



# Troop 122 News

December 2009

## TOWN XMAS PARTY

The town of Osceola will be having its annual tree lighting ceremony and Christmas party on Sunday, Dec 6, at the Osceola Town Hall at the northeast corner of Beech & Lincoln Way. As a community service project, we need scouts to help serve hot chocolate and cookies and to work with event organizers as needed. This is usually a fun time and scouts get free hot chocolate and cookies! Scouts should arrive by 5:30 PM in full uniform. This event is free and is open to the general public. Families with small children might be interested in visiting Santa without the hassle of the mall! The official start time for the event is 6:00 PM and we're usually done cleaning up by 7:00 PM.

## PEANUT BRITTLE

We'll be selling peanut brittle at the Osceola United Methodist Church on Sunday morning, Dec 6, during all of the services. We need some scouts to help pass out samples. We'll be there from 8 AM til noon. Also, please take home some peanut brittle to sell. It's going fast but we can always sell it faster! At \$5 per pound it makes a great gift, too. We'll be done making it on Dec. 7 and we can't guarantee there will still be some available for sale after that. Peanut Brittle money is used to pay point money for Summer Camp & High Adventure.

## WINTER CAMPING

Some reminders about winter camping before skiing:

- No tennis shoes! You must have a pair of snow boots and either work boots or hiking boots. Snow boots must be worn when there is snow on the ground.
- Two knit hats, not headbands, & two pair of gloves.
- Double the socks you would normally bring; triple if it's supposed to be wet. Polypropylene liner socks are inexpensive and they help keep your feet dry & warm.
- Wear long underwear & dress in layers. Wear as little cotton as possible next to your skin to avoid dampness.
- Wear a coat that is appropriate for the weather.
- A wool or fleece blanket inside your sleeping bag adds to its insulating power. Don't use a cotton blanket!
- Though not required, disposable chemical warmers are inexpensive and well worth twice the price. Make sure your scout knows the safety rules for the brand you buy.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec	2	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	3	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Take Order Money Due</i>	
	4	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	6	PB Sale @ OUMC	8 AM - Noon
		Town Xmas Party	5:30 - 7 PM
	7	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	10	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>\$50 Canada Payment Due</i>	
	12-13	Climb Kalamazoo	
	17	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
Jan	7	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	14	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	21	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	22-24	Skiing	
	25	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8 PM
	26	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	28	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
Feb	4	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	11	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	14	Scout Sunday	
	17	Hacienda Day	
	18	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	19-21	WPAFB	
	22	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8 PM
	23	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	25	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
Mar	4	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	11	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	18	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	19-21	Turkey Run	
	25	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	28	XX Port-A-Pit #1	

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# CAMP OUTS



## CLIMB KALAMAZOO

We will be visiting Climb Kalamazoo Dec. 12-13. This is our annual Christmas party and we choose to have it at a climbing gym! The cost for climbing is \$35 per person, adults included. Popcorn money can be used for all of the \$35. This isn't just a fun activity and is well worth the cost. Scouts will learn a lot about climbing and about themselves. Each scout must bring a snack or drink item to share for the party. Climb Kalamazoo will provide their expert instruction to all participants. We will spend the night climbing, bouldering, & eating! Scouts 13 & over can earn Climbing merit badge. We'll be home early Sunday morning.

## CANADA RAFTING 2010

This is just a reminder that if you haven't paid your \$50 (refundable) deposit for our 2010 High Adventure trip to go whitewater rafting on the Ottawa River in Ontario, Canada then it's past due! Please make your deposit ASAP! The next installment is \$100 due on Dec. 1. All scouts currently active with the troop will be eligible to go on this trip. We currently have 30 people signed up for the trip and we can definitely take a few more. 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!

## FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:

Dec 12-13	Climb Kalamazoo	(Bonnie)
Jan 22-24	Skiing	(Jeff/Steve)
Feb 19-21	WPAFB	(Joe)

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

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## SKIING

**PLEASE GO TO OUTPOST SPORTS ON GRAPE ROAD TO BE FITTED FOR RENTAL SKIS AND BOOTS BEFORE JAN 7! DO NOT PAY OUTPOST - WE PAY AS A GROUP! JUST TELL THEM YOU'RE WITH BOY SCOUT TROOP 122. A PARENT MUST BE PRESENT TO SIGN THEIR WAIVER. YOU MAY NOT RENT A SNOWBOARD BUT YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN IF YOU HAVE ONE.**

For our Jan 22-24 campout we will be downhill skiing at Crystal Mountain Resort and camping in the Manistee National Forest west of Cadillac, MI. Winter camping is a great experience and we will spend time in our December & January meetings preparing our scouts so they will be able to enjoy it. The cost for a lift ticket is \$30 for those under 16, \$35 for 16 & over. Rentals are \$20 (you can bring your own equipment and save the rental fee). Add to that the regular \$20 campout fee and it comes to a total of only \$70-\$75 for a weekend at a luxury ski resort! Just ignore the fact that you're sleeping in a tent in the woods! Remember, popcorn money can be used for all campout expenses over the normal \$20 fee. As always, we want everyone to participate in every event regardless of the cost so if you need financial assistance please speak to a leader. If you don't know how to ski, our expert ski instructor, Tweeter Frend, will be with us again this year! She'll have you going down the intermediate hills by the end of the day!

## WPAFB

WPAFB stands for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. We'll be camping there Feb 19-21! They have a huge flight museum with everything from early bi-planes to stealth bombers. We'll spend the day Saturday at the museum & we'll watch an IMAX movie related to flying, too. Then we'll eat dinner on base. To finish the day we'll take in the free movie at the base theater if it's appropriate for our scouts. This is a working base and fighter jets and other planes will be taking off, Air Force personnel in uniform will be everywhere and the museum is great!

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 • **WPAFB requires a \$10 deposit per person** •  
 • **by mid-January. Please pay your \$10 by** •  
 • **Jan 14 to reserve your spot & sign up to go!** •  
 • **This is part of the \$20 campout fee.** •  
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# FUNDRAISING

## HACIENDA

Our next fundraiser is selling Hacienda Party Cards in conjunction with our annual Hacienda Day. We're planning on Wednesday, Feb 17. Gift card order forms will be available before Christmas. Buyers get 100% of their money in a gift card that's good at any Hacienda restaurant for one year. We get 20% of the amount of the gift cards, too! Just as with popcorn, we will split this with the scout. The troop will keep 5% & the scout gets 15% on account for Summer Camp, High Adventure or campout expenses over \$20. So if you sell \$100 in gift cards, you will earn \$15! You must collect the money with the order! We buy them on our Hacienda day.

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 • **Popcorn \$\$ Due Dec 3!!!** •  
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## SPONSOR NEWS

THANK YOU to CarStar Collision and Wounded Knee Roofing for renewing their sponsorships! We'd like to invite our sponsors to email us a business card or similar sized ad and we'll include them (in black & white) on a rotating basis on the blank side of the mailing address page. This is a great way to get some more exposure and to get your phone number and other information out to our readers. Send your ad 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.

### PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS!

..... CURRENT SPONSORS .....	
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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

There is currently no Eagle news but watch for Jeremy Haluda and Jason Joyner to be next in this spot!

## XX NEWS

All XX participants - scouts and adults - must sell \$250 in Hacienda cards or pay \$50 toward the trip. We are definitely flying somewhere out west so it's worth the effort of selling the cards. This is an easy fundraiser! You will earn 15% of any amount you sell over the \$250 just as other scouts. We're looking at several different trails in the Pacific Northwest and southwestern Canada. If you want to do some research and suggest a trail your input will be greatly appreciated! We want to go somewhere that we haven't been yet so let's stay away from Montana. Otherwise, if it's a wilderness trail with 6 to 7 days of hiking then that's what we're looking for.

## 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