

# TROOP 227 NEWSLETTER



## FALL CAMPOUT A COLD ONE!

In October, Troop 227 traveled to Johnson County Park for a weekend campout. The temperatures dipped below freezing! That means the boys earned their Polar Bear Patches. While trying to stay warm, we managed to work on our orienteering skills and also got to ride a small gauge train.



### Troop 227 Leadership:

- Scoutmaster:  
Mark Riley  
(phone 859-9701)
- Committee Chair:  
Debby Leonard
- Secretary: David Roush
- Assistant Scoutmasters:  
Ed Aldridge, Glenn Kyle II, Jack Adams,  
John Bennett, Mark Moreno, Walt Henriks,  
Kevin Riley
- Committee Member:  
Suzie Adams
- SPL: William Roush



# ST. ROSE HOSTS CATHOLIC SCOUTING RETREAT

St. Rose of Lima Church was the host site of the Fall 2009 half-day retreat for Catholic scouts (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts). The event was organized by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic Committee on Scouting (for which Fr. Tom Schliessmann is the chaplain).

The activities began with Praise and Adoration in the Church. Then, the scouts received instruction in the rosary, followed by a living

Rosary outside the PLC. There were also vocation stories and an introduction to the Footsteps of American Saints. Four seminarians from Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary provided much of the instruction for the day.

The days activities concluded with confessions and Mass at 5 PM.

Approximately 25 scouts from all over central and southern Indiana participated. One scout came all the way from Clarksville, IN by the Ohio River!



Fr. Tom greets the participants.



The Living Rosary



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The Seminarians led the rosary instruction.

# TROOP LOCK-IN

In November, the Troop had its annual merit badge lock-in. Twelve scouts and six leaders met on Friday night and worked on First Aid, Woodworking, and Public Speaking merit badges.

As is our tradition, we watched a movie to end the night's activities. This year, we watched *The Ghost and Mr. Chicken*, starring Don Knotts! In the morning, Karen Roush prepared a beautiful breakfast of French toast, pancakes, and sausage for all of us.

Thank you , Mrs. Roush!!

Also, we owe a big thank you to the merit badge counselors who taught the boys that night—  
**Dr. Diane Kolody** (First Aid), **Mark Moreno** (Public Speaking), **Glenn Kyle II** (Woodworking), and **Suzie Adams** (Woodworking).



Public Speaking can be fun!



Hopefully this is just practice for First Aid!



Dr. Kolody taught First Aid.



Games! (none of the video variety)



Learning about wood-working tools.



Another great woodworking project!



Dr. Kolody captured everyone's interest!



Finding just the right project is important!

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## QUARTER 4 NEWS

- The troop performed a roadside cleanup along the street next to **Hopewell Presbyterian Church** in Hopewell in October. This is an annual event for our troop is greatly appreciated by the church.
- We have been participating, in a food drive, led by **Suzie Adams**, to help provide food items, toothpaste and toothbrushes to the needy by supplying these items to the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County.
- We had a special visit in November from **Ms. Tamara Moore** from Johnson County Hospital. Ms. Moore helped the boys complete requirements for the First Aid merit badge. She showed the boys a defibrillator and demonstrated CPR techniques.



- Advancements:  
**Christian Kyle:** 2nd Class  
**Austin Brummett:** 2nd Class

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## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A BOY SCOUT?

Do you know a boy, between the ages of 11 and 18 years, who loves to have fun, enjoys the outdoors, wants to help his community, or just wants to know how to tie knots? Please contact our Scoutmaster, Mr. Riley, at 859-9701. As you can see from this newsletter, we do a lot of cool things! We learn **scouting skills** (how to tie knots, how to safely make a campfire, how to identify wildlife), we help others with **community service**, we learn what it takes to be **good leaders and citizens** in our community, and most importantly, we have **FUN** while we're doing all of this!!!

Recharter fees (to join our troop) are **\$20** for the boys, and **\$15** for adults who want to be leaders.

**NOTE:** There will be an increase in recharter fees. In 2010 The Crossroads Council has increased fees by \$5.

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### Calendar of Coming Attractions:

**First committee meeting** in January: 01/05/10 (Leaders only)

**First troop meeting** in January: 01/12/10 (all scouts and leaders)

Pathfinder **District Lock-in:** March, 2010 (registration forms and money—\$12—due 12/1/09)

**Scout Sunday:** First Sunday in February (more details to come)

**100th Anniversary of BSA:** February (and all of 2010!). Lots of activities will be planned for this event!

**Rechartering:** Money due in late January, 2010

**Summer Camp:** 6/6—6/12 2010 (more details in January)

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