

April 2008

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mar 28-30 Scout Skills @ Topenebee
- Apr 3 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
- 10 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
- 12 XX Port-A-Pit #2
- 17 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
- 18-20 Webelos @ Rice Woods
- 24 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
- 26 Troop Port-A-Pit #1
- 28 PLC Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 PM
- 29 Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- May 1 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
- 2-4 Mtn Biking @ Fort Custer
- 8 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
- Summer Camp Money Due**
- 10 Troop Port-A-Pit #2
- 15 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
- 16-17 Relay For Life 4 PM - 4 PM
- 22 Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
- Summer Camp / Sailing Parent Mtg**
- 26 Memorial Day Parade 7:30 AM
- 27 Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 28 XX Sunburst Bags 4:30 - 8:30 PM
- 29 Sunburst Bags 5:30 - 9:00 PM
- June 6 XX Rummage Sale Setup 5 PM - ??
- 7 XX Rummage Sale 7 AM - 4 PM
- 15-20 Summer Camp
- 24 Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- July 17 Fire @ The Library 6:30 - 8:00 PM
- 22 Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 26 Leave for Sailing!
- Aug 2 Home from Sailing
- 15-17 Bluegrass Festival
- 21 Regular Meeting 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- 25 PLC Meeting 6:30 - 8 PM
- 26 Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 28 Regular Meeting 6:30 - 8:30 PM

## SUMMER CAMP

Our troop will be attending Summer Camp at Wood Lake Scout Reservation near Jones, MI, from Sunday, June 15, thru Friday, June 20. We are excited to have Ron Hipsher as our Scoutmaster in camp for the week and Vince Kertes finally gets to go to camp! This is a great week filled with fun and learning and is a positive experience for scouts of all ages. We especially encourage all of our first year scouts to attend. The cost for camp is \$190 if paid by May 8 and \$205 if paid late. Scouts who were 13 by Jan. 1, 2008 are eligible for COPE this year. COPE is an additional \$40 but is well worth the cost. Fundraising and point money can be used for the entire camp cost and "camperships" are available from the Council if you need help with the fees. Points will accumulate through the Sunburst Bags service project on May 29 and we can project their amount to adjust what you pay on May 8. All scouts attending camp must have a medical form less than 3 years old. All unexpired medical forms must have the information verified and signed by a parent. Camp info is available on the table at troop meetings. Please sign up now so we can plan our leadership and equipment needs!

## WELCOME NEW SCOUTS!

It's that time of year again! Please welcome the newest members of Boy Scout Troop 122: Blake Buck and Robert Martin from Pack 404. Alex Henry, Jason Phillips, Skyler Rodts, Austin Smith, Tim Swanson, and Tony Unger from Pack 522. This is the start of a great adventure!

**XX Scouts & Parents:  
Port-A-Pit - April 12**

**All Scouts & Parents:  
Port-A-Pit April 26 & May 10**

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 122  
431 N BEECH RD  
OSCEOLA, IN 46561**



# SCOUT SKILLS

As a change of pace from our usual caving trip we're going to use our March 28-30 campout to hone our Scout Skills at Camp Topenebee. We haven't camped at Tope in several years so it'll be nice to get back! Our junior leaders will be planning various contests and other activities to help our scouts improve their skills before they have to teach the Webelos at Rice Woods in April. It will also be the first campout for our incoming Webelos who joined the troop during February and early March. It will be a great first campout for them! Since Topenebee is close please consider picking up or dropping off your scout if he has another event during the weekend so he doesn't miss the whole campout!

# FORT CUSTER

We will be biking the mountain bike trails at Fort Custer State Park in Michigan for our May 2-4 campout. Now would be a good time to start looking for a mountain bike if you need to borrow one or want to buy one. A used one will be fine. If the bike you have needs some work we have some folks who can help. Plan to bring your bike to the April 24 & May 1 troop meetings. We'll be doing tune-ups and some practice riding to make sure all bikes are in good working order.

# SAILING 2008

A few people still have to make their March 6 payment. With that payment made, no one owes more than \$275. The final payment will be due BEFORE July 1. See your account statement for your amount due as everyone's is different! We will be glad to take small payments at any time and apply them to your trip balance. Don't forget that participating in all of the fundraisers and service projects this spring will earn you money indirectly as points. Everyone must have an up-to-date medical form. Scouts and adults under 40 must have a physical every 3 years. Adults 40+ must have one every year. Pick up a medical form at a troop meeting. We will be asking for t-shirt sizes soon and boat crews will start working on their burgees. Less than 4 months to go!



# WEBELOS

We will be having our traditional campout with first year Webelos at Rice Woods April 18-20. If you know of a Cub Scout Pack that has 1st Year Webelos who might be interested in camping with us, please contact Vince Kertes so we can include those boys in this weekend. This is a great chance for Webelos and their parents to learn more about our troop and about Boy Scouting. Our scouts plan a full weekend of fun (& educational!) activities for our guests. This campout has the culinary highlight of all of our outings: The Feast! Scouts & adults get to show off their camping kitchen skills by cooking up a veritable smorgasbord for dinner Saturday night. It's great fun & you'd be amazed what they can cook in a Dutch oven or on a camp stove! Again, Rice Woods is close so please consider picking up or dropping off your scout if he has another event during the weekend.

# RELAY FOR LIFE

We will be helping the American Cancer Society at this year's Relay For Life at Mishawaka High School starting Friday, May 16, at 4:00 PM and ending about 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 17. This has been a very rewarding experience for our scouts and the Relay people are great to work with. If you like to stay up all night with your friends you'll like this! The catch is we have to help out wherever needed including trash duty, filling water jugs and serving food. Watching the cancer survivors walk and reading the dedications on the luminaria bring home the true meaning of this event. We encourage all scouts to plan to attend as much of the 24 hours as possible. Bring your walking shoes! There is no cost for this event. Scouts will receive dinner on Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning and some snacks and drinks. Spending money is allowed as there will be a food vendor on site.

# FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:  
Mar 28-30 Scout Skills @ Topenebee (Ron)  
Apr 18-20 Webelos @ Rice Woods (Vince)  
May 2-4 Mtn Biking @ Fort Custer (Joe)  
The person listed is the leader in charge of that campout. Refer specific campout questions to them.

# FUNDRAISING

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# PORT-A-PIT

Please sign up for our two troop Port-A-Pit chicken sales – April 26 and May 10. Everyone should plan to work for AT LEAST 3 hours at EACH sale. We will need lots of help! These pay for point money for camp and sailing – about \$10,000 this summer! And remember, you will earn 50 points from each family member! (Only siblings age 11 and over should help.) We also have tickets available for you to sell. The more pre-sales we have the more point money we can make. That keeps the overall number of fundraisers down! Each half-chicken is \$5 but we have a special deal for 3 half-chickens – only \$14! Please hand out one ticket for every half-chicken purchased. Checks can be made out to Troop 122. Our sales will be at Borders Books on the corner of Grape and Day Rds. Be sure to dress for the weather and arrive a couple of minutes before your start time! All workers receive one half-chicken and a pop as their reward for helping!

# SPONSOR NEWS

All of the new sponsors have been added to the trailer. We also replaced the badly faded logo and some of the other lettering. Thank you to U.S. Signcrafters for doing such a great job. And all of our sponsors are now on troop122.net with links to their websites! For \$100 a year they get ad space on the trailer, they are included in the list below and on our website and they get a newsletter every month! Call Dee Joyner @ 674-7109 to add a sponsor.

## PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS!

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# TROOP MEETINGS

Regular troop meetings are every Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Osceola United Methodist Church. Please be on time! Remember to wear your Class A shirt and neckerchief and to bring your book and \$1 for dues.

# EAGLE NEWS

Scott Whitfield passed his Eagle Board of Review so he's out newest Eagle Scout! Congratulations Scott! Chris Lies is waiting to have his Board of Review. No other projects in the works right now – enjoy the breather!

# XX NEWS

Our first Port-A-Pit sale went OK but we're going to do some pre-sales for the April 12 sale. If everyone can sell 15 half-chickens we can make \$400 more! The sale will be at Borders Books. Everyone must help because there aren't very many of us! Even if the scout can't attend we need someone from your family! Remember – 2 hours on an airplane or 30 hours on a bus! And don't forget to save your usable "junk" for the rummage sale on June 7. If you didn't sell at least \$250 in Hacienda gift cards you owe the difference between 20% of what you did sell and \$50.

# COMMITTEE

The current committee consists of the members listed below. Committee meetings are the LAST Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the church. ALL committee members should attend. Parents, sponsors and other interested adults are welcome at these meetings.

Vince Kertes	Committee Chrmn	679-4087
Ron Hipsher	Scoutmaster	257-8327
Matt Brownbridge	Asst. Scoutmaster	256-0561
Steve Buck	Committee	259-3704
Bonnie Clay	Asst. Scoutmaster	633-4876
Rick Fisher	Committee	675-9505
Ken Fritz	Roundtable	291-2640
Larry Hill	Church Rep	273-4756
Dee Joyner	Sponsors	674-7109
Joe Joyner	Treasurer	674-7109
Jack King	Quartermaster	674-6249
John Likes	Asst. Scoutmaster	255-3724
Sharleen Potterbaum	Fundraising	293-9318
Bonnie Swiatkowski	Advancement	291-9355
Daryl Bjoraas	Asst. Scoutmaster	256-5991
Chris Lies	Asst. Scoutmaster	257-1833
Eric Potterbaum	Asst. Scoutmaster	293-9318
Shaun Swiatkowski	Asst. Scoutmaster	291-9355
Ben & Klay Van Antwerp	Asst. Scoutmaster	257-1379
Josh Walker	Asst. Scoutmaster	674-5173
Scott Whitfield	Asst. Scoutmaster	255-2062