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Quote of the Month

*Ain't Nobody Got Time for That!*  
 —Charlie F.

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# Campfire Report

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## RECENT CHANGES

BY GAIN FOSTER (SM) AND JOHN OLIVER (ASM)

So we are sure many of you have heard by now, the national council had a vote to change the current status of the policy regarding the sexual orientation of registered leaders. You may have also heard that the church was left out of this vote and because of this (and other reasons) the church is reconsidering its stance on supporting and using the Boy Scouts of America as its official youth program.

This post is here to serve nothing more than to make you aware of what is happening at the national level of scouting and the church, as well as reminding you what scouting stands for. We all have free agency and we all have the right to choose. However, we wish to remind scouts, parents and leaders that until an official announcement has been made regarding the ties between The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America, Scouting is, and always has been the young men's youth activity program of the church.

No matter the stance of the national policy, at this point in time it is still up to the chartered organization's to dictate leadership over the troop they represent. The church is very clear on the standards expected from its youth program leadership and that will not change.

With everything that is happening over the next few weeks, we encourage you all to pray, and be vocal regarding this change where appropriate. Remember that no matter the situation, all scouts and leaders who truly believe in the program should also follow in the core values of the program and the church.

### The Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

### The Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

We leave this with you as a testimony of the impact a great youth organization can have on the lives of our young adults. We truly believe, that the scouting program upholds many of the core values that our youth need to have. However as adversity causes change in the world, we trust in the leadership of the church to make the correct decision for our youth when the time is right. ♣

## BE PREPARED

BY BECKETTE F.

The scouting program teaches us many things, but knowledge isn't the only thing we need. To help people, we also need the right tools and understandings of the situation. Scouts need to be physically and mentally prepared. They also have to have the right tools to help them and those tools could be as simple as a stick. Being prepared is very important because if you don't have the right tools then it will be hard to help them. We have to learn many ways that could help in many different situations like first aid that teaches you about how to help if someone is sick or hurt and wilderness survival that teaches you how to start different kinds of fires to help with different things and shelter. ♣

## COMMUNICATION

BY JOHN OLIVER (ASM)

This small article is here to serve as a reminder that in addition to this newsletter, all of our dates and information can be found on our website (www.troop767.us).

We send out emails to parents and youth when articles are posted letting them know there has been an update or new article. If you are not getting these emails, let me know and I will add you to the list. This method is our primary way of sending out information, so we ask that you please read them.

In regard to dates, please check our calendar on the website, or the church calendar. We have dates set for the rest of the year for any trips. We may not know what the trip is, but we do know when they are.

We also use Facebook, Twitter, announcements in priesthood and will soon be using a mass texting system. Thanks! ♣



August 2015—White Water Trip

## A SCOUT IS THRIFTY

BY PARKER K.

With our budget being one not fathomed (around \$250 depending on the year) for about ten scouts, we learn pretty well to prioritize our spending and think which can be a better choice of purchase.

As a troop, that money is being used on troop necessities (usually camping items and food) and events we plan that require money. Obviously, through the course of one year, that money will drain through



even if we watch our spending, just because of all the little purchases we make for the sake of the troop's well-being. However, if we take being thrifty a little closer to our minds and hearts, we yearn towards saving more, and even earning some through fundraisers, we increase the budget.

Now, we aren't anybody off of "Extreme Couponing", but we know how and where to shop so that we can save just a little bit more at the cost of some quali-

ty. "Generic brand versus name brand", the continuous fight in grocery stores; we can choose from these two depending on deals they offer at the time and that generic usually costs a few cents less than the name brand. Most stores also have a "price match" guarantee they offer, where if a different store has a lower price, then you can bring in the price and they'll match it. This thrifty tactic will save you some time between stores, but if there's a special deal at one shop putting the same item for a lower price, then that's the way to go. ♣

### CALENDAR

- Aug 12 @ 7pm Troop Meeting
- Aug 19 @ 7pm Troop Meeting  
*Crossover for Alex S.  
All are welcome to come!*
- Aug 26 @ 7pm Troop Meeting  
*Auction*
- Sept 1 @ 7:30pm OA Meeting / Roundtable
- Sept 2 @ 7pm YM/YW Mutual
- Sept 9 @ 7pm Troop Meeting
- Sept 11 & 12 Troop Fundraiser  
OA Fall Service Weekend
- Sept 16 @ 7pm Troop Meeting
- Sept 23 @ 7pm Troop Meeting
- Sept 25 & 26 Camping Trip

### A SCOUT'S COOKING

By Mike Bradshaw

Well, the article got lost somewhere in the woods. But here is a friendly reminder that you should always use a bear bag or store food and scraps away from camp in a bear proof container.

You never know when a hungry bear might be looking for some food... Here is a nice photo of one to fill the void. ♣



Mike at Merit Badge Weekend—April 2013

### WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN LIFE HAND YOU LEMONS?

BY JOHN OLIVER (ASM)

I hope this newsletter finds you all well! It is nearing that time of year again where we get to salt pretzels and squeeze lemons to earn money for our scout troop.

As you may know, this money helps the troop buy equipment, helps pay for scout camps and also helps make our normal camping trips (fees, travel, food, etc) less expensive for parents and youth.

If you have not worked with us before at one of these fundraisers, here is the gist of it all...

Adults and youth (16 or older) work concession stands for a company that we have worked with for many years selling pretzels and lemonade. At the end of the event, we make 10% of all sales made. In the past, we normally walk out with between \$1,200 and \$1,800 depending on the race and how many

stands we run (normally between 3 and 4 stands).

We work both days of the race (Friday and Saturday) starting from around 10 or 11 in the morning until the race is over (normally around 11 or midnight). If you wish to help, you can work all day or part of a day. Please be aware that if you only work part of a day that traffic and parking is very difficult. We normally need the most help right before and during the race (4PM to Midnight).

There are 2 major changes that have happened if you did not help at the last event.

Credentials are MUCH easier to get now. I pick up ALL of the credentials for our group before the event. This means you do not need to visit the credential office the day/week of the race.

#### Youth get to help now!

The minimum age has

changed from 18 to 16 meaning that some of our youth can help now! YAY!

The more people we have, the more stands we can run. We normally like to put 2 people on a stand and have one or more people who "float" around relieving people at stands so they can take breaks.

If you are willing and able, please sign up early so we know how many people we have and when they can work. The company we work with normally likes to lock down rosters 3 to 4 weeks before the race so they know how many stands we need.

You can sign up by going to:

<http://troop767.us/rir/>

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve and help raise money for our youth! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (804-496-1680). ♣

### TO KEEP MYSELF STRONG

BY CHARLIE F.

It is important to be strong physically, mentally, and spritely as a scout. If scout are not physically strong it would be hard to do all the service we do to help us advances and, it will make camping a lot harder. Being mentally strong is always a great thing. Being mentally strong means we know what to do and when to do it. A scout is prepared to do any-

thing from wilderness survival to teaching younger scouts. We have to be mentally strong to remember what to do in an important situation. Being spirally strong means we are faithful in are religion if you have one. This is important because it helps you to have better standers and may make it easier to help others. I think that all of this is very

important in scouting it is what makes up a good scout to me. I try to keep myself strong physically, mentally, and spritely every day. It is sometime hard but it will make you a better person. I love serving all my friends and others and keeping myself strong and healthy will help me to serve as much of my friends, family, and others. ♣

### CHEESY JOKES ON THE RIVER

BY SONJOSUA P.

This weekend we had a three day Campout planned. We started with a nice long road trip to Tennessee and stayed the night in a bunkhouse playing games and having fun. We woke up early the next day and headed out to go white water rafting. We had a few bumps along the road including our scoutmaster getting lost, but all the scouts had a great time on the water especially riding the class three Rapids, and hearing cheesy jokes from our river guides. The road trips were fun learning new things about each other, hearing jokes, and watching scouts cringe at the

sound of country music, but they were great and memorable events. This was the first trip with this troop for two of our scouts and they had a great time though they came out with a few bumps and scratches. After the rafting trip we headed out to our final campsite which was in the middle of nowhere and to even get to our camp we had to wade through a river or climb a hill and go over a bridge.

Though we ran into some bumps and issues, had some scouts injured, had to come home

early, and had ridiculously long car rides this campout brought us closer together and will always be unforgettable. ♣



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