

Troop **474** News!



Troop 474 Color Guard Participates in Community Center Grand Opening By Joshua K.

Troop 474 scouts David W., Josh K., Mike L. and Stefan K. presented the colors in the grand opening of the Whetstone Community Center on September 6, 2008. Ted Shigley supervised the color guard. The grand opening included speeches from Mayor Coleman and Executive Director of Columbus Parks and Recreation, Alan McKnight. The Clintonville Arts and Music Festival was held after the opening ceremony. Troop 474 scouts Joe C., Cliff W., Gordon M., D. and M. Jannazo all helped to clean up after the Arts Festival. Adults Cliff Wiltshire, Ted Shigley, Ann Laubach and Greg Koltun helped with the clean up. All the help was greatly appreciated by the Whetstone Recreation Center Community Council.

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This Boy Scout Troop is chartered by Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio. We're a youth-led troop with a focus on the outdoors. Our aim is to provide a year-round program through which boys in the community can develop into leaders in whatever activity they find themselves.

2007-08 Leadership

Senior Patrol Leader:

Clifford W.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader:

Andrew G.

Scoutmaster:

Tim McCoy

Troop Committee:

Bill Burchfield, Chair

Nancy Cropper, Fundraising

Tom Gabalski, Treasurer

Chip Herr, Equipment

Greg Koltun, Advancement

Carol Mohr, Training

Wendy Smith, Secretary

Paul Steffen, Outdoor Activities

Cliff Wiltshire, Chaplain

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Dale Folsom

Ryan Folsom

Ed Frank

Mike Latham

Dave Mathias

David McCoy

Carol Mohr

Aaron Wyckoff

Please note our new web site:
www.OverbrookScouting.com

Upcoming Troop Events

- October 6– Fall Court of Honor
Overbrook Church
- October 17-19-Caving Campout
Carter Cave State Resort in Kentucky
- June 22-28-Summer Camp
Camp Falling Rock
- July 12-19 –High Adventure/Canoe trip
Current river, Missouri
- August 16-Annual Garage Sale
Overbrook Church

Artistic Talent!

Joe C. performed on the Saxophone in the Independent School Honor Band this year. He was one of only a handful of 6th graders who auditioned and won spots in the band. The band was made up of students from Wellington, CSG, and Columbus Academy. They performed at CSG in Bexley.

David W. and the Kilbourne Middle School 7th Grade band participated in the OMEA Large Group Competition on Friday May 9. The competition was held at the Worthington Kilborne High School. Several middle schools from around Ohio competed. The 7th grade KMS Band received a Superior rating! Then on May 17, the KMS Band traveled to Wilmington, Ohio where they participated in the Musical Carousel Festival. There, they received another Superior rating! Following the competition, the band was transported to Kings Island for a day of well deserved fun.

Paddy O. played the saxophone for the Dominion Middle School Spring Instrumental concert.

N.D. M. recently joined the Choir Ensemble at Dominion Middle School. He also continues to play guitar in the DMS Rock Band, "Dangerous Pinatas". The Dangerous Pinatas have performed four times this year for school functions, including the DMS Talent show in February.

Chase M. performed in the Maple Grove UMC Player's Dessert Theater May 16-18. Chase acted in two comedy skits with the Youth Players during the two-hour performances.

Sport Shorts

Many of our scouts are involved in sports in addition to scouting activities.

This Fall, quite a few Troop 474 Scouts are playing on various teams in the Whetstone Soccer League Senior Division, On the Pirates are **Chase M.**, **Paddy O.** and **Max F.**, **Mitchell T.**, **Drew G.**, are playing for the Wildcats; and **Matthew R.** and **Trevor S.** are on the Tsunamis.

Manny J. is playing for the Dominion Middle School soccer team where he shares duties in the goalie position. Next spring he will rejoin his fellow teammates on the Wildcats...

During the summer, many scouts were also involved in baseball. **N.D. M.** played first base and right field on the NCS Reds. **Tyler G.**, **Stefan K.** and **Cliff W.** played for NCS as well. In NCIL, **Max F.** played for the Mets, **Manny J.**, **J.** and **Eric M.** played for the Reds. The Mets had a great season and made it to the Championship game but lost to the Orioles. **Max** and **Eric** also played on the Red team in the Fourth of July All-Star game representing their respective teams.

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Scholastic Achievements

First place in the Stock Market game
By: Padraig O.

At Dominion Middle school and many other schools, there is an on-line game that many students played. It is called the stock market game.

Most of the teams consisted of three people. There were more than 1640 different teams. One of these teams consisted of

Padraig O., **Mitchell T.** and **Justin M.** This team scored first out of 44 other teams in the area. And we also scored 3 out of the 1640 other teams. We were listed in the Dispatch newspaper in the grades 4-6 as team ZZ540. The stocks we bought shares in were:

100 shares of Exxon Mobile CP
150 shares of Yahoo
300 shares of Apple
250 shares of Google
150 shares of Memc Electronic MTRL
250 shares of Rimm

The stock market game was a fun and educational game that I'm sure many people enjoyed. I'm sure most people can't wait to play it again. Thank you for reading this article. If you need to ask me something please contact me at ninja.bunny11@yahoo.com . Good bye!

Luke S. and **Simon W.** of Troop 474 competed with the Arts Impact Middle School Mock Trial team downtown last month, and helped their school earn a "superior" rating in the competition with other area middle schools. This year the Mock Trial was based on an episode in the book [A Light in the Forest](#) by Conrad Richter. Both Luke and Simon also received awards for "Best Witness", Luke for the 8th grade defense team, and Simon for the 7th grade prosecution team.

Joe C. was named a "2008 Great Lakes Scholar" after being nominated by his teacher. This honors "students in grades 3-8 who excel in the classroom, in the community, as leaders in extracurricular, church or other outside interests, as well as on the athletic fields."

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Luke S. is a member of the AIMS Track team and is running the 1600 meter.

Chase M. earned his Orange Belt in Tae Kwon Do in February. **Carlin E.** earned his Green Belt. They both study under Master Alan Shirley at Little Star Tae Kwon Do.

N.D. M. just finished the YMCA Teen League basketball season. His team, North YMCA Jr. High Division finished the season 8-1.

David W. played on the Kilbourne Middle School lacrosse team. Although the Cougars lost more games than they won, the boys learned a lot about the sport, honed their skills, and developed a sense of working as a team.

Joe C. has learned how to be a timer for high school swim meets this year. In addition to soccer, he's also been playing tennis and baseball.



Stefan K., currently a Star scout, plays for the Columbus Crew Juniors, a select soccer team that competes in the Buckeye Premier League. Stefan, who is a freshman at Fort Hayes High School, also plays first doubles for the Whetstone High School tennis team where he and his team mate recently made it to the Ohio High School Athletic Association's Division I sectional tournament

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Max F. participated in the Dominion Middle School Science Fair back in February. He received an excellent rating for his experiment on which fabrics insulate the best.

Chase M. recently competed in The Battle of The Books representing Room 15 (Mrs. Graham's room) at Indian Springs Elementary. Chase's team won a trophy in the intra-school competition

N.D. M, has been accepted to be a Counselor In Training at Indian Village this summer. N.D. will serve as CIT for three weeks of the Indian Village day camp in June and August.

The following scouts are just a few who made the Honor Roll at their respective schools: **Clifford W., Simon W., Luke S., N.D. M., Chase M., Manny J., Dominic J., Matthew R., Mitchell T., Drew G., Colin M., Kevin M., Paddy O., and Max F.**

Boy Scout Troop 474's fun year!
By Paidraig O.

Over the period between January and now, Boy Scouts of Troop 474 have had loads of fun.

In January we went to Holiday Valley ski resort in New York. It was a long drive but worth it. There were different levels of slopes. Getting up the hills was accomplished either by ski lift or a pull rope. We stayed in one huge lodge.

This spring we went to the Kiwanis cabin. It was a chance to camp and just hang out. We were allowed to wrestle and do other fun things.

We had an overnight at Vertical Adventures where we could try out our rappelling skills.

Some of us had fun with Pioneering at Bob Dies' farm. There we practiced our knots and pioneering skills.

Our last outing was rappelling at Hocking Hills. Besides rock climbing there was a zip line.

Boy Scouts of Troop 474 sure had fun in such a small amount of time! I'm sure that all the scouts will continue to have fun times through the year at places like Falling Rock and many more. But even if they don't they'll have great memories and can make some fun anytime and anyplace.



Hiking for Spring Break

By Jack G.

Hiking is a big part of Scouting, and was also a big part of our family Spring Break this year. Our weeklong family vacation took us to Arizona and Utah to see the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park.

At the Grand Canyon we hiked down the beginning of the Bright Angel trail from the south rim. The first two miles were snow covered switchbacks that lead down to the peninsula floor. Lynn and I only went as far as the first rest area, one and one-half miles. M. and A. continued down to the peninsula and out to Peninsula Point, six miles from, and 4000 feet below, the south rim. From this point, they were looking right up and down the Colorado River. We all met back at the top five hours after we started. M. and A. covered twelve miles and 8000 feet of vertical change in those five hours. Needless to say, they were quite tired. The weather added another dimension to our experience, as it was grey and overcast when we started, turned clear and sunny, allowing us to see the entire canyon, and then became a snow storm that left two fresh inches of snow on the trail by the time we finished.

M. and A. prepared for their river hike to The Narrows in Zion National Park, Utah.



Like the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon was also still snow covered, but the weather was bright and sunny while we were there. Bryce Canyon is much smaller than the Grand Canyon, and was only about 500 feet of vertical and less than a mile to get to the bottom. Bryce Canyon however is full of "hoodoos", or pillars of multicolored sandstone. Because of the smaller scale, you are hiking right between and around all of the formations and trees at the bottom of the canyon. Once at the bottom, M. and A. took the Peek-A-Boo Trail, which was much less traveled due to the snow accumulations. At times they found themselves up to their knees in snow, but the sights and rock formations were well worth the effort. Their hike was about eight miles, while the well traveled trail Lynn and I took was just less than five. Bryce Canyon is a truly amazing place with its rock formations and colors.

At Zion M. and A. took a unique hike called the Narrows. The canyon begins very wide with a small river running out of it. As you proceed into the canyon, it narrows to a point at which the road cannot continue. It is at this point that The Narrows Trail begins. Dressed in dry suits, foam socks, special shoes and carrying hiking staves, M. and A. headed upriver, in the river, for a five hour hike. Considering that the river is fed by snowmelt, its 33 degree temperature was no surprise, but still cold nonetheless. About half of the trail is in the river and half is along the bank. Air in their dry suits provided unique opportunities to float for part of the hike, and Andrew found the one spot in the river that was deeper than his dry suit was high. They hiked to a point where the canyon walls are only twenty feet apart, and 1400 feet high, hence the name the Narrows.

Our last night was in Las Vegas, where we flew in and out of. It was quite different from the canyons we had seen the rest of the week. We preferred the real canyons instead of the steel and glass ones, though the casinos were pretty amazing.

All of the hikes during this vacation were day hikes with just a day pack. Andrew's next scheduled hiking trip this summer is at Philmont Scout Ranch, two weeks with a full pack. The rest of us can only wait until we get the chance to go back out West on a future vacation.

Upcoming Birthdays

June

8 Don T.
21 Josh K.

July

9 John D.
10 Gareth B.
15 Joe C.
24 Paddy O.
29 Chase M.

August

7 Evan N.
9 Nathaniel H.
9 Zach H.
14 Max F.
15 N. D. M.
18 David W.
21 Andrew G.
21 Yitzchak Y.

September

5 Stefan K.
8 Romaric S.
19 Simon W.
20 Chris C.
28 Drew B.



During spring break, **Max F.** and his mom went to North Carolina to visit with Max's Grandparents. While there, his grandfather, who was also a Boy Scout, showed him the merit badges he earned, his Eagle medal and his Order of the Arrow sash. His grandfather still remembers the fun he had when his troop went camping at Camp Lazarus



Simon W. at Little Round Top in Gettysburg.. Simon and his family visited this historic area during Spring break. Ask him about the ghost tour he took during his trip.



KROGER CARES PROGRAM

The Troop started raising money for individual Scout accounts, also called PSA's, in March. So far we have raised over \$600 Troop-wide. The cards are easy to use, reloadable gift cards which can be used on anything you can purchase at Kroger including gas and other retailer gift cards. When money is loaded onto the cards 5% of the total is credited back to the Troop, and since the cards are trackable, the money loaded onto each card is credited to a specific Scout. Several Scouts have 3 or more cards out to family and friends. The money in the PSA's can be used for reimbursement of camping fees and equipment. Balance statements of the PSA's will be available at each Court of Honor and can be obtained at other times from Karen Kurtz, the PSA administrator. If you are interested in starting or adding a card to earn money for a PSA see Nancy Cropper