



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 5**



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Madison, South Dakota**

September 9, 2007

Dear Troop 5 Scouts, Families and Leaders:

Greetings! The purpose of this letter is to recap the summer Scouting activities and present the schedule for the coming year.

THE SUMMER OF '07

As usual, Troop 5 was very active this summer. A dozen or so Leaders and Scouts represented the Troop at the Order of the Arrow Spring Conclave at L&C. Thousands of man-hours of work for the camp were performed in the spirit of Cheerful Service. Thirty-four of our Scouts and eleven leaders attended Lewis & Clark Scout Camp. Nearly 100 merit badges were earned. They had great (dry) weather and had a good time. Sixteen youth and 14 Leaders (plus two distinguished Troop 5 Eagle Alumni) journeyed to Colorado and attacked two 14,000-foot peaks. It was a great trip, and as always, a great Scouting experience. None of the Scouts could have had these experiences if it were not for the dedicated adult leaders and parents who took time away from their families and jobs to provide the trained adult leadership for these events. THANKS!!

CAMPOUTS

Like previous years, we will be collecting the campout fees in advance. These fees will be placed the Scout's camp account. The fees for each campout will be deducted accordingly. Due to the persistently high gas prices, we will be paying our drivers to attempt to defray the cost of taking our youth to camps. Estimated fees for 2007-2008 school year are as follows:

October 5-7	Fall Camp, Oak Lake	\$20 (for meals, program, gas)
October 26-28	Ikes, Shotgun Shoot & Court of Honor	\$18 (\$13 for meals and \$5 for shotgun shells)
November 16-18	Shetek	\$18 (for meals and facility, gas)
January 4-6	Lewis & Clark	\$20 (for meals and facility, gas)
February 8-10	Shetek	\$18 (for meals and facility, gas)
March 7-9	Lewis & Clark	\$20 (for meals and facility, gas)
April TBA	Spring Camp, TBA	\$20 (for meals and program, gas)
	TOTAL	\$134

The attendance roster for each campout will be finalized on the last regularly scheduled Monday night meeting before that campout. Each Scout will sign his name on the campout roster to indicate that he will attend the campout. Funds for the campout will be deducted from the camp accounts of those Scouts who sign up for the campout. Scouts that do not sign up by cutoff date may not be eligible to attend that particular campout. Ample notice will be given of the sign-up cutoff date. This is necessary for planning rides and menus. This has worked well the last nine years and the Scouts have learned some things about advance planning and personal responsibility.

THE MEETINGS

As in the past, meetings are held at 7:00 on Monday nights at Trinity Lutheran Church. Standard features for the meetings are: Announcements, Planning, Program, Game and Scoutmaster Minute. I strongly encourage all parents to attend frequently. The Troop Committee will meet directly after the first Troop meeting of each month.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The registered adult leaders have traditionally provided the vast majority of the transportation to and from campouts. Again this year, the parents of the Scouts attending the event will again be asked to provide some of the transportation. This will serve to provide more parents an opportunity to become involved in Scouting events, and (hopefully) allow for two leaders in each vehicle returning from a campout, minimizing the potential for falling asleep at the wheel after a long, sometimes sleepless, weekend.

WEBSITE

The Website for the Troop is fully functional. Check it out at www.Troop5bsa.org and see. Check it often for new developments.

AS ALWAYS, NO ADVANCE NOTICE IS NEEDED TO ATTEND MEETINGS. PARENTS ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND ALL CAMPOUTS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS (WITH APPROPRIATE NOTICE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES).

Yours in Scouting,

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Tim Kenyon, Scoutmaster, Troop 5