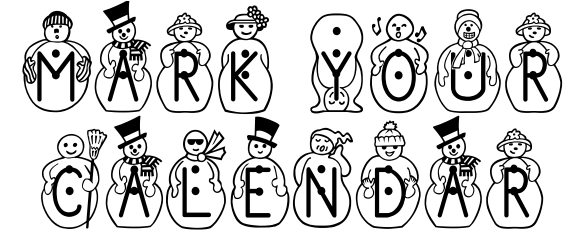




Troop 122 News

January 2009



PEANUT BRITTLE

Fantastic job by everyone who made and/or sold peanut brittle! We moved 819 pounds – a new record! Peanut brittle profits help everyone as they are used to help pay for gas and other campout expenses not covered by the fees and to pay for points for Summer Camp and 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.
- Take off all of the clothes you were wearing during the day before you go to sleep. Sleep in a single layer of lightweight, clean, dry clothing. Put on clean socks & wear a dry knit hat.
- 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.

SCOUT SUNDAY

We will be having our annual Scout Sunday celebration at the Osceola United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 8. We will need scouts and parents to help with the pancake breakfast starting at about 7:30 AM. Parents should talk to Sharleen to volunteer. We will also have scouts attending each of the 3 services. Scouts should wear their full uniform with pants that are appropriate for church. This is a fundraiser but also a great chance to interact with the church congregation. We will donate half of our proceeds to the church van fund to show our appreciation for being allowed to use the new vans and having our troop number on the vans!

Jan	8	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	15	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	22	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	23-25	Skiing	
	26	PLC Meeting	6:30 – 8 PM
Feb	27	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	29	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	5	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	8	Scout Sunday	7 AM – 1 PM
	9	Hacienda	All Day!
	12	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	13-15	Silversides	
	19	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	23	PLC Meeting	6:30 – 8 PM
	24	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Mar	26	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	5	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	12	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	19	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	20-22	Caving	
	26	Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
	28	XX Port-A-Pit #1	
	30	PLC Meeting	6:30 – 8 PM
	31	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	Apr	2	Regular Meeting
4		XX Port-A-Pit #2	
9		Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
16		Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
17-19		Webelos @ Rice Woods	
23		Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM
25		Troop Port-A-Pit #1	
27		PLC Meeting	6:30 – 8 PM
28		Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
30		Regular Meeting	6:30 – 8:30 PM



SKIING

PLEASE GO TO OUTPOST SPORTS ON GRAPE ROAD TO BE FITTED FOR RENTAL SKIS AND BOOTS BEFORE JAN 17! 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.

We will be downhill skiing at Crystal Mountain Resort and camping in the Manistee National Forest Jan 23-25. Tweeter Frend will be coming along as our expert ski instructor – if you don't know how to ski she'll have you going down the intermediate hills by the end of the day! The cost for a lift ticket is \$30 for scouts under 16, \$35 for 16 & over. Ski & Boot rental is \$20 (you can bring your own equipment and save the rental fee). There will still be the regular \$20 campout fee. That 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 assistance please speak to a leader. 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. Please check the info on the front page as a reminder of some of the more important points for comfortable and safe winter camping. BE PREPARED!

DON'T FORGET TO GO TO OUTPOST TO GET FITTED FOR SKIS!!





SILVERSIDES

We're all looking forward to our third visit to The Silversides the weekend of February 13-15! This is a genuine World War II submarine and it's actually in the water! Contrary to some folks' wishes, though, we won't be heading out on patrol looking for U-boats! We'll be camping Friday night on the Terry Frend's Silver Lake property. (That's our former Scoutmaster for those who don't know Terry.) Hope for good weather so we get some hiking in on the dunes on Saturday as we'll be within walking distance of Lake Michigan. Then on Saturday evening we'll head to nearby Muskegon to board the Silversides. We'll also get a tour of the 125' Coast Guard Cutter McLane but the highlight will be a hands-on tour of the Silversides and spending the night aboard! We will not, unfortunately, be diving to the bottom of the lake during our sub adventure! Visit their website, www.silversides.org and Terry's favorite, www.boatnerd.com.

CLIMB KALAMAZOO

We had a great time at Climb Kalamazoo! We've already made a reservation for next year for Saturday, December 12th! Thank You to all of the adults & young adults who came along! We couldn't do it without you.

WINTER ADVANCEMENT

We ended up with 12 scouts and 2 adults participating in Winter Advancement! A big Thanks to Ken Fritz and Steve Buck for taking our scouts to Bridgman High School for this event. Can't wait to see how many merit badges were earned! Thanks to Sharleen for organizing.

FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:

Jan 23-25	Skiing	(Bonnie)
Feb 13-15	Silversides	(Joe)
Mar 20-22	Caving	(Ron)

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

FUNDRAISING

\$ HACIENDA

Our current fundraiser is selling Hacienda Party Cards in conjunction with our annual Hacienda Day. This year it will be on Monday, Feb 9. Gift card order forms are available at troop meetings. 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.

SPONSOR NEWS

THANK YOU Mr. James Christ who renewed his sponsorship in December. Mr. Christ is a private citizen that sponsors our troop and would like to remind everyone to please Spay or Neuter Your Pet! 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!

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Amer. Legion Post 308	Axle, Inc.
Between The Buns	Don's Plumbing
Hardware Plus	Hoosier Racing Tire
Instant Auto Finance	James Christ
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

Chris Lies passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on Dec. 22 while home on Christmas break! Congratulations, Chris!

XX NEWS

If you are an XX scout or an adult that has been invited to Maine I need to have a firm headcount by the January 15 meeting. Our outfitter needs to know then. Please tell me soon EITHER WAY! Don't assume I know what you're doing! All XX participants – scouts and adults – must sell \$250 in Hacienda cards or pay \$50 toward the trip. (Some of you owe for last year's sale but can make that up by selling more than \$250.) We are definitely flying 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.

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	Committee	293-9318
Jenny Sanders	Fundraising	259-1619
Bonnie Swiatkowski	Advancement	291-9355
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