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The Dog Scout Scoop

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48 New Dog Scouts in 2014!

January

Bling Sanford
(pictured)
Nim Conley
Casey Mimms
Ziva Lemke
IZAR Blackstone

March

Oliver Koltavary
Grizzly Dutter
Gunner Landall
Piper Nerren

May

Charlie Teichman
Ellie Schupska
Slyder Abdo
Slugger Wronski

June

Tucker Gordon
Izzy Kloski
Bren Reiss
Yeork Smith
Sadie Tomasik
Dani Patton
Luna Hudson

Buddy Bowen
Brindy Hibbard

July

Tonto Hovey
Lint Moore
Levi Kilmon
Jazmin Gordon
Randi Brillon
Zoey Gordon
Rylee Brillon

August

Della Luther
Darra Freeman

September

Lily Bourque
Emmie Bourque
Molly Sprague
Lucky Schaefer
Jake Malone-Doak

October

ThelmaLou Knowlton
Rio Olawski-Stiener

November

Sawyer Wiggins
Splash Wiggins
Baylee Wiggins

December

Isis Salzberger
Thor Salzberger
Cooper Brady
Mojo Paquin
Zephyr Paquin
Zumba Paquin
Calypso Paquin

**Deadline for the
May/June issue
is extended until
May 15th**

**Any 2014 troop high-
lights that you want
to share will also be
accepted for this
issue.**

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Congratulations!

Notes from National



Ten Ways You Can Donate to DSA

Did you know that there are MANY ways that you can quietly serve your organization and provide much needed revenue to keep our organization going? Here are a few of the ways you can make a difference, some of which don't require you getting out from behind your computer!

1 Sign up for Amazon SMILE! Simply go to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), select Dog Scouts of America as your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Smile.Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to DSA!

2 Make www.goodsearch.com your search engine. Go to goodsearch.com and select Dog Scouts of America as your charity. Use the search box on the goodsearch homepage or download a Good To-Go add-on to search the Internet just like you normally would, with the added bonus that you are earning a donation for virtually every search. With one penny earned each time you use goodsearch, we've already earned \$374.04! That total could be a lot more, if everyone used this!

3 Use GoodShop to shop on the internet. You will save money with valuable coupons, and GoodShop donates a percentage of each purchase you make to Dog Scouts of America. You can access goodshop from the

www.goodsearch.com site.

4 If you like to walk your dog, you can earn money for DSA every time you do by downloading the Walk For a Dog app onto your phone. Go to www.WoofTrax.com and click on "Get the App." This app monitors your walk, tells you how far you walked, and how fast, and even shows a little map of your hike. When you get the app, go to the setup tab, and select Michigan, and search for Dog Scouts of America, Saint Helen, zip 48656. Then, grab a leash, your smart phone, and your dog, and press the "start hike" button. This app is ideal for tracking your distance walked for the Hike-a-thon or Frost-a-thon, and you make a little extra for DSA each time you use it.

5 Sign up for eScrip.com. It's free and it's safe. Go to www.secure.escrip.com and click on "Sign Up." Then enter your information and a credit card number (yes, it really is SAFE), and each time you use that credit card for a purchase, a portion of the sale will go to DSA!



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6 Participate in the Hike-a-thon or Frost-a-thon! Go to www.firstgiving.com/DogScouts and click on "Start Fundraising." You can build your own fundraising page, add photos of your dog(s), and customize your plea for donations. I have had total strangers donate money to my page, because they liked the concept of DSA, or liked my plea for donations. You get pledges for the Hike-a-thon, for example (which is coming up in May), and your donors can give right from your page. You could win stuff for being a top fundraiser, too. And you don't even have to cough up any of the money (although it's nice if you do).

7 See if the company you or a family member Works for does "Matching Gift" giving. Example: A donor, who works for Bank of America, donates \$250 to an eligible 501(c)(3)

organization (Dog Scouts of America). The donor then submits the proper matching gift forms to his employer's HR department or through an exclusive employee portal. Bank of America receives the request and matches the donation 1:1 by writing a check for \$250 to Dog Scouts of America. The \$250 check written by Bank of America is the matching gift, doubling your donation! Go to DoubletheDonation.com for more information about matching gifts.

8 Visit our great web site. Yes, that's right—www.dogscouts.org is actually up and running again, and all of the pages are fully functional. The next time you're thinking, "Thank goodness for the DSA website..." Just go ahead and express your gratitude by hitting the "Donate Now" button. Every little bit helps. And when you show your appreciation for what others do for you, good Karma will come back to you many-fold.

9 It's Spring! Get out and earn your Clean-up America Badge! If you live in a state that charges deposits on cans and bottles, you could earn a tidy sum when you turn them in for the refund, and send that on to DSA, to earn your Badge!



10 Collect recyclable ink jet cartridges and old cell phones to earn money for DSA!



The Fido Frost-a-Thon is a success!

Thanks to all who participated in the Fido Frost-a-thon fundraising event. It took some brave souls to get out there this bitter cold winter and enjoy some outdoor sports with your canine for this event!

The top fundraiser was Kathy Tucker, of Texas. She won a \$100.00 gift certificate to Sparky's Boutique and Outfitters, and a buff.

Everyone who raised at least \$150.00 for DSA got a special prize made by the Vice President of DSA, Sally Hoyle. She created these nice, warm fleece buffs, to keep your neck warm in the cold weather. They feature "DSA" embroidered on them. The recipients of these one-of-a-kind neck-warmers are:

Kathy Tucker, Debbie Baker, Kelly Ford, MarSue Freeman, Sally Hoyle, Kris Thomas, Angela Hudson, and Amy Porto

Everyone raising at least \$50.00 for DSA in this fundraiser received the Frost-a-thon patch.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this event. And, if you missed it, the Hike-a-thon is right around the corner! Please be sure to sign up! Sally Hoyle, our fundraising chairperson, will be providing more information soon (look for an announcement in the newsletter).

Thank You!

Did You Know?

can now be purchased with Dog Scout logo. Thank-you Brenda Katz for spear-heading this project! To order, you'll design a custom tag and then select Dog Scouts as the design for the back of the tag. www.pathtags.com

Geocaching PathTags



Board Nominations

DSA just amended the Bylaws to increase the size of the Board of Directors

We're looking for some people to fill the open positions.

You might make a good Board Member if:

- ◆ You have ideas on how to create revenue for DSA
- ◆ You have grant-writing skills or other organizational skills
- ◆ You believe in our organization and its mission, and want to see it moving forward
- ◆ You are available to conduct business via the internet (computer access for meetings and voting)
- ◆ You are prompt in answering correspondence that is sent to you
- ◆ You are able to make decisions in the best interest of our organization



If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer, please contact Sally Hoyle, who is handling the interviewing process. You will be asked to submit a bio, and will be interviewed.

sally.hoyle@yahoo.com.

Thanks for supporting your organization!

Lonnie Olson
President

In case you missed it . . .

2014 Badge Contest Winner!



November 2014 certainly brought a big flurry of activity to the badge contest! Thank you to everyone who played along!

Please join in me congratulating the winner of the 2014 badge contest:

iZAR and Mary Blackstone!

They have been VERY busy and submitted seven badges for video or log sheet eval in November (keeping ME busy) and those were in addition to 3 badges submitted earlier in the contest and the GeoDog title earned during the contest period for a total of ELEVEN submissions to the contest!! (Yes, Kelly kept me updated on titles that were earned so they were all included in my counts).

Tie for second place between Caper with Lonnie Olson and Jasper with Maureen Callahan who each had 7 submissions. Several dogs/people had 5 or 6 submissions.

I hope everyone had fun working with their dogs and strengthening the bond you have with them. Their lives are shorter than our own, so we need to take every opportunity to cherish them and enrich their lives as best as we can.

**Mary & iZAR
win the
2014 Badge
Contest
after earning
ten badges
and one title!**

In other stats:

Sheri Throop was the EVALUATOR for the highest number of badge forms (11) submitted during the contest period (not including myself) and I think I set a record with 28 badge evaluations in November! And all of those were submitted in November, not backed up from previous months. (77 total badge evals during the contest)

Chris Puls



2015 Leadership Retreat

Retreat dates are

Friday, May 29 thru Sunday, May 31.

- **Rub elbows with fellow Troop Leaders.** Troop Leadership comes with challenges and accomplishments. Talk to other Troop Leaders about what works / doesn't work for them and their troop. Acquire ideas to take back to your troop.
- **Present the O&S on a merit badge to receive immediate feedback from Lonnie & your peers.** After completing an O&S you are one step closer to being able to sign off on that badge. Please consider an O&S you would like to present.
- Would you like to **practice (or brush up on) the skills needed to administer the DSA test?** Taking part in sessions at DSA Leadership Retreat provides valuable experience and prepares you to return home, administer the test to others and send the video to Chris Puls for review. Read more about it at: <http://dogscouts.org/base/certification-program/become-a-scoutmasterevaluator/>

Registration Form is available at: <https://secure.jotformpro.com/form/42486974754976>

This form will collect all your demographic information as well as a \$25 deposit for the retreat. *This deposit is subtracted from your lodging costs at check-out*

Lodging costs, which are as follows:



- Lodge Shared Room \$15 per person per night
- Lodge Private Room \$40 per person per night
- RV space with electricity \$12 per night
- Tent site with electricity \$12 per night
- Tent site no electricity \$8 per night
- Cabin \$75 per night
- RV Rental \$45 per night

After the \$25 deposit (which goes towards your lodging) there is no additional cost for attending the Leadership Retreat.

We're looking forward to presentations on a variety of topics such as Carting, Heeling Games, Geocaching and Massage. Consider what you could present, what would benefit your troop? Please join us for the 2015 Leadership Retreat.

Please let me know if you have any questions, (dsaleadertest@att.net) I look forward to hearing from you. The first step is registration!

Robyn Porter, DSA Troop Program Administrator
Indy Dog Scouts Troop #177 /

P.S. Don't forget to bring items for the silent auction. The silent auctions always provide unique items as well as a lot of laughs!

This year, DSA celebrates its 20th anniversary!

We are making a special, 20th anniversary shirt available to anyone who wants one. Pre-orders are appreciated. If we get your order after we have sent the order in to the T-shirt company, we will need another dozen of the same style shirt, as a minimum order, so we cannot guarantee that you will be able to get the shirt you want, once the order is put in. Please contact Lonnie Olson with your order **before May 1st**.

The Tees are 100% preshrunk cotton and are in unisex sizes. The Ladies' top is cotton and spandex and is in Ladies' sizes. The hoodies are 90/10 (cotton/polyester) and are in unisex sizes.

The prices shown are for size Small through X-Large. Please add \$2.00 for each additional X after XL.

Thanks for supporting our 20th anniversary shirt fundraiser!
Lonnie

Note: If you have already put in your order because you will be attending summer camp, you will receive your shirt(s) upon arrival at camp.

*All others please include **\$7.00 shipping and handling**, if you can't pick up your shirt at camp.*

Here are the Shirts that are available:



Ladies' Pink Stretch top with Pink Heart Design (\$24.00)



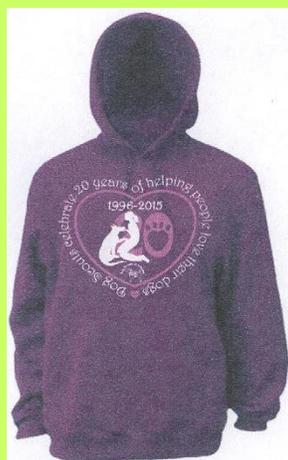
Unisex Pink Tee with pink heart design (\$15.00)



Unisex Grey Tee with pink heart design (\$15.00)



Unisex Stone Blue Tee with black design (\$15.00)



Maroon Hoodie with pink heart design (\$39.00)



Grey Hoodie with black design (\$39.00)

Contact Lonnie Olson ~ (989 389-2000) ~ dogscoutcamp@gmail.com to order.

What Have YOU Been Up To?

It is our aim to include a minimum of one paragraph from every troop and at least 2 photos. That's only **3-5 sentences every two months** (more will be accepted if you're so inclined)! Need ideas on what to submit? Whether you have an active troop or one that's not so active, or if you don't have a troop in your area, share your Scouting journey. You can write about

- ☺ Troop Meetings, activity days, training days, guest speaker presentations, troop member presentations, fund raising, community service (with or without dogs)
- ☺ New merit badges/DSA titles earned
- ☺ A member who has overcome a training obstacles/issue and made great progress
- ☺ Successful conversation starters for event booths
- ☺ "Clean up America" updates
- ☺ Links to a member's published educational articles
- ☺ Junior news – articles by and/or for our junior members
- ☺ Appropriate dog-related humor
- ☺ Non-member dog-related articles of interest (or a link to the article if permission to publish is not given)

We especially want to hear from our lone ambassadors who don't have the support of a troop in the area yet—it's all about inspiring, encouraging, and guiding others in the Dog Scout way, You never know when your story and news will encourage someone else to be brave and start a conversation about Dog Scouts with new people, or to try a new activity that's outside of the norm with their dog.

How about . . .

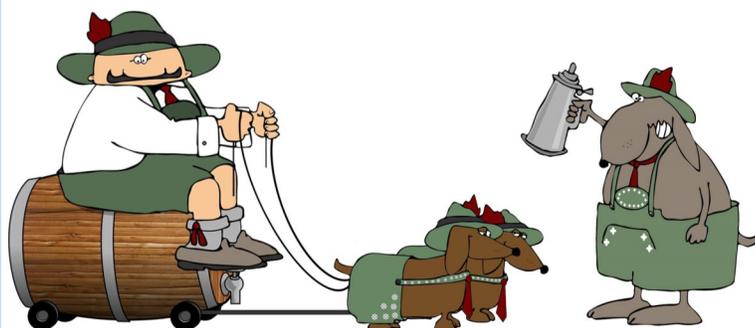
- ☺ Notes from a positive dog training seminar or camp you've attended
- ☺ Training tips for merit badges and/or DSA titles
- ☺ Feedback on a dog training DVD or book.
- ☺ Camp and/or Leadership Retreat stories
- ☺ Photos of scouts/cadets performing merit badge/title related activities

Looking forward to your news!
thescoop@dogscouts.org

Blue Ridge Mini Camp 2015

Dates for Blue Ridge Mini Camp have been set! Mark your calendars for **August 10 through August 15** if you are planning to join us. Activities include Weight Pulling, Cani-Cross, K-9 Fitness, First Aid, Scent Hurdle Racing and more. For more details contact Linkey Green (linkeyg@embarqmail.com) or visit blueridgedogscoutcamp.blogspot.com/2015_03_01_archive.html

Since pulling is going to be one of our new activities at Blue Ridge Mini Camp this year, we thought that our t-shirt design should reflect this theme. All campers receive a free shirt with registration. Get yours in today. <http://ow.ly/LpsWY>



Something's brewing at Maple Valley Conservatory!

As it turns out, Caretaker, Jack Lavoy, used to process maple syrup for years. I thought it would be fun to try making some maple syrup from the trees here in my own back yard. With Jack's experience, and the experience I gained experimenting with it in the 2013 season, I decided to give it a go. I purchased the supplies, and Jack helped me set up the burner and get the wood. Martha Thierry designed the tags hanging from the syrup bottles.



Collecting Sap



Boiling Syrup



Finished Syrup

New for 2015! Maple Sugar Candy!

This year, we have an evaporator that should do 3 to 4 times the output of the previous syrup boiler we used in 2013. And, we're going to try making some delicious confections with the maple syrup, like maple sugar candy, maple fudge, and maple cream. Yumm!



This is a process that depends on the weather. There are only a few weeks during the year when you can harvest the sap to make the syrup. It has to be during the time of year when the temperature starts to warm during the day, but goes back to freezing at night.

If you would like to reserve a bottle of syrup, please contact Lonnie at the Dog Scout Camp. We'll put your name on a bottle and have it for you when you come to camp (989) 389-2000 dogscoutcamp@gmail.com.



Spring Clean-up Week at Dog Scout Camp

The Michigan Dog Scout Camp is having its annual spring clean-up on May 19-20-21, 2015. This is immediately before the Leadership Retreat, which falls on Memorial Weekend (the 22nd through 25th).

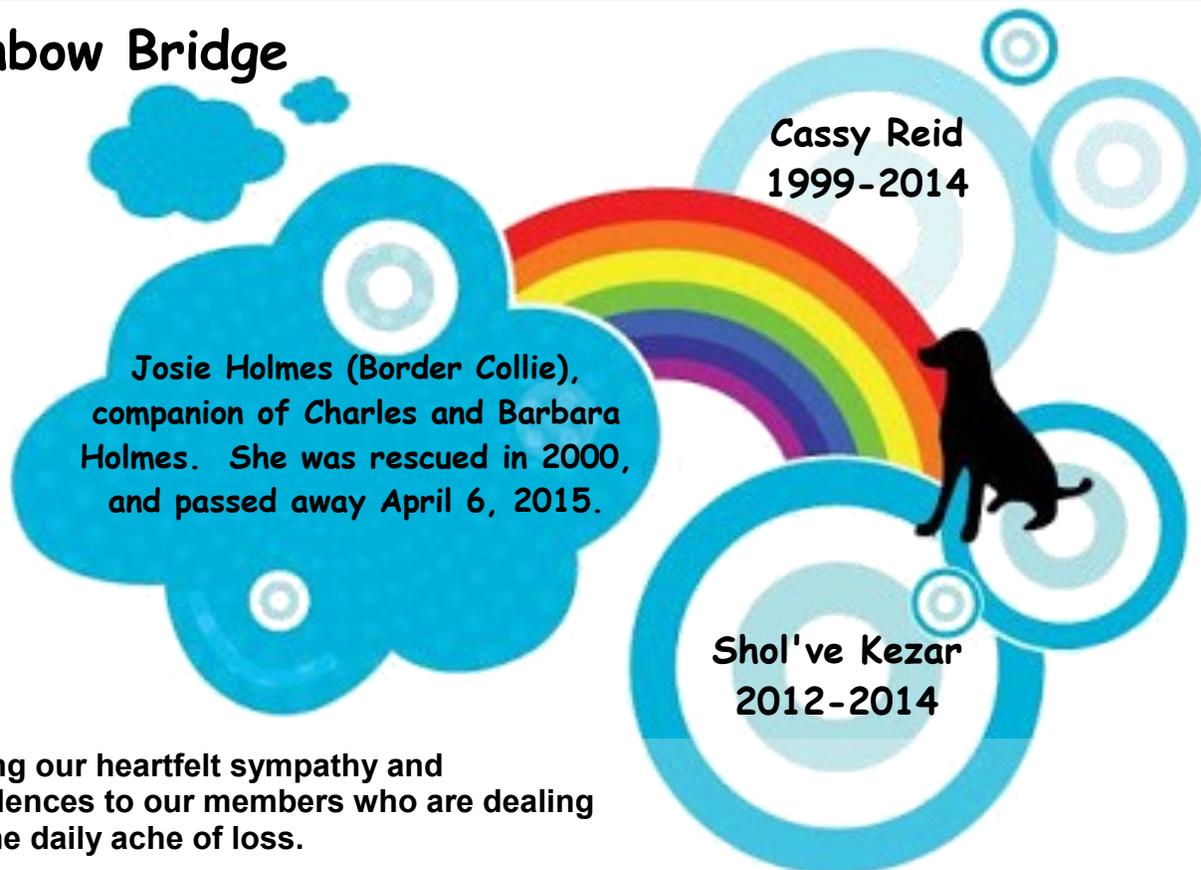
I realize that not everyone can come on a weekday, but I thought by having it right before the retreat, some people might want to come in early to help spiff up the camp.

The spring clean-up involves tidying up camp, and may include cleaning, painting, raking, cutting trees or branches, hauling them to the fire pit, or other various jobs. Please come prepared to work (work gloves or rubber gloves and boots would be a good idea).

For this special 3-days of camp improvement, you will receive FREE lodging, at least one good meal per day, and a Spring Clean-up Patch. For more information and reservations, please contact Lonnie Olson (989) 389-2000 dogscoutcamp@gmail.com. Lodging is assigned on a first-come, first served basis.



Rainbow Bridge



Sending our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to our members who are dealing with the daily ache of loss.

May your memories also bring smiles and comfort even as you shed your tears, and may the love and partnership you experienced become part of a legacy to encourage others to share a full and rich life with a beloved dog.

Attitude of Gratitude



Thank you to the folks that walked using the WoofTrax app on their mobile device! We were sent a donation of \$9 from that activity. It may not be much, but that's 77 walks! Every little bit counts and hopefully it will rise as more people learn about the program and use it to help DSA.

I would like to thank all of our supporters and contributors. I'm talking about emotional supporters, financial contributors, and idea contributors. You know who you are... There are far too many to name. But here are a few:

Kim Hovey - Thank you for being our webmaster for the past several years. Doing this as a volunteer is a tremendous task. And thanks for getting our new Webmasters initiated in the process. Without our website, we are nothing...

Sonja Klattenberg - Thank you for stepping up to volunteer for the webmaster position, and for jumping right in and correcting some of the broken links and corrections needed on the site.

Reina Kalish - Thank you also for stepping up to assist in managing our web site. Volunteers like you are such a gift.

Shirley Conley - Thank you for speaking up and volunteering to take over the newsletter editing position. I can't tell you how happy I am that the newsletter will be an actual bi-monthly thing again, and not just a blog on a web page that nobody reads... I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Kelly Ford - Thanks for coming up with the idea for a 20th anniversary pathtag. They're on order, and I think these will be very popular! Thanks also to **Brenda Katz** and **Martha Thierry**, who worked on the committee to get the artwork in an acceptable format for these collectible trackable mini-geocoins.

Thanks also to Kelly, who recently developed the Trails Titling program to include Letterboxing and Geocaching, and took over the Titling Program and issuing of CRN numbers.

Sally Hoyle - Thank you for being my "right-hand" gal and Vice President during the transition to me re-assuming the position of President of DSA.

Thank you and Katie for staging a mid-winter fundraiser and donating a large chunk of money from its proceeds to DSA.

Thank you for creating the lovely hand-made prizes for the Frost-a-ton gifts for people raising over 150.00.

Thank you for coming up with the Tee Spring fundraising campaign ideas, which brought in additional funds for DSA during our "slow" quarter of the year.

Gloria Voss - Thank you for working with Sally to design the tee shirts for the Tee Spring fundraisers.

DSA BOD (Jane Clark, Peggy Zweber, Jeff Parker, Gloria Voss, Sally Hoyle, and recent addition,

Jennifer Vasinda) Thank you for working together to take DSA out of a "slump" that looked like it might become a "nose-dive," and turning our "slump" into one of the most financially successful quarters in the history of DSA! (Everyone who loves DSA should hug your Board members really hard!)

Barb Whiting - Thank you for being our tireless Treasurer, and keeping us on the straight and narrow. Thanks for your valuable input and insight in restructuring our expenses, to get us out of a low financial situation in 2014.

Peggy Zweber - Thank you for funding the Nikki Zweber memorial scholarship, so that someone deserving could attend camp, who might not otherwise get to do so.

Martha Thierry - Thank you for always being there when I need advice (or artwork!). Thanks for coming up with two great designs for the 20th year anniversary camp tee shirts.

Robyn Porter - Thanks for heading up the Leadership Program. You are one of the unsung heroes, and the job you do is a very important one for the progress of DSA!

Chris Puls - Thank you for serving as President from 2010 to 2014. This isn't an easy job, and you have my gratitude, as well as that of the entire DSA community.

Thank you for being the Certification Program Director. This is another major job, and you make it look easy. Just seeing the photo of how you turned your spare bedroom closet into your work space with all of the badges neatly tucked into their own plastic bins and organized neatly according to activity is mind boggling.

Julie Benson - Thank you for being our Membership Chairman. You do such good work, and I hope everyone appreciates (as much as I) do all that you do.

Chris Kloski - Thank you for donating your time and materials to support the Rainbow Bridge Troop plaque in the DSA Michigan camp lodge. Celebrating our 20th year of camp this year, we must realize that ALL of our original and many of the early year campers' dogs have gone to the rainbow bridge. That's a lot of dogs. Thank you so much for creating this tribute to our special friends.

Troop Leaders - you know who you are... Thank you for furthering the DSA Mission on a local level. You help DSA grow, and reach out to folks who want to participate in DSA, but may not be able to make the trip to a camp or Leadership Retreat.

Members - That should be everyone reading this... Thank you for your continued support.

Mt. Pleasant Kennel Club - Thanks for the donation you gave after seeing the presentation given by President, Lonnie Olson on DSA in April.

Gosh, I hope I didn't forget anyone. I'm just so grateful to EVERYONE who has helped make DSA a success over the years.

Lonnie Olson
President

Troop Talk



Troop 217—MI Motor City K9s

Submitted by Sally Hoyle, Troop Leader, & DSA Vice President



The Motor City K9s have been busy since our last report!

We finished 2014 with parades, bell ringing and care packages for our troops overseas, both human and K9. We kicked the year off with a celebration of our accomplishments and chance to do some goal setting and we welcomed 4 new members to our troop!

We are very proud of our Dog Scouts who passed the AKC CGCA test and earned their titles. Michelle Neu with Sassy, Julie Benson with Shelby, and Sally Hoyle & Julie Lawler-Hoyle with Katie and Sam all passed with flying colors! We also have two new Dog Scouts, Betty with Amy Schupska and Lizzy with Diane Baughman. We are really proud of our new scouts!

And we have even more titles! Sam Hoyle earned his AKC Advanced Therapy Dog title. Sassy Neu and Tyson Angiulo earn titles in Barn

Troop 183—FL

Submitted by Shirley Conley, Troop Leader

Paws Pack 183 jumped into the new year by spreading the word about Dog Scouts of America in Central Florida.

Thanks to troop member, Marilyn, we had a float in a local parade, along with an information table. On the same day, our assistant troop leader, Carol, stopped by a rescue event to hand out information brochures and business cards to attendees. February saw us get together for some agility and rally fun, then we headed into March with another information table at an adopt-a-thon hosted by a county animal services.



Hunt. Odie Schuler and Tyson Angiulo earned Nose Work titles and Drizzle Perez earned his first legs in Nose Work. Katie Hoyle earned several new Agility titles. We have many dogs regularly competing in these and other dog sports and it's wonderful to see all these dogs continue to work hard, learn new things and achieve goals both big and small!

Julie Benson and Shelby were thrilled to be able to meet Victoria Stillwell again! Victoria was quite impressed with Shelby's uniform and commended both Julie and Shelby on the accomplishments they have achieved in the few short years since she saw them last. Here's the proud mom Julie with Shelby and Victoria! Love those smiles!



Our troop loves to do things to better our community and to that end we had the opportunity to talk with

a group of Brownie Scouts about Dog Scouts, dog care, behavior and training, and Service and Therapy Dogs. Dog Scouts and Therapy Dogs Shelby and Odie and Dog Scout and Service Dog Katie all participated along with Julie Benson, Diane Schuler and Sally Hoyle. The girls and their parents and leader were a fantastic group and were very interested in learning. We finished the afternoon with a meet and greet for the girls and dogs and may have even managed to win over a very fearful child and grandmother! They at least got close enough to pet Katie. 😊

We tried to enjoy the outdoors this winter. Betsy Conway with Burt and Sally Hoyle with Katie attended the Winter Outing at Dog Scout Camp on the COLDEST weekend in several centuries. It was almost impossible to get outside at all but we were able to at least get in a couple of snow shoe walks when the sun was shining brightly. Later in February Melissa Perez set up a Dog Sledding day that Drizzle, Sam and Katie enjoyed though the wind proved brutal for the humans involved. Julie and Shelby, Sally, Katie and Sam, and Amy and Betty all participated in the Frost-a-Thon and had a very respectable show-

ing coming in second place as a troop. We were very happy to get some financial support from non-walking troop members Betsy and Bert, and Vickie Lomas, Duncan and Shadow!

Now we are very glad to FINALLY see some warmer weather here in Michigan. Though we continue to bounce back and forth between winter and spring we were recently able to get in our first hike of the year. Sam had PLENTY of oppor-



tunity to work on finding poop to pick up on the trail we hiked. He's pictured below with some of his finds. We all have

cabin fever here and look forward to getting out and enjoying warmer weather with many more hikes.

We have so many things coming up in the next few weeks! Barn Hunt Lessons, a Children's Health Fair in Toledo, a shaping/tricks training day, badge blitz day, a CGC/CGCA Testing Day, hiking and letterboxing. A number of troop members are finishing up our Letterboxing 3 Badge and/or Letterbox title so we are very busy finding those last few boxes, carving and preparing for our big event that will take place in June. It's going to be a blast and everyone is invited! Please let us know if you can come!

Until next time...happy spring and happy trails!

Troop 229—CA First Aid for Dogs Seminar

Submitted by Mary Blackstone, Troop Leader

We had 14 people & 4 dogs participate (2 dog scouts, the rest the general public) and raised \$120 for Trinity Animal Shelter Auxiliary and provided 2 hours of 1st aid info on dogs, at our "1st Aid For Dogs Seminar" March 22 in Hayfork. This is the second 1st aid for dogs seminar our troop has presented, and the first with this vet, and in this town.

Dr. Nickerson of Trinity Animal Hospital donated his time to present the seminar and even provided each person with handouts about 1st aid info and a bag of bandages and other 1st aid goodies! Those making a donation to TASA were eligible for a drawing to win a FREE wellness check-up from Trinity Animal Hospital which Dr. Nickerson also donated! Trinity County Fairgrounds waived the fee on the room! Our dog scout troop provided refreshments and did all the organizing/advertising and with the help of 2 TASA volunteers, the setting up.

We learned what was an emergency, when to call the vet (at 3am) and when to wait until morning to call. We also learned how to take vitals and why that is important, about stopping bleeding, applying bandages, splints (or not to splint), how to make and apply an emergency muzzle and WHY it is important to muzzle, stretchers and confining injured dogs of various sizes. There was also an open Q/A session when everyone was able to ask questions about particular concerns.

It was a big hit and Dr. Nickerson said he'd be willing to do it again in Weaverville (where his main office is) for those folks!



Dog Scouts of America

Website:

Dogscouts.org

Facebook:

facebook.com/DogScouts

Yahoo Discussion List:

pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSA_TalkList

Learning new things
that we may be more
helpful

Dog Scouts of America (DSA) was established in 1995. It is a non-profit organization with people dedicated to enriching their dog's lives and the lives of others with dogs. Founder Lonnie Olson has made it her life's ambition to experience as many dog sports and skills as possible with her dogs.

If you believe that dogs really enjoy learning new things and spending time with their owners, you're our kind of dog person. Dogs were not meant to be "furniture." Working dogs want to work. Without having an acceptable activity in which to use up all of the energy that comes "built-in" with a dog, our canine companions often get into trouble.

By better understanding how your dog thinks, how he learns, and what drives his behavior, and by participating in a variety of dog sports and activities, you will become a more responsible dog owner.

We hope to prevent misunderstandings, communication failures, and behavioral problems which often lead to dogs being given up as a "lost cause."

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