

MEETINGS

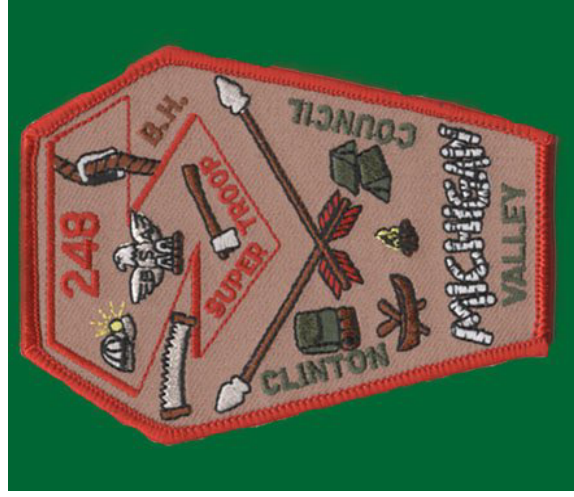
Meetings are held at the International Academy of Macomb during the school year and at Budd Park in the summer months. We meet from 7:00 PM until about 8:30 PM every Monday.

UNIFORMS

All scouts and Adult leaders are expected to wear their class "A" uniforms during the school year when we meet. When we meet during the summer months all scouts and adult leaders should dress in their class "B" uniforms. All scouts should bring their Scout Handbook.

FUNDRAISERS

The troop has various fundraisers throughout the year. One fundraiser a year generates money for maintaining TROOP gear and acquiring new gear when needed. Other fund raisers generate money for the boy scout accounts or other scouting programs. Additional fundraisers are held to benefit the community. Fundraisers include: Bowling events, Bottle drives, popcorn sales, entertainment books, and wreath sales in December.



COURT OF HONOR

The court of honor is a special event held three times a year to recognize the scouts rank advancements and merit badges. We usually begin with a potluck meal followed by the ceremony.

DUES

The dues are \$50 annually, payable in 2 installments from the scout's account.

BOY LEADERS

As scouts advance, they are asked to take on leadership positions within the troop. Training is required before a scout can hold a leadership position. Some extra time and responsibility is required. Positions include:

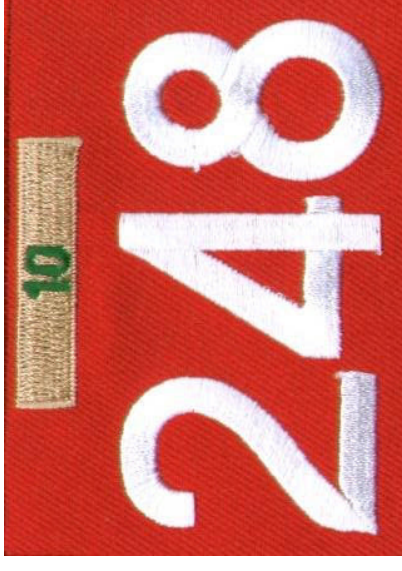
Senior Patrol Leader
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader
Patrol Leader
Asst. Patrol Leader
OA Troop Representative
Chaplain Aide
Quartermaster
Scribe
Historian
Troop Guide
Librarian
Instructor
Den Chief

PARENTS

Our troop committee is made up of parent volunteers. All parents are strongly urged to participate in troop gatherings and outings. The committee meets monthly to plan and facilitate the needs of the troop. We also need parents who are willing to serve as Assistant scoutmasters; Committee Officers; drivers and adult leaders on Campouts and other activities i.e. . Whirly ball; Laser Tag; etc. All leaders must be trained for their position before they will be re-chartered.

VENTURE CREW

As scouts get a little older they look for more challenging activities. Venture Crew 2248 offers such a program for co-ed youth older than 14 but not yet 21 years old.



BSA Troop 248
VENTURE Crew 2248
Chartered by

The Concerned Parents of Troop 248
Macomb, Michigan 48044
In 1996

We Meet at the International
Academy of Macomb
www.bsatroop248.org



Scoutmaster
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ON MY HONOR...

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA—incorporated on February 8, 1910 and chartered by Congress in 1916—to provide an education program for boys and young adults to build character; to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship; and to develop personal fitness.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Troop 248 is open to any boy who has earned the Arrow Of Light or is eleven years old or has completed the fifth grade, but is not yet 18 years old. No previous scouting experience is necessary. This troop is “BOY RUN”, the scouts plan the meetings (PLC) and outings with guidance from the Scoutmaster and help from their parents. Responsibility is given to the boys at this level of scouting, encouraging them to achieve rank advancement; complete merit badges, and participate in troop leadership. We have scouts excelling academically and in extra curricular programs at Dakota and Chippewa Valley High Schools.

SCOUT ACCOUNTS

This privilege allows for each scout in the troop to maintain an account with the troop to collect monies from parents and fundraisers from which expenses for events and activities are deducted. Without money in his account, a scout can not go on treks; campouts; or the other fun activities we participate in. The treasures distributes statements of the accounts periodically.

BE PREPARED

CAMP OUTS / OUTINGS.

Our troop plans at least one outing each month. There are different kinds of campouts throughout the year. Sometimes we are in cabins, other times we use tents, and sometimes we will use a combination of cabins and tents. **Every outing is fun.** Some of our outings have been as far as West Virginia and some as close as Stony Creek Metro Park. Every year we ask the scouts to give us recommendations on where they want to go—and no place is off limits. We have had ideas of going to Germany; Alaska; and Australia to name a few. We have also gone White water rafting in Virginia; Scuba diving in Florida; Hiking in New Mexico (Philmont); Dog sledding in Canada just to name a few. Special outings are planned far in advance and may have a rank or age requirements posted with them. A permission slip is sent home two weeks prior to an outing. It and any necessary fees and other paperwork are due back to the TREK leader in advance of the trek. Our scouts plan their meals and also buy their own food according to their menus. **BUT**, and a big but here, adults look over the menus and either agree to the menu or offer suggested changes. A meal of pop tarts; soda; and candy is definitely not going to be counted as a dinner meal. Adults are welcome and encouraged to participate in any and all events. We need the leadership and knowledge of all adults to make the troop function. Troop 248 has all the equipment needed to have a safe and fun time when we go on a trek.

TROOP COOMUNICATON

Each scout family has a paper mail folder that is brought to each troop meeting. Our webmaster maintains the troop web site regularly. There is a troop email distribution, parents and scouts are encouraged to signup. A troop weekly newsletter is sent to the email list and published on the web site. Patrol leaders maintain a phone list for their patrol in case a call fan-out is required.

DO A GOOD TURN DAILY

SUMMER CAMP

Our troop goes to Summer Camp at Lost Lake Scout Reservation in Clare, MI for one week each summer. This is a good camp for scouts to earn merit badges and for adults to see how the scouting organization is run. A lot of pre planning goes into this camp. Meals are provided by camp staff because scouts are kept busy with activities typically starting at 6:00am and running through 11:00pm.

ADVANCEMENTS

Requirements in the Scout Handbook must be completed for each rank. Once finished, they can be signed off by the scoutmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster. It is the scout’s responsibility to make sure the requirements are dated and signed in their book. Scouts can read ahead and work on Merit Badge requirements for any level and simultaneously work on Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class requirements. Some of the ranks require participation in outings, so the Scout should keep track of the dates and the campouts he attends. After completing all requirements for a particular rank, the Scout will have a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review in order to be advanced to the next rank. Rank advancement through First Class is offered the first year a scout joins Troop 248.

MERIT BADGES

The scout handbook has a list of merit Badges. Some badges are required for the EAGLE rank, others are not. Merit badges can be completed at any time. When a scout chooses the badge he wants to work on, he needs to see the Merit Badge Coordinator to get a “BLUJE” card and also to get a Merit Badge counselor. Then, he needs to get the requirements books from the troop library; the Council shop; or the Internet so he can read the material and complete any activities required.