



Troop 122 News

August 2008

SAILING 2008

Even though this is our 3rd trip to Annapolis for our Sailing Adventure as a troop only 6 of us (out of 40) are actually going for the 3rd time. In fact, we have 24 first-timers! As usual, we leave in the dark to a chorus of "Have fun!", "Behave!", "Be careful!", "Don't fall overboard!", "Have a good time! An uneventful day on the road is the perfect start to the week. We love I-Pass! After a feast of Popeye's chicken we arrive at our campsite at Sandy Point State Park about an hour ahead of schedule. Setting up camp is a familiar routine even though there are 17 tents! We get to "sleep in" a little on Sunday morning as we don't have to leave camp until 9 AM. As we drive over the Severn River the beautiful campus of the Naval Academy looms on the far shore & we can see our future destination, Chesapeake Bay itself, just to our left. The impressive dome of the Academy Chapel dominates the skyline. The church service features the beautiful voices of an all-plebe choir who volunteer to come a half hour early to practice. Many people stop to welcome us, tell us they or their sons were scouts, say what a great program Scouting is. The Naval Academy has the largest concentration of Eagle Scouts of any of the military academies so people here have a special bond with Boy Scouts. We hear a question we will hear often over the week, "How many?" "Forty." "Wow!" A torrential rain during our tour in the afternoon leaves half of our group soaked! They get a chance to dry out as we visit the tourist shopping district of historic downtown Annapolis. The shops are located in buildings that are over 200 years old! We end the day with a fun & delicious meal on the deck at Mike's Crabhouse. We get the last of the day's softshell crabs caught in the Bay that morning & our "veterans" show the newbies that it's OK to make a mess at the table! As we eat we can see boats going by out in the Bay & our thoughts are already turning to tomorrow. Early to bed, early to rise, tents come down, gear is split - make sure you take everything you need on the boat! We won't be back until Friday! It's a beautiful morning, already hot by 8:30 AM as we arrive at Annapolis Sailing School on Back Bay. We meet Sean O'Toole, our flotilla leader. This is our first time with Sean but we've talked on the phone & exchanged some emails so we each know what to expect. Sean will solo-pilot She's The One during the day so most of our captains can sleep aboard her each night. Doug pilots our power boat, Chee Kee, & it's his job to deliver our captains each morning & pick them up at night. He's also there in case we have an emergency - sailboats can only motor about 10 mph! 6 of our 7 captains may be wondering what they've gotten themselves into as they check us out but one, Dan Martino on Syrena II, is sailing with us for the 3rd time! Our other captains are Erin on Refuge, Bret on Silver Bird, Eddie on Rascal, Ken on Reliance, Wayne on Resolute & Mike on Angelina. As usual, each boat will tell you there's was the best captain and, once again, Annapolis Sailing School has

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Aug | 2 | Back from Sailing | |
| | 14 | Bluegrass Setup | 5:30 PM - ?? |
| | 15-17 | Bluegrass Festival | |
| | 16 | XX Bayer Picnic | 10:30 AM - 4 PM |
| | 21 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| | 25 | PLC Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| | 26 | Committee Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| | 28 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| Sep | 4 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| | | Show & Sell Orders Due | |
| | 11 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| | 18 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| | 20 | Marine Mud Run | 8 AM - Noon |
| | | Buddy Walk | 8 AM - 1 PM |
| | | Show & Sell Available | |
| | 25 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| | 26-28 | Biking - Dr. Lawless Park | |
| | 29 | PLC Meeting | 6:30 PM |
| | 30 | Committee Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| Oct | 2 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 9 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 11 | Breast Cancer Walk | 8:00 AM - Noon |
| | 16 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 23 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | | Take Order Forms Due | |
| | | Show & Sell \$\$ Due | |
| | 24-26 | WOTWS - The Res | |
| | 27 | PLC Meeting | 6:30 - 8 PM |
| | 28 | Committee Meeting | 7:00 PM |
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CAMP OUTS



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Jone an amazing job of matching captains to crew. And we can't forget Dinah King who has helped coordinate all 3 of our trips! It takes about 2 hours to provision our boats, stow our gear & cast off the lines. We're under way! Everyone is excited and, fortunately, we're used to improvising because on Monday & most of Tuesday here is no wind. Our crews are still happy to be here & the group swim on Monday night as we raft-up near Dobbins Island in the Magothy River is filled with excited conversation! Tuesday night's aft-up is bittersweet – we sailed today, reaching blazing speeds of 2.7 knots, but there are too many jellyfish (sea nettles) to swim. Oh well, we sailed! Today we came through Kent Narrows between Kent Island & the Eastern Shore & are at anchor in Shaw Bay. Wednesday there's a little more wind & we hear speeds of 5+ knots as we dock at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. We spend the afternoon on land as we head into the quaint little town of St. Michael's for an ice cream at Justine's, have a "real" shower, & take in the many sights at the Museum. There's a severe hunderstorm warning & Sean makes the call that we will stay jocked at the Museum overnight since it's safer than being at anchor. Luckily, we only get some rain, no thunder, and our guys get in some extra fishing time & actually catch some fish! Then it's "The Day". As we look back on this week, Thursday will always be "The Day". The day we finally sailed – 7.3 knots for Reliance! The day some people thought their boat would tip over! The day we write in the ship's log "Now we're sailing!" I can't even describe the excitement at the raft-up in the Rhode River that night! The best is followed by the worst as we know when we pull up anchor Friday morning we're just about done. We're all back at the dock where we started by 1 PM. Unloading is a lot less fun than loading! We sign our burgees & give them to our captains – now our friends. We're so grateful for their time & knowledge. A couple of group pictures & it's back to Sandy Point. By 4 PM our tents are up & we're off to the beach & "real" showers again. Pizza Hut delivers & we have a picnic on the shore of the Bay. It's too hot for a campfire so we set a lantern in the firebowl & our crews read some excerpts from their ship's logs. A few stories are already being embellished! We have a 5 AM wake-up time so everyone is off to bed early. Hey, the bed's not moving! Mother Nature has a surprise for us in the morning & wake-up becomes 4:50 AM as a huge thunderstorm is rolling in. ..let's get the tents down & our gear packed before it hits! And we go! In less than an hour everything is done & we're eating breakfast under the pavilion as the rain pours down! The trip home is, hankfully, another uneventful ride. Dinner at Cracker Barrel in Vaumee, OH, is a highlight. We arrive in the church parking lot just on schedule. Unload for the last time, give away all of the perishable food, & head home. Once again, our group has amazed & astounded people across 4 states! We are blessed to have eaders & parents who are willing to volunteer their time to make sure our young people have the best opportunities possible. And I have no doubt that our scouts & young adults are the best in the world! They are now even better as the lessons & experiences of his trip are added to their life's education. Oh, & the vote was unanimous – we're going back in 2012!

CAMP OUTS



BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

The Osceola Bluegrass Festival is August 15-17 at Fern Hunsberger Park. We will be constructing another fabulous jail and we'll put people in jail for 5 minutes for every dollar paid. We will also be taking care of the trash for the weekend as a service project. And it will be the 9th annual weekend for our now-famous all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast! Parents interested in helping with the breakfast either morning should contact Sharleen. We'll need plenty of scouts and leaders for the weekend plus some parents to help with the breakfast both mornings. This is a big fundraiser and service project weekend and we really need all of our scouts and parents to help out so put it on your calendar! With the addition of the Bayer picnic on Saturday for XX scouts it's even more important to have lots of help. And please plan to stay until 6 PM on Sunday to help with final cleanup. Many scouts want to go home early in the afternoon and that leaves just a few at the end. We're all tired after the long weekend so please stay a little longer and help finish! The town of Osceola & your fellow scouts appreciate it!

PLANNING

As always, once we actually start making our reservations there are a few changes in the new calendar for the year. Here are the final dates:

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| Sep | 26-28 | Mtn Biking | Dr. Lawless Park (MI) |
| Oct | 24-26 | | WOTWS |
| Nov | 14-16 | Hiking | Starved Rock SP (IL) |
| Dec | 13-14 | Climbing | Climb Kalamazoo |
| Dec | 29-30 | | Winter Advancement |
| Jan | 23-25 | Skiing | Crystal Mountain (MI) |
| Feb | 13-15 | Silversides | Muskegon (MI) |
| Mar | 20-22 | Caving | Bluespring Caverns (IN) |
| April | 17-19 | Webelos | Rice Woods (IN) |
| May | 1-3 | Backpacking | Manistee River Trail (MI) |
| June | 14-19 | Camp | Wood Lake |

FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:

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| Aug | 15-17 | Bluegrass Festival | (Bonnie) |
| Sep | 26-28 | Mtn Biking - Lawless | (John) |
| Oct | 24-26 | WOTWS - The Res | (???) |

The person listed is the leader in charge of that campout. Refer specific campout questions to them.

FUNDRAISING

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Talk to Sharleen to help at the Bluegrass pancake breakfast!

POPCORN

It's time to start selling popcorn! Sellers will earn 25% of what they sell to use towards campout costs above \$20 (Climbing, Skiing, Silversides & Caving), Summer Camp next year and our next great High Adventure trip in 2010. That's \$25 for every \$100 you sell! This is a great way to have your scout earn their own way. Order forms for Show & Sell will be due at the Sept 4 meeting. Show & Sell product will be available after Sept 19. Take-order forms & Show & Sell money will be due at the Oct 23 meeting. Take-order product will be available after Nov 21 and the money will be due on Dec 4.

START THINKING OF SCARY SCENES FOR WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!

SPONSOR NEWS

There is no sponsor news this month. Do you know someone who would like to be a sponsor? 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.

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| Amer. Legion Post 308 | Axle, Inc. |
| Between The Buns | Don's Plumbing |
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| Kim Kollar Century 21 | Magrames Motor Sales |
| McDaniel's Harley Davidson | Mor-Ryde |
| Mr. G's Restaurant | Osceola Bluegrass Festival |
| Osceola Business Assoc | Osceola Clinic |
| Osceola Lions Club (\$150) | Performance Carstar |
| Vogue School of Beauty | Warren Chiropractic |
| | Wounded Knee Roofing |
| Randy Leliaert Agency (\$600) | |
| McKinley Penn Self Lock Storage (\$480) | |
| Ongoing: U.S. Signcrafters | |

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

Watch for new about projects from Andy Wiseman and Brad Hipsher in the coming months!

XX NEWS

We need 24 XX scouts and family members to work at the Bayer company picnic from 10:30 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, August 16. Once again this is the same day as the Bluegrass Festival so we will need lots of help from parents and other family members at both events. The picnic is at the Bayer facility at 430 S. Beiger St. We will provide transportation for scouts already at the Bluegrass Festival. Please wear your uniform! And our outfitter, Sunrise Canoe & Kayak, has provided the dates for our trip! We'll fly out (I hope it's fly) the weekend of July 18 and come home the following weekend. We will know the exact dates when we make our plane reservations by the end of August.

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.

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| 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 |