



Troop 122 News

August 2009

XX MAINE

The 12 members of the 2009 Xtreme Xpedition to Maine are back home. We have memories to last a lifetime along with great tans, souvenir shells & rocks, over 1000 pictures, & a newfound knowledge about wilderness & about ourselves. This was the first extended trip for about half of this group & they weren't disappointed by the setting, activities, equipment or guides. Rob & Jen Scribner, owners of Sunrise Canoe & Kayak in Machias, did a fabulous job of outfitting our trip. Jared is a fantastic guide who knows all about the Maine wilderness & shared his knowledge with our scouts. Our van drivers, Jimmy & Luke, made the long trips in the vans fun & interesting with their story-telling. The St. Croix River was more beautiful than the pictures. Dense conifer forests line each side of the river - Maine on the right, New Brunswick, Canada, on the left. Each of our 3 nights on the Croix we camp in New Brunswick! Our guides, Rob & Jared, are patient & thorough teachers. They take the time to pass on their knowledge about everything from the trees & birds to the rapids & paddle strokes. The canoes & gear are all top notch. The rapids are the perfect mix of fun & challenging but we make them all look easy with the help of our guides. By the last day of canoeing everyone has gained tremendous confidence in themselves & in their canoeing partners. Paddling our kayaks to Cross Island at the mouth of Machias Bay was a spectacular new experience for all of us. When we circumnavigated Cross Island we were literally looking out into the vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean! The swells were so high we couldn't see each other at times but they were the rolling, gentle variety & just made the day that much more fun. We learned about tide cycles & the importance of pitching your tent above the tide line, too. We ate fresh food for just about every meal with our scouts cooking over the fire in the biggest frying pan we've ever seen! Some even try periwinkles (snails on the rocks after at low tide). Low tide brings other sights for our viewing pleasure like starfish & baby lobster, too. The stars are spectacular when we're not too tired to stay up to see them come out! Over the course of the week we see 11 bald eagles & one nest! 11 bald eagles! How about a giant turtle, 2" spider, osprey, & seals! We missed out on a moose but we can save that for another trip. We'll remember this place, this trip, the people who are now our friends, long after our tans have faded & our laundry is done. We'll look back with a smile as we look forward to the next time. This Xpedition was the best kind ever - bringing us closer to wilderness and to each other.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug	2	XX 1 st Source Picnic	12:30 - 4:30 PM
	8	XX Pulse Music Festival	1:00 - 5:00 PM
	13	Bluegrass Setup	6:00 - 9:00 PM
	14-16	Bluegrass Festival	
	20	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	24	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8 PM
	25	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	27	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
29	XX Bayer Picnic	11 AM - 5 PM	
Sep	3	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		Show & Sell Orders Due	
	10	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	11-13	Canoeing the Pere Marquette	
	17	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	18	Show & Sell Product Available	
	24	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	26	Buddy Walk	9 AM - 1:30 PM
28	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM	
29	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	
Oct	1	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	8	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	10	Breast Cancer Walk	8 AM - 1 PM
	15	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	22	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	23-25	WOTWS Campout	
	26	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM
	27	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	29	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	Show & Sell Money Due		
	Take-Order Forms Due		

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CAMP OUTS



BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

The Osceola Bluegrass Festival is August 14-16 at Fern Hunsberger Park. The weekend will actually start on Thursday, August 13, as we need some scouts to come over to the park to start building the jail and setting up our campsite. 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! 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!

CANADA RAFTING 2010

This is just a reminder that your \$50 (refundable) deposit for our 2010 High Adventure trip to go whitewater rafting on the Ottawa River in Ontario, Canada is due by Tuesday, Sept. 1. All scouts currently active with the troop will be eligible to go on this trip. This trip will start on Saturday, July 17 2010 with a drive to Niagara Falls. We'll spend the afternoon and evening exploring the Falls. We'll camp at Stonehaven Scout Camp nearby. On Sunday, we'll drive to Wilderness Tours Resort near Foresters Falls, Ontario. We'll spend the next 5 days enjoying the Ottawa River in rafts, kayaks, and duckies. We'll run whitewater, explore islands, go fishing, swimming, and hiking. On Saturday, July 24, we'll head home with some great new memories! Go to troop122.net to get more information. Our High Adventure trips are designed to be an unforgettable but educational experience. You won't be disappointed!

CAMP OUTS



PLANNING

We held our annual planning meeting on July 9 and worked out the campouts and merit badges for the 12 months starting this September. A detailed schedule will be posted on the bulletin board at the church. Check out the tentative schedule below. It looks like another great year!

Sep	11-13	Canoeing	Pere Marquette River
Sep	26		Buddy Walk
Oct	10		Breast Cancer Walk
Oct	23-25		WOTWS – The Res
Nov	13-15	Backpacking	Morgan-Monroe State Forest
Dec	12-13	Climbing	Climb Kalamazoo
Dec	29-30		Winter Advancement
Jan	22-24	Skiing	Crystal Mountain
Feb	19-21	Airplanes	Wright Patterson AFB
Mar	19-21	Hiking	Turkey Run State Park
April	23-25	Webelos	Rice Woods
May	14-16	Biking	Kal-Haven Trail
May	21-23		Relay for Life
June	13-18	Summer Camp	@ Wood Lake
July	17-24	Rafting	Ottawa River, Ontario

Merit badges: First Aid, Sports, Cooking, Pioneering, Camping, Wilderness Survival, Climbing, Emergency Prep.

Please mark these dates on your calendar NOW. Many of these activities are both fun and educational and your scout will benefit from them in many ways. This calendar will allow you to plan family activities accordingly.

We'll keep the regular campout cost at \$20. The following outings will cost more (estimated total cost): Canoeing (\$35), Climbing (\$35), Skiing (\$75), WPAFB (\$30). Remember that you can use fundraising money to pay for any amount over the \$20. Sell popcorn and Hacienda cards!

FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:

Aug	14-16	Bluegrass Festival	(Steve)
Sep	11-13	Pere Marquette	(Bonnie)
Oct	23-25	Walk On The Wild Side	(Steve)

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

Parents should be planning to have their scout participate in the council-wide popcorn sale. Sellers will earn 25% of what they sell to use towards campout costs above \$20 (Climbing & Skiing so far), Summer Camp & our trip to Canada in 2010. If your son sells \$1000 of popcorn products he will earn \$250. If you add in point money you can easily have most or all of the Canada trip paid for! Order forms for Show & Sell will be due at the Sept 3 meeting. Show & Sell product will be available after Sept 18. Take-order forms & Show & Sell money will be due at the Oct 29 meeting. Take-order product will be available after Nov 20 and the money will be due on Dec 3.

SPONSOR NEWS

There is no sponsor news this month. We'd like to mention again that we'd be happy to place an 'ad' on the backside of the newsletter. Send your artwork to troop122@comcast.net! Do you know someone who might like to be a sponsor? For \$100 a year they get ad space on the trailer, are included in the list below and on our website, and they get a newsletter! Call Dee Joyner @ 674-7109 to add a sponsor.

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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

Congratulations to Andy Wiseman! He passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review!

XX 2011

With the successful completion of our trip to Maine it's time to start looking forward to the next trip in 2011. How about backpacking in the Canadian Rockies? The first fundraiser for the 2011 XX trip will be the 1st Source Bank company picnic on Sunday, Aug. 2 from 12:30 – 4:30 at the Serbian Fairgrounds. We need 8 people to help with kiddie games. If you can help you'll get directions. Then we have the Bayer company picnic on Saturday, August 29, on Beiger St. in Mishawaka. We need 30 people – scouts and adults – to help with this picnic. It's a fun day working the games, inflatables, cotton candy, etc. Lunch and drinks are provided. All Flaming Arrows and older are eligible for this trip. We'll figure out where we're going by the end of September!

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	274-4200
Matt Brownbridge	Asst. Scoutmaster	256-0571
Steve Buck	Quartermaster	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	Committee	293-9318
Jenny Sanders	Fundraising	259-1619
Bonnie Swiatkowski	Advancement	291-9355
Ben Van Antwerp	Asst. Scoutmaster	257-1379
Scott Whitfield	Asst. Scoutmaster	255-2062