

Announcements Feb 6, 2020

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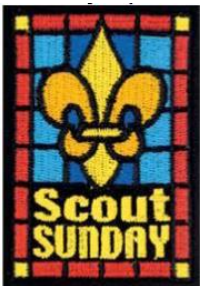
Remind – We have begun using the REMIND messaging system to help with Troop communications. If you did not receive a text message from Kendra please follow this link to join our group. <https://www.remind.com/join/7hd2a4>

Summer Camp – Payment #2 Due Tonight This year we will be going to Camp Merz from July 19-25th. The cost per Scout is \$350. Payment dates are: Jan 9th \$100/Feb 6th \$150/March 5th \$100. *All payments must be paid in full in order for Scouts to register for their desired Merit Badges.* T-Shirts may be pre-ordered at \$15 each.



Merit Badge Tracking – Scouts started working on 3 Merit Badges in late August that needed to have tracking sheets completed over a period of weeks. Only 2 Scouts have turned in their completed work. Scouts should complete the tracking sheets for Personal Management, Personal Fitness and Family Life. This is a great opportunity to get these Eagle required merit badges completed. Finish up your sheets and submit them asap.

A Scout is Reverent - During the Month of February we will be celebrating Scouting by participating in a Scout Shabbat service and a Scout Sunday service.



Being “reverent” is a year-round part of a Scout’s life, but there’s one time each year when the connection between Scouting and faith takes on even more significance. This year Troops 824B and 824G will be celebrating Scout Sunday and Scout Shabbat.

For **Scout Shabbat** Friday February 7th at 7pm we will be celebrating at Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Dr, Buffalo, NY 14221. Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturers, Explorers, and members of all levels of

Girl Scouts of America are welcome. Please wear Class A uniforms. During the Shabbat service, Scouts who have achieved a new rank during the year will be acknowledged.

For **Scout Sunday** Feb 9th. We will be celebrating Scouting this year at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 1135 Oliver St, North Tonawanda. Arrival is by 10:15 am. We will be handing out bulletins Scouts will be presenting a reading and will be doing the Flag Ceremony. All Scouts of all faiths are welcome. Please wear Class A uniforms.

Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club Meat Raffle – (Miller Park)

We will be assisting the Red Jacket Club again this year with their Meat Raffle. Our Scouts serve as “runners” to help out during the event. Scouts are set up into teams of 2 or 3 Scouts with an adult helper for each team. We need Scouts AND adults to sign up to help with this. All helpers will need to note their T shirt sizes (adult sizes) on the sign up sheet as they will be provided with free T shirts. As a Thank you to us for our help the Troop is rewarded with one free weekend in a cabin at Miller Park!

Congratulations Simon - 1st place Statewide in Patriot's Pen essay contest!

Lewiston-Porter Sentinel

7th-grader to represent local VFW at National Patriot's Pen essay competition

Sat, Feb 1st 2020 07:00 am

Lewiston's Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 announced Simon Zawistowski will represent the local legion at a national competition.

VFW annually invites middle-schoolers to enter its Patriot's Pen essay contest. More than 120,000 students participate each year, vying for a portion of over \$900,000 in state and national awards.

The competition provides students with an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. The 2019-20 essay competition theme is “What Makes America Great.”

Each first-place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, while the national first-place winner earns \$5,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

“Out of 120,000 young students that enter this competition, it is remarkable that Simon was able to advance to the national level and write a meaningful essay, representing our region,” VFW Downriver volunteer Vince Canosa said. “He is involved in this community and wrote about what was important to him. We are proud to have him represent this region.”

The 12-year-old Simon is a seventh-grade student at Lewiston-Porter Middle School who lives with his mother, Maria, and sister, Nina, in Youngstown. He enjoys excelling in his studies, running, biking, ski club and participating as an athlete on the wrestling team.

Simon is a member of Boy Scout Troop 824 where he has attained the rank of First Class Scout with a goal of one day becoming an Eagle Scout. He has been an active participant in the VFW's recent Memorial Day observances.

Since 2018, Simon has been a carrier for The Sentinel, delivering it every Saturday morning. During the summer months, one can find Simon at the entrance to Artpark with a group of volunteers collecting money to benefit Community Missions and Heart, Love & Soul food pantries.

Canosa and Cmdr. Bill Justyk said VFW Downriver Post 7487 is excited for Simon and his family on this accomplishment.

February

- 6 Troop Meeting -2nd Summer camp payment \$150 due
- 7 Scout Shabbat 7pm
- 8 Scout Rank Advancement – Mr. Gaynor’s House 9AM – 12PM
- 9 Scout Sunday 10am
- 13 Troop Meeting
- 20 Troop Meeting - \$35 due for Camp Gross March 27-29th
- 21-23 Miller Park – Altai Hok Skiing
- 27 No meeting – Polaris District Dinner

March

- 1 PLC – 1-3pm at Mr. Gaynor’s
- 5 Troop Meeting – final Summer Camp payment \$100 due. Adult Summer Camp payment of \$150 due
- 12 Troop Meeting - Board of Reviews
- 14 Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club (Miller Park) Meat Raffle – 5:45pm Scouts will be assisting
- 19 Court of Honor
- 26 Troop Meeting – final prep for Camp Gross
- 27-28 Camp Gross – Winter Fun/Chess MB and tournament - depart Sanborn Fire Hall 6pm – return Sunday 11am