



# The Troop 969 GAZETTE

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## Troop 969's Annual Softball Game And Cookout



Date: Monday, June 3rd Time: 6 PM

Where: Hitch School Campus Park  
(McVicker and Bryn Mawr Aves.)

*In the event of bad weather,  
we will meet at St. Tar's Gym*



All parents and scouts are invited to come out for our final regular meeting of the year. We will play the traditional 'scouts vs. adults' softball game, then re-group at St. Tars's for a cookout! Bring a dish to share.

### ***Also in June.....***

- Parents / Committee Meeting June 5th 7:00 PM
- Owasippe Planning Meeting June 10th 7:00 PM

### **Save the Dates!**

Feast of St. Tarcissus Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>

Eagle Court of Honor for Justin Fiore Saturday afternoon August 24th

Throwback Music Festival 911 Ceremony Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

*Additional information will be sent as the event approaches*

## **SCOUTMASTER'S FORUM**

Another year has gone by so quickly. It has been great to see the boys mature and grow.

I would like to thank all of the adult leaders who have helped with the 2018-2019 Scout year. I hope that the boys have had fun and made memories to last.

I wish that those of you who are attending Owasippe Scout Reservation this summer will have fun and do Troop 969 proud. This year we will be sending 12 boys and 4 adults.

Please continue to check your emails for upcoming summer events.

I would like to see all of the boys return in the fall and continue their adventure down the Scouting Trail.

Have a safe and fun summer. See you all in September.  
Your friend and Scoutmaster,

Mr. Mick



## **JOKEMASTER'S FORUM**

What wears a uniform and floats in the water?

I don't know, what floats in the water and wears a uniform?

A buoy scout!

## **OWASIPPE SUMMER CAMP MEETING**

The planning meeting for Owasippe Summer Camp will be on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, in the Scout Meeting Room. **All scouts and parents need to attend.** Your activities and transportation will be planned. You will also complete the remaining paperwork. This is also the last chance for any Scouts wishing to attend Summer Camp to register. All medicals, including Part C, must be turned in as well. The school medical forms are not accepted so make sure that you download it. You can find the medical form here: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_ABC.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf)

And your menu for the week.....

<http://www.pathwaytoadventure.org/media/upload/Blackhawk%202019%20Menus.pdf>

## **Bonnie Aleksic Memorial Campership Winner**

Congratulations to Max Herbster, who's essay was selected as this year's Bonnie Aleksic Memorial Campership winner. Many excellent essays were submitted, and the committee thanks those who took the time to submit their thoughts on Owasippe. As this year's winner, Max will be able to attend camp for free thanks to our generous donor. We look forward to Max's summer camp report in this fall!

## **ScoutBuck Update**

Up-to-date ScoutBuck balances are now available through the link below:

[www.troop969.com/scoutbucks.pdf](http://www.troop969.com/scoutbucks.pdf) . If you have any questions about your scout buck balance, send a note to [troop969@outlook.com](mailto:troop969@outlook.com).

## ***ANNUAL SOFTBALL GAME/COOKOUT***

The Annual Softball Game and Cookout will be on Monday, June 3th at the Hitch School Ball Field at 6:00pm. If the weather does not cooperate, then we will meet in the Gym at 6:00pm. The cookout will be in the St. Tars parking lot. All families planning to attend are asked to please bring a dessert to share.

## ***PARENTS MEETING***

This Wednesday, June 5th at 7pm in the lower level of the Social Center, the Troop will hold its final committee/parents meeting for the 2018-2019 Scout year. The Troop's 2019-2020 program will be presented and we will discuss what's needed to make it happen. All parents are asked to attend.

## ***FINGERPRINTING MERIT BADGE***

All scouts who attended the First Aid Meet/Murder Mystery campout have a few more requirements to complete the Fingerprinting Merit Badge. You need to see Mrs. Moore to get a blue card and then you must attend the Fingerprinting Merit Badge Clinic on Tuesday June 4th at 7pm at Edison Park Lutheran Church 6626 N. Oliphant. If you are not on time, you will not be allowed into the clinic. This will be your only opportunity to complete this merit badge at this time.

## ***SAVE THE DATES***

Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Tarcissus. The Troop will be participating in the procession with the statue of St. Tarcissus through the neighborhood. There will be a picnic with games and music in the parking lot and much more after the procession.

Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> the Troop will be participating at the Throwback Music Festival 911 ceremony. I ask that all scouts attend this event for country and community. Please attend in full class a uniform.

We Shall Never Forget!

# **TROOP 969**

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

### **2019-2020**

As you are aware, Troop 969 is very active, which is one of the reasons your son chose it. Some of the adult leaders give inordinate amounts of time, and many sacrifice valuable vacation time, in order to make these activities run smoothly. Additionally, many of the leaders fill a secondary role within this organization, or fulfill other roles within the Scouting community. We also have many roles that are filled by individuals who no longer have a Scout active in our Troop.

In order to remain as active as we do, all parents are required to take part in their son's Scouting year, by assisting in every way possible. This requirement is in addition to the commitment to Pancake Breakfast. There are many opportunities to make a contribution to Troop 969.

The following roles require some prep before a once month meeting, accompanied by attendance at that meeting:

**Scoutmaster** - Works under the guidance of the committee chair and advise of the committee. Must be good with scouts and have a commitment to the boys, and the troop. Help will be given by Mr. Mick in all other aspects of running the troop.

**Secretary:** This position requires attendance at the parent's meeting. You will need to record the minutes and forward to the Committee Chair.

**Scribe Advisor** - After campouts and other events, works with the Troop Scribes to get articles posted in the Gazette, and local newspapers. This individual will most likely communicate with the Scribes via email and must provide feedback to the Scribes for them to improve their writing skills.

**Gym Night Supervisor** - This supporting role requires attendance at one Scout meeting per month. We currently have 2 excellent individuals who handle this, but need a third for backup. There are many events that happen annually that require a significant amount of work, over a shorter period. These responsibilities can't be fulfilled by an individual, but will be successful through a group effort. These committees will have an advisor, who will monitor progress and report to the Committee.

**Kick-off Dinner** - This is the first formal event of the year. Tasks that need to be accomplished are meal planning, coordinating set-up and clean-up, arranging for entertainment.

**Ice Cream Social** - An event that is providing for Advancement and Achievement recognition during the spring. Tasks that need to be accomplished are meal planning (ice cream and condiments), coordinating set-up and clean-up.

**End of Year Cookout** - Involves purchasing the food, getting something to cook on, and arranging for cooks. This is typically a cookout (burgers and dogs, right in the parking lot) while the Scouts play their annual softball game at Hitch.

Troop 969 has many mission critical positions that must be filled in order to be successful. These positions require a great deal of work, over an extended period of time. In order to ease the burden on the current chairs, and provide a method for succession planning, individuals will need to help fill these roles. These positions are long term in nature, due to their importance to the Troop.

**Advancement Co-Advisor** - Works under the guidance of Advancement Chair. This individual must be (or become) a stickler for policies and procedures, but be flexible enough to help Scouts deal with their Advancement issues. An extensive and thorough knowledge of the Boy Scout Handbook is also required (or may be learned during the training period). Regular attendance is necessary at weekly troop meetings.

## Family Weekend at Owasippe

Proving that Owasippe is not just about a week at camp in July, The troop once again participated in the year's Order of the Arrow Memorial Day work weekend at Owasippe. Don't let the title of the event fool you, as there much time for fun in camp and on the water Sunday and Monday after the work was finished on Saturday!



## ADVANCEMENT UPDATE- June 1, 2019

Matthew B: Eagle: Needs SMC/BOR

Ben C: Boy Scout: Needs steps of advancement, scout ranks, patrol method, rope fusing, cyberchip, participation

Danny F: Boy Scout: Needs steps of advancement, scout ranks, patrol method, knots, rope fusing, pocketknife safety, cyberchip, participation

Justin F: Eagle: Needs paperwork

Sean G: Star: Needs 3 req'd merit badges, 2 months position of responsibility, 6 service hours, cyberchip, participation

Max H: Boy Scout: Needs steps of advancement, scout ranks, patrol method, rope fusing, participation

Trey H: Boy Scout: Needs steps of advancement, scout ranks, patrol method, knots, rope fusing, cyberchip, participation

Trevor H: Life: Needs 3 months position of responsibility, 1 req'd merit badge, 6 service hours, EDGE, participation

Corey M: Tenderfoot: Needs almost everything

Jameson M: Tenderfoot: Needs almost everything

William M: Star: 2 months position of responsibility, 6 service hours, cyberchip, participation

Anthony P: Life: Needs 2 months position of responsibility, 3 conservation service hours, Edge, participation

Nicholas P: Eagle: Needs 2 req'd merit badges, 6 months position of responsibility, project, participation

Aaron P: First Class: Needs leave no trace, lashings, camp gadget, GPS, plants, weather, safety afloat, kayak parts, body positioning watercraft, utility services, potable water, emergency action plan, fitness and plan, local figure, recycling plan, encourage new member, scout spirit, participation

Joey P: Boy Scout: Needs everything and joining requirements, participation

Andres Q: Tenderfoot: Needs camping, first aid kit, physical fitness, flag care, 1 service hour, EDGE, participation

Julian Q: Second Class: Needs first aid, knots, find direction, physical fitness, participation

Matt R: First Class: Needs water rescue, canoe parts, physical fitness, recycling plan, 3 service hours, scout spirit, participation

Nick S: Boy Scout: Needs steps of advancement, scout ranks, patrol method, rope fusing, cyberchip, participation

Sean W: Eagle: Needs 4 req'd merit badges, 5 months position of responsibility, participation, project

**Merit Badges: 1 Astronomy**  
**Rank: 1 Life**

# Boy Scout Troop 969

## June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 6:00 PM Troop Meeting: Softball Game and Cookout	4	5 7:00 PM Parents Meeting	6	7	8
9	10 7:30 PM Troop Meeting: Summer Camp Planning	11	12	13	14  Flag Day	15
16  Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Summer Camp - Obvauippe					

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# Boy Scout Troop 969

## July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Summer Camp: Owasippe			
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