, 2017 – 10:00am until 1:00pm – Harvest District's Fishing Derby at Camp Mack, 2 Scout Lane, Newmanstown, PA 17073

Rocket Building and Launching

On Thursday, August 31st, all returning scouts, and any new scouts who joined us for any activities over the summer, can spend the evening catching up with their friends and leaders as well as building their rocket. Parents should plan to attend as well since the scouts often need help building their rockets. Recommended dress is a Class B shirt if you have one.

On Thursday, September 7th, we will dedicate the evening to welcoming new scouts! Recommended dress for scouts is a Class B shirt if you have one and Class A uniforms for leaders. Each scout will be given a name tag upon arrival, which will also show the scout's rank. For approximately the first 15 minutes, we will be welcoming new scouts as they arrive and directing them to their den. Please, take the opportunity to introduce yourself to a new scout family and help to answer any questions they may have.

At approximately 6:45, we will start pairing returning scouts with new scouts, starting with the oldest returning scouts. We would like to have the older scouts working with the new, younger scouts to help build their rockets. We will use this time to also meet very briefly with new scout parents. We will have games available to any returning scouts who are not assigned a new scout to help. We would also appreciate if as many parents of returning scouts as possible will plan to stay. If your returning scout is paired with a new scout, they may still need some help. Usually the den leaders with the youngest scouts often receive the most new scouts and can certainly use a hand. Other parents could also be used to help with games for returning scouts who are not helping new scouts.

After we have met with parents and the rockets are mostly done, we will have pizza and drinks available.

On Thursday, September 14th, we will be launching our rockets at Riverfront Park in Marietta! We are considering this a drop in event, but you are more than welcome to stay the entire time. Any leaders and parents who are available to help set up are invited to arrive at 5pm.

We hope that new scouts and parents will take this opportunity to meet and talk to some of the leaders and returning scouts to get a feel for our pack family. We hope that older leaders and returning scouts take the time to introduce themselves to a new scout family, let them know they are welcomed, and answer any questions they may have.

We plan to have popsicles and water available during our launch night.

In the case of bad weather, the rain date for our launch is Thursday, September 21st. We will announce via e-mail and through our facebook page as soon as we know if we must reschedule. If we need to reschedule to the 21st, we will hold our monthly committee meeting on Thursday, September 14th. Parents are always welcome to attend committee meetings. If you have any interest in volunteering, it is a great time to meet many of our pack volunteers.

Farm Tour

On Saturday, September 23rd at 2:00pm, we have the opportunity to participate in an educational farm tour at Flinchbaugh's Orchard and Farm Market. The highlights of the tour include a guided walking tour, a seasonal lesson, a lesson about how their fruits are grown and harvested, pick your own apple to take home, "stalk talks" in the cornfield, a visit to the pig barn, and a snack.

This event is open to scouts and their families. The cost is \$5 per child. Adults are free, but they will not get to pick an apple or receive a snack.

RSVPs for this event are due by Thursday, September 14th. After September 14th, the \$5 per child is non-refundable. Please sign up via Scoutbook at any time or the activity board starting on August 31st.

Fishing Derby

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council is sponsoring a Fishing Derby for each of its three districts. The Fishing Derby for the Harvest District is on Saturday, September 30th with events running from 10:00am until 1:00pm. The event will be held at Squire Lake at Camp Mack. Families are welcome to come and go and to stay as long or as little as they would like. The event will have 3 to 5 stations where new scouts and their families will learn basics about fishing tactics and get an opportunity to fish. This is a great opportunity for new scouts to try out the new fishing pole that they will receive by turning in their registration and dues prior to September 28th.

Mark Your Calendar!

- Pack 150 Fall Camp – Friday, October 6th through Sunday, October 8th. Details to be provided in the next newsletter.

Due Dates

- RSVPs due for the Educational Farm Tour at Flinchbaugh's Orchard and Farm Market by Thursday, September 14th.