



Kit Smith does the cooking for the Anaconda Patrol in their beach campsite on Bird Island, April 29-30.

Summertime Troop Meetings

All money from the troop fund raiser is due on Monday, **June 5**. For fund raiser information, contact Mrs. Keibler, 249-2607. Also on **June 5**, with the help of Mr. Horting and Mr. Lester, all Scouts attending **Camp Thunder** will choose what merit badges they'll be taking. Free Camp Physicals will be given for Camp Thunder Scouts.

All Scouts attending **Gerald I. Lawhorn Canoe Base** (50 Mile Canoe Trip) will meet for full orientation and Free Camp Physicals on Monday, **June 12**. Discussions will include what to expect, how to get ready, and what to bring.

Summertime Advancement Meetings will commence on Monday, **July 3**, at 6:30 p.m. Scouts need to wear any kind of Scout T-Shirt. These advancement sessions are at St. Stephen's Church from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Mr. Danes listens to Ms. Spatholt's views on the Bird Island experience, in the wall tent used as camping trip headquarters. Troop 888 wishes to thank Mr. Danes for making the trip possible.

Summer Camp News

Money for Boy Scout Camp is due on **June 5**. Camp Thunder is \$150 per camper, and the 50 mile Canoe Trip is \$195 per camper. These amounts are less the \$50 deposit already collected.

Scouts attending Camp Thunder must have a completed Class 1 and 2 - B.S.A. Medical Form. All adult leaders and Scouts participating in the canoe trip must have a completed Class 3 - B.S.A. Medical Form. Free physicals for these forms will be given during the June 5 and 12 troop meetings.

Once again, the dates for camp are June 24 through July 1. "To-Bring" lists and a "Camp Information Sheet" will be distributed. Please call Mr. Green if you have any questions, 272-3335.

Order of the Arrow News



The Order of the Arrow is a national organization of honor campers for those Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. At the troop meeting on May 22, elections were held to select candidates from amongst those in our troop who are eligible. In order to be considered, a Scout had to be at least First Class and meet special camping requirements. Those elected this year (along with those voted in last year) will go through their ordeal ceremony at Camp Coker on **July 21-23**.

String burning Race

For the interpatrol competition at the troop meeting on May 15, we had a string burning race. Five strings were tied between two poles, 18" off the ground (one for each patrol and the Venture Crew). Each patrol team was given an 8" 2x4, a hand axe, a knife, a hot spark kit, and two cotton balls.

For the newer Scouts, before the competition, we had a period of instruction to review sharpening knives and axes, and using woods tools. This was followed by a hand axe demonstration by Timothy on how to split and splinter the 2x4s. Next, Scouts were shown how to safely shave the split pieces to get tinder, and lay the shavings on the cotton ball so they would catch when sparked.

Each patrol got their fires going during the race. Thanks to ability with the hand axe and excellent teamwork, the Scorpion Patrol were the first to burn their string.

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Ms. Bezmen's Advancement Corner

The one question that I hear the most right now is, "Do we have anyone close to Eagle?." With six Life Scouts there is that excitement in the air of choosing a project, beginning a project and finishing one. There is also that dreaded paperwork which holds up many projects and merit badges.

Those of you working on Personal Fitness, Environmental Science, and Personal Management, please finish up your paperwork. Often that is the only requirement between you and that badge.

Have a safe and wonderful summer. It will be an advancement summer so enjoy camp and canoeing and if you need any help, there will be advancement meetings during July and August. Just remember, have fun.