

# Troop 92 News

## Calendar

Feb/Mar/Apr 2007

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February 4	Scout Sunday Court of Honor	After 10:45 Service; Krueger Hall
February 5	Troop Committee Meeting	7 p.m. St. Matthew Church Workroom
February 6	Wear Class A – Advancement & PLC— Communications MB Requirement Review	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
February 13	Patrol Speeches for Communications	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
February 16 -18	Cabin Campout	Meet at St. Matthew at 5 p.m.
February 20	Communications	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
February 27	Mountain Biking Bicycle Safety	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
March 5	Troop Committee Meeting	7 p.m. St. Matthew Church Workroom
March 6	Wear Class A – Advancement & PLC	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
March 13	Backpacking Speaker	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
March 16 - 18	Trail/Mountain Biking Campout; Van Patten Woods, Sterling Lake, IL	Meet at St. Matthew at 5 p.m.
March 20	Communication - Scout	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
<u>March 27</u>	<u>No Meeting Spring Break!</u>	
April 3	Wear Class A – Advancement & PLC— Personal Fitness MB Speaker	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
April 9	Troop Committee Meeting	7 p.m. St. Matthew Church Workroom
April 10	Personal Fitness Testing	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
April 17	Speaker – Nutrition	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
April 20-22	Signal Hill Camp-O-Ree	Meet at St. Matthew at 5 p.m.
April 24	Troop Meeting, Court of Honor	7:30 p.m. ; Krueger Hall

### Joel Sikes Completes Eagle Rank

Nancy and Dale Sikes of Lake Zurich, along with Troop 92 of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods, are proud of their newest Eagle Scout. Joel Sikes was awarded his Eagle rank at a recent ceremony at St. Matthew. He is the third Eagle Scout in the family. Joel joins brothers Tim and Adam Sikes who previously became Eagle Scouts with Troop 92. Joel's other brother Phillip achieved Life Scout rank while with Troop 92.

Mr. Chris Bennett, a teacher from Lake Zurich High School and guest speaker at the ceremony has known the Sikes family since he began his teaching career at Lake Zurich in 1995. Mr. Bennett also achieved Life Scout rank as a teenager and expressed his understanding for and appreciation of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program. Mr. Bennett attributed his decision to become a teacher to his positive leadership experiences while a member of the BSA. He pointed out that Joel's leadership abilities would serve him well in the future, and was confident that Joel would carry these example-setting skills and BSA values with him throughout his life.

Joel extended his gratitude to several people who helped him throughout his scouting career. Joel especially thanked Scoutmaster Mr. Mark Freshour for mentoring him and renewing his interest in the Troop and boy scouting by suggesting that Joel attend BSA's Troop Leader Development. That training became the turning point in Joel's scouting career and he subsequently made the personal commitment to complete the BSA program through the highest achievable rank.

Joel's Eagle project was based on the needs of the U.S. Marines stationed in Iraq. He raised money through the help of the sports team members of the Lake Zurich High School to send personal items which were difficult for them to obtain in Iraq. Students at Isaac Fox, Seth Paine, May Whitney and Middle School South became involved in a pen pal program. Joel had names of 992 U.S. Marines and obtained in excess of that number of students, teachers and other volunteers to write to them. Some Marines received letters from multiple students and many have continued to stay in touch. Joel earned 22 merit badges during his Boy Scout career. He served the Troop in several capacities: a Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow Troop Representative, and Troop Guide. His special achievements and experiences included: Order of the Arrow—Brotherhood Honor; Troop Leader Development – Patrol Leader; West Virginia High Adventure; and Napowan Summer Camp and C.O.P.E. programs.

Troop 92 of Hawthorn Woods has been with St. Matthew Lutheran Church for 51 continuous years, and is the oldest Troop in the Lake Zurich area. Feel free to contact Mr. Mark Freshour at 847-275-7099 for information regarding the Troop.