

# Relay For Life

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
MAY 19-20, 2007**

Troop 755's choice of our annual spring charitable event this year is throwing our weight behind the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. This year, the event will start at 10AM at Northville's Ford Field on May 19th. If you have attended this activity in the past, you are aware of its emotional, inspirational, and certainly, its exciting elements. The purpose is rooted in the wonderful outcomes of the research that is forwarded by the American Cancer Society. The funds raised help continue the race for the cure.

Our Troop has been a strong supporter of "giving back to the community". What a better way to show that than being involved in the Relay. You can read more about the Relay by "googling" the words "Relay for Life". Our Troop plans to walk the pathway for the full 24 hours beginning at 10AM on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We will also raise and lower the flags, provide support for the event in terms of maintenance, and lead the long list of live entertainment throughout the day with our own Troop 755 Summer Camp Band. Estimates of 2500 individuals visiting the Relay are not unrealistic.

The largest initiative, besides recognizing survivors of cancer, as well as family members of loved ones passed, is that of fund raising. It is the Troop's desire that each member of the troop, including adults, take the challenge to raise funds. This can be accomplished in one of two ways.

The first is by completing the attached donor card, and receiving checks from individuals that you and/or your Scout enlist to help. See the attached donation form which is self-explanatory. This form should be returned to the troop meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, with the checks enclosed.

The easier way is to communicate this very personal approach by using the Relay's website, and then by creating your own personal webpage to solicit contributions by email (it is so easy to follow the instructions). Those solicited can then pay by credit card with a full tax deductible receipt. If the Scout wishes to create their website, you can document the amount received by a monetary barometer on the website. Note that those funds will be commingled with the entire Troop's funds, under our Troop's team name:

TEAM 755. Refer to this website address for further information:

<http://www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/northville>

*In the bottom right hand corner of the page, look for the list of Teams, and scroll (by clicking on More) until you find TEAM, and you'll be prompted to start your own personal webpage*

At a later date, your Scout will be invited, through our normal campsite forms, to be involved in camping out at Ford Field that Saturday, along with hundreds of other youth who are there for the benefit of Relay for Life. Please stay tuned for more information, but begin your fund raising as soon as possible. I know I can count on you!

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