



# Troop 210 Newsletter

*January 2026 Edition*



## **Troop Lock-In – January 9/10**

The annual Troop lock-in is scheduled at the church starting at 6 pm on Friday, January 9 running until 7:30 am Saturday morning. Scouts may invite (1) friend with a completed permission slip.

Cost is \$10 per person for pizza and pop. Scouts that want to go to *Sky Zone* from 6:30 to 8 need to bring \$24.00 extra for the 1-1/2 hour session, complete an on-line Skyzone liability waiver, and have the official Sky Zone socks. Please do not bring cell phones, video games or other electronic devices. Bring a snack to share. A flyer with more information, permission slips, etc. is available online and at Troop meetings.

## **Re-Registration Fees are Due ASAP**

The re-registration fee for the next Scout year is \$105. Money from a Scout's unit account may be used to pay the fee. *Scout Life* magazine costs approximately \$15.00 more.

- Annual registration fees may be paid electronically via Cheddarup.
- Use <https://troop210-holland-annual-fee.cheddarup.com> for renewals.

## **Camp Alaska – January 16-18**

The (4) required weeks of cold weather camping training for Camp Alaska were completed at the December 16 Troop meeting. Makeup training sessions will be held on Jan. 6 and 13. *1st time* CA campers must bring their gear in for inspection prior to camping to one of those meetings. ***Scouts may attend the campout without doing Camp Alaska.*** They may stay both nights in the cabin that has been reserved, observe the Camp Alaska participants in action, work on advancements, and learn/prepare to participate another year.

Camp Alaska begins in the woods at the Pioneer Scout Reservation immediately upon arrival at camp on Friday night. With luck, the temperature will drop below 0°F at some point during our 24 hour adventure and we will earn a ***Below Zero*** segment!!

Cost is \$25.00. All Scouts doing Camp Alaska in the woods must meet Friday night, January 16, **at 4:00 pm** at Providence Lutheran, packed, and be ready to hike out into the woods as soon as the Troop arrives at PSR. Pack a separate bag with clothing, shoes and gear for Saturday night in the cabin. The rest of the Troop will meet at Providence Lutheran church at 6:00 and leave by 6:30 pm. The Troop should return to the church parking lot no later than 11 am Sunday.

## **Spaghetti Dinner & Court of Honor – January 20**

The annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Providence Lutheran church runs from 5 – 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center on Tuesday, January 20. This is an important way for the Troop to thank the church for its support of Scouting. Adult and Scout help to cook, serve, bus, and cleanup is needed! A signup sheet is available on line and at Troop meetings.

A *Court of Honor* will start shortly after dinner at 6:55 pm. Scouts should wear their full class A uniforms, to include merit badge sash and neckerchief with slide. Parents and families are highly encouraged to attend every *Court of Honor* to share in their son's recent achievements.

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## **2026 Merit Badge Changes**

The Scouts BSA Advancement Committee has made thoughtful updates to over 80 merit badges based on feedback from Scout leaders, subject matter experts, and current trends in technology, safety, and outdoor education. These updates will help Scouts explore modern career paths and hobbies, develop practical skills, and engage with current topics while maintaining the quality and tradition of the Scouting advancement program. Key updates include expanded career exploration, enhanced safety and outdoor ethics plus modernized content and skills to reflect current technology, safety practices and knowledge.

NOTE: Scouts that have already started a merit badge may opt to finish using the old requirements.

## **Troop Mulch Sale Fundraiser**

Last year's mulch sale was another huge success!! The 2026 mulch sale will be officially kicked off at the January 20 *Court of Honor*. Flyers with information and order forms will be available that night. Each Scout is asked to sell 50-100 bags. Troop proceeds from the sale will be used to reduce the cost of Summer Camp, registration, or high adventure treks for our Scouts. Each Scout can also earn money for his unit account by helping with delivery.

## **2-MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
Jan. 6	6:45 - 8:30 pm	Troop Meeting	Providence Lutheran
Jan. 9/10	6 pm Fri.- 7:30 am Sat.	Lock-in/Skyzone	Providence Lutheran
Jan. 13	6:45 - 8:30 pm	Troop Meeting	Providence Lutheran
Jan. 16-18	4:00 pm Fri. - 10 am Sun.	Camp Alaska	Pioneer Scout Reservation
Jan. 20	5:00 – 6:30 pm 6:45 - 8:30 pm	<b>Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser</b> <b><i>Court of Honor</i></b>	Providence Lutheran
Jan. 27	6:45 - 8:30 pm	Troop Meeting	Providence Lutheran
Feb. 1	10:15 am - noon	Scout Sunday	Providence Lutheran
Feb. 3	6:45 - 8:30 pm	Troop Meeting	Providence Lutheran
Feb. 13-15	7 pm Fri.-9 am Sun.	Winter Campout	Camp Miakonda
Feb. 10	6:45 - 8:30 pm	Troop Meeting	Providence Lutheran
Feb. 17	6:45 - 8:30 pm	Troop Meeting	Providence Lutheran
Feb. 24	6:45 - 8:30 pm	Troop Meeting	Providence Lutheran

### General Notes:

- Troop Committee meetings are held at the church at 7:00 pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Exceptions (\*\*) will be noted in the calendar. Parents of Scouts are always welcome to attend.
- Scouts: Call your Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader if you have any questions.
- Adults: Contact the Troop 210 Scoutmaster - Mr. Jackson - @ (567) 408-6393

Check the Troop 210 website for more info @ [bsatroop210.us](http://bsatroop210.us)

