



The Quill



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Palm Harbor, FL

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TROOP 475 MONTHLY COMMUNICATION

Summer Camp 2020 is coming: June 29 – July - 4



Making plans for the Summer, don't forget to include Summer camp at Camp Lanoche. We are in the planning stages and there will be lots of fun as always plus the great opportunity to get some merit badges completed.

Mark your calendars and start planning for some fun. Summer camp is always a great learning experience as a scout.

Watch your e-mails and this newsletter for more information to come.

Summer Camp 2020 out of State is coming:



June 13-21; Camp Powhatan is the largest of the three camps on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation located in Hiwassee, VA. Troop 475 will be attending this camp during the summer to work on merit badges and our older scouts will be conducting a 3-day canoeing trip.

There will be restrictions on scouting attending such having attended summer camp before and/or above the age of 13 years of age.

Stay tuned as details become available for this great opportunity for our troop.



Calendar of event for February 2020:

CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 AJ Anderson's Eagle
2	3 Troop Meeting 7:00 p	4	5	6	7	8
9 Scout Sunday 8:00 a	10 Troop Meeting 7:00 p	11	12	13	14	15 Sea Base Fundraisin
16	17 Troop Meeting 7:00 p	18	19	20	21 Crossover Camp- Camp Brorein 6:00 pm	22
23 Crossover Camp-	24 PLC meeting 7:00 pm	25	26	27	28	29



Future dates to add to your calendars.

Mar 27 - 29th Crooked River Campout

May -Ft. Desoto Campout

April 24-26th Wekiwa Springs Campout

June 13-21 Camp Powhatan Summer camp

June 29th – July 4th Camp Lanoche Summer camp

Visit the troop web site for additional event schedules <http://www.troop475.com/>

A good turn Everyday

A very popular slogan in scouting given to us by Baden-Powell is “Do a Good Turn Daily”. As the words are described in the scout handbook; *“Some Good Turns are big - saving a life, helping out after floods or other disasters, recycling community trash, working with your patrol on conservation projects.*

But Good Turns are often small, thoughtful acts - helping a child cross a busy street, going to the store for an elderly neighbor, cutting back brush that is blocking a sign, doing something special for a brother or sister, welcoming a new student to your school.

A Good Turn is more than simple good manners. It is a special act of kindness.”

Words are just words, unless you believe and live by them through actions: That is just what Troop members of 475 have always done.



Just recently, during a scout meeting at LCR. There was a mix up with a volunteer group when they came to pick some items for the church rummage sale. The troop stopped the meeting and helped this organization load up all the items onto their trailer. Did they have to; no, but gave of themselves willingly to lend that helping hand without any thought of reward.

Another example, as troop fundraising members came up to ACE hardware in Tarpon Spring one weekend morning for a fundraising event. ACE accidentally double booked fundraising groups. Troop 475 members put away their equipment and stopped their activities to help the the other organization. Not just for a minute or two but all day.

Prime examples of not just hearing the words but providing that special act of kindness to another human being. It is with these examples we know what the scouting program is all about and Troop 475 is leading that path.





Please know that there is a closed group on Facebook, where ASM typically post new pictures and updates during camp outs. News articles and anything that could be good information related to scouting. Find us on Facebook searching for Troop 475-Palm Harbor FL. Like us and ask to join the group.

WINTER BLAST AT CAMP SHANDS

16 Troop 475 members attended the “Winter Blast” camp at Camp Shands this past holiday break. As they worked on their merit badges such as ATV, CPR, Polar Bear Plunge, and STEM! It was stated that the most fun was being able to stay in the tree house cabins.



Big Bang at the Brooksville Raid

If you have never attended the Brooksville Raid, you are missing a wonderful trip to participate in the reenactment of the Civil War era. The raid has become the largest Civil War reenactment in Florida with over 1500 reenactors and their families. With 20 very loud cannons, cavalier horses, and settlers that serve the boys old fashion root beer/ lemonade.

It is very educational to see how people lived and dressed in this era and again a lot of fun for all.



This year had an extra special participant when the union troops needed a field drummer. Troop 475's own Daniel Tibma took the call to serve. You may not know that the field drummer was an extremely important role on the battlefield. It was the drummer that kept the patrol together and provided the officers' commands over the noise and confusion of the battle. Daniel performed these objectives with great pride and skill. Thank you, Daniel!



The boys also worked on some of their scout requirements during this camp out. From cooking, KP and normal camping activities. We also had a flag pole to work on our flag ceremonies.



Thank you Leaders

As all Troops' experience, leaders come and go. The leaders that have been a part of Troop 475 have always contributed to high standards that makes our troop as one of the finest in the district. As we enlist new adult leaders into the Troop organization, we are saddened that some leaders that have helped to maintain this long tradition of excellence, are beginning to transition. All of these leaders have put forth an amazing amount of time and effort to ensure that Troop 475 maintains a high standard and a solid Scouting program for our young men to learn from.

Thank you for all you have done for Troop 475. Your efforts are appreciated and remain in high regard as it will be a challenge to fill those big shoes that are left behind. We as new leaders promise "to do our best" do better because the program is all about making it better and stronger.

Thank you again leaders, we love you and wish you the best:

- Rich Kenda, Lynn Boltz, Jeff Donovan, Pete Williams, Paul Hess, Chris Philips

“Leadership is the keynote to success– but leadership is difficult to define, and leaders are difficult to find. I have frequently stated that “any ass can be a commander, and a trained man may often make an instructor; but a leader is more like the poet– born, not manufactured.”

Baden-Powell



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