



Chank-Tun-Un-Gi Ember Newsletter

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Ember Chief Minute

Happy New Year! For those of you that do not know me, my name is Robert Duncan. I am a Life Scout with Troop 276 in Lawrence. I was honored to be elected as the Chief of our Ember at the past Grand Ritual. I am privileged to serve the Ember and Firecrafter. We are working to plan a great year. Please look for communications about upcoming events and spread the word to your units. I encourage all members of our great organization to get involved and to participate at as many events as possible. As I watched other Embers receive awards at Mid Winter Dinner, I thought how great it would be for Chank-Tun-Un-Gi to receive awards at the next Mid Winter Dinner. In order to do this, we need the participation of all Firecrafter and their units within our Ember. I am up for the challenge...who is with me? Let's make 2017 a great year of Friendship, Leadership and Service!

Yours in the Mystic Fire,

Robert Duncan, XXX

Ember Chief

Vacant Ember Committee Positions

The Ember Committee consists of three positions. Chief, Vice-Chief and Secretary-Treasurer. At present, the Vice Chief and Secretary-Treasurer positions are vacant. Please consider giving back to Firecrafter and our Ember by volunteering for one of these positions and helping our new Ember Chief.





Ember Meetings

Ember Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at Camp Belzer from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. Pizza, drinks and snacks will be available for \$4.00. Please email or text if you plan to eat so that we have enough food for everyone. These meetings are open to ALL Firecrafter ranks and to ALL scouts in all units.

We need help at the January Ember Meeting! We will be contacting scout units to promote summer camp and we need lots of help. Each scout that attends will be contacting a scout unit and will need a mobile phone.

The March, April and May Ember meetings will focus on those skills needed for the three ranks of Firecrafter.

Please spread the word to your units that scouts planning to work on a given rank of Firecrafter at camp this summer should attend to benefit from the instruction.

We also need Firecrafter to help lead the skills instruction at these meetings.



Upcoming Events ~ SPREAD THE WORD

January 19th Ember Meeting 6:15 PM; Camp Belzer

February 3rd – 4th; Trade-O-Ree; Indiana State Fairgrounds Our Land Pavillion

February 16th Ember Meeting 6:15; Camp Belzer

March 12th Alumni Meeting 12:45 PM; Camp Belzer

March 12th Firecrafter Council Meeting 2:00 PM; Camp Belzer

March 16th Ember Meeting 6:15 PM; Camp Belzer [*Camper Skills*]

April 20th Ember Meeting 6:15 PM; Camp Belzer [*Woodsman Skills*]

May 18th Ember Meeting 6:15 PM; Camp Belzer [*Firecrafter Skills*]

May 5th – 7th Spring Fellowship; Camp Belzer

July 7th-9th, 2017: Midsummer Ritual; Camp Belzer

August 11th-13th, 2017: Grand Ritual; Camp Ransburg

We are trying to plan activities other than our regular Ember meetings. Ideas have included an Ember Camping Trip; An Ember Day Hike; An overnight at EBash; another bowling night. We will let you know if these fun events are planned. Is there something that you would like to do? Please contact your Ember Chief.

*We will be volunteering to cook at a Camp Belzer Day Camp Friday Night Cookout. We always need help with this event. When we select the date, we will issue the information to the Ember. The date will be in June or July.



Recent Events

On December 16th the Ember enjoyed a fun night of FRIENDSHIP at All Star Bowling. We had six scouts bowl three strings and have a wonderful time. We hope that you can join us at the next event.





Council Corner

The Council met the afternoon of January 7, 2017 before Mid Winter Dinner. The Council approved the 2017 Council Budget and the Spring Fellowship flyers. The Spring Fellowship theme is "Are You Stronger Than a Boy Scout". The Event Chairs are Dalton Boyles and Kevin Knight. They are looking for Firecrafters to help staff the event.



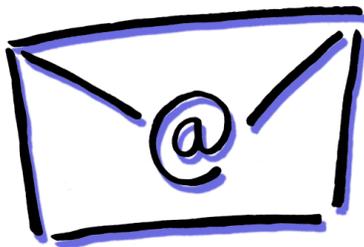
Want To Be More Involved?

Would you like to become more involved in Firecrafter? We hope that you do! Becoming more involved is EASY.

Read emails and newsletters and look for the dates and times of upcoming events and make arrangements to attend.

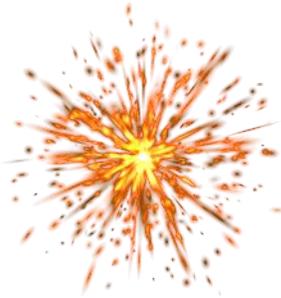
Check the calendar on the Firecrafter website at www.firecrafter.org for upcoming events and reach out to the event organizer and let them know you want to help.

Contact your Ember Chief and let him know that you want to help.



Update Your Address

If you are reading this newsletter it means we have an email address for you. We need your help in keeping our email database up to date. If you use a different email, please let us know and we will make the change. If you are friends with a member of our Ember that did not receive this newsletter, please have him/her contact us and we will add them to the email list.



Firecrafter Sparks

The Ember is hopeful to have a Firecrafter Spark in each unit. Presently, there are only two Sparks representing their units at Ember meetings.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING TO BE A SPARK FOR YOUR UNIT. YOUR UNIT MAY COUNT THIS AS A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS ADVANCEMENT.

The Firecrafter Troop Representative, or “Spark”, is the youth liaison between the local Firecrafter Ember and his unit. In his unit, the Spark serves as a communication and programmatic link to the Ember, adult leaders, and Scouts who are not presently members of Firecrafter. He does this in a fashion that strengthens the mission of the Ember and purpose of Firecrafter.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Attends and participates in Flame and Ember activities; including Ember Meetings.
- Serves as a VITAL communication link between the Ember and the unit.
- Encourages year round camping and resident camping in the Troop.
- Encourages Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
- Encourages Firecrafters to assume leadership positions in the Troop.
- Encourages Firecrafters in the Troop to be active participants in the Ember and/or Flame activities.

Focus on Firecrafter Ideals

Firecrafter was designed to emphasize the ideals of FRIENDSHIP, LEADERSHIP, and SERVICE.

Aside from the character building and leadership objectives, Firecrafter is a service organization. Its members dedicate themselves to a life of service to Scouting, above and beyond what might be expected of a Scout.

Please take a moment to think about the Service aspect of Firecrafter and how you are living this ideal in your daily life. Remember, a Firecrafter does not need to be asked to help; a Firecrafter actively looks for ways to help others.