



PIONEER TIMES

TROOP 196

SEPTEMBER 2010

SCOUTMASTER CORNER

When Keystone Area and York-Adams Area Councils joined together as one on April 1, selecting a name for the newly-created council figured to be a daunting challenge. It became apparent that there is a common thread that binds almost all of our communities together, and that is the important historical role that our area has played in the creation of our nation and in affirming the principles that define us today as a people. There were many critical events in United States history that took place right here, practically in our own backyards. Dating back to Forbes expedition from Carlisle in the French & Indian War, through the drafting and adoption of the Articles of Confederation in York, through Washington's assembly of an army in Carlisle to suppress the Whiskey Rebellion, through multiple encounters in the Civil War, including the largest engagement ever on American soil at Gettysburg, and even continuing through Steelton's and Mechanicsburg's roles in the industrial modernization of the country, our area has played a major role in building the country. The specific name came from President Lincoln's remark near the end of the Gettysburg Address, where he expresses hope that a new birth of freedom will emerge from the conflict in which so many died. As the Boy Scouts of America enters its second century, the selection of the name "**New Birth of Freedom**" is particularly appropriate for our area. It honors not only the historical importance of our region, but also captures the essence of that spirit and hope that dwells in all of us.



www.newbirthoffreedom.org

Yours in Scouting,

Dave Mack

Troop 196 Scoutmaster

Recharter for 2011

Registration fee for 2011 is due by the end of October for all Scouts and adult leaders and committee members. According to the new Youth Protection guidelines, a unit will not be able to recharter without its key registered adults being up-to-date on their Youth Protection training. Youth Protection training is available on line at www.myscouting.org. Please print out a copy of your certificate and turn it in at one of the Troop Meetings. A live Youth Protection Training will take place on Sept 1 at 6:30pm at the Camp Hill Giant community room. Please contact Rick Wagner (rwagner.scouter@verizon.net) for more info.

All adults interested in being involved with troop activities are welcome to attend the Troop Committee Meetings every fourth Thursday of the month. Troop Committee Meetings are held from 6:00-9:00 pm at Hoss's Steak House in Enola.

Dinner is at 6 pm and the meeting starts at 7.



TROOP 196 COURT OF HONOR SEPTEMBER 11TH





The Court of Honor will be held during the Annual Planning Weekend with the ceremony on September 11, 2010, at Camp Pioneer; see webpage links for directions








<http://www.bsatroop196.org/pioneer.htm>

Please arrive at 1:30 pm. All scouts are to be in Class A uniform. The COH will begin at 2:00 pm. with picnic reception following. Families are asked to bring a side dish.



UPCOMING EVENTS

-  **August 23rd Troop Meeting**
Preparation for Canoe Trip
-  **August 26nd Troop Committee Meeting**
6:00-9:00 pm at the Hoss's Steak House in Enola. Dinner at 6, meeting at 7.
-  **August 28-29 Susquehanna Canoe Trip**
-  **August 30th Troop Meeting** Junior leader elections and last chance to schedule Board of Review for advancement prior to the Court of Honor.

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-  **September 6th No Troop Meeting**
 -  **September 10 – 12 Planning Weekend at Camp Pioneer** All scouts to attend.
 -  **September 11 Court of Honor** at Camp Pioneer for friends and family. Event starts at 2 p.m. with picnic reception following.
 -  **September 13 Troop Meeting**
 -  **September 20 Troop Meeting**
 -  **September 23rd Troop Committee Meeting** 6:00-9:00 pm at the Hoss's Steak House in Enola. Dinner at 6, meeting at 7.
 -  **September 27 PLC Meeting**

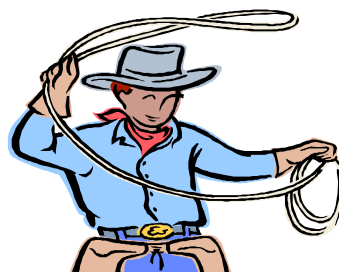
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-  **October 1-3 Wizard Safari** Don't miss the Western Theme Jamboree Style weekend at Wizard Ranch in York. Families welcome on Saturday. www.wizardsafari.com

The remaining calendar of events will be developed during the Planning Weekend September 10-12. Troop Meetings are normally every Monday night with the exception of the 4th Monday which is Patrol Leader Council which includes Senior Patrol Leader/ASPL, Patrol Leaders/APL, Scribe, Instructors, Guides, and Webmaster. Other Junior Leaders are welcome to attend with permission of the Senior Patrol Leader.

September 10-12 Planning Weekend and Junior Leader Training Camp Pioneer



Newly elected Scout Junior Leaders are requested to attend this weekend for instruction on each of their positions and to participate in Team Building Activities. All other scouts are invited to attend as well to participate in event planning for the upcoming year and to assist in commencement activities for the newly elected leaders. Junior Leaders will be sworn into their positions during the Court of Honor to be held that Saturday up at Camp Pioneer.



Wizard Safari Camporee October 1-3

This is only held once every 4 years at the Wizard Ranch in York County and is an event you won't want to miss! Registration is due by August 30th Troop meeting. The fee is *twenty bucks* (\$20) which includes participation in a full day of exciting western adventure activities!

We have a new Eagle Scout in the Troop!!!



Congratulations to Daniel Mack who was nominated this summer to National Council of the Boy Scouts for the esteemed rank of Eagle Scout!

Way to go, DAN MACK!!