



# Troop 122 News

July 2008

## SUMMER CAMP

We had 23 scouts at camp last month, including 7 first year scouts, and they all had a great week! During the week our scouts & adults invited some staff members to a campfire and made s'mores, performed the best flag-lowering ceremony of the week, had a near-perfect campsite inspection score three times, earned over 40 merit badges & at least 8 rank advancements, & one completed the Mile Swim! THANK YOU to our great camp leaders: Ron Hipsher & Vince Kertes! Great job by Junior Leaders, too! We're signed up for June 14-19 next year in the same campsite.

## SAILING 2008

Some last minute trip items: 1. Some folks still owe their July 1 payment so please pay as soon as possible. If you still owe money then an account statement came with this newsletter. You can mail your payments to Bonnie Clay, 59921 Valley View Trail, Osceola, 46561. As always, checks should be made out to Troop 122. Please contact Bonnie if you need to pay in cash. 2. All trip participants must have an up-to-date medical form. We have your form from Summer Camp if you went this year or in the recent past. All others must have their form, with a doctor's signature, by July 25. 3. If you still need to earn Small Boat Sailing merit badge (or you didn't even complete the bookwork if you were not a Swimmer at camp) please contact Bruce Wiseman at 257-9410 ASAP! 4. All trip participants must come to the church on Friday night, July 25, with their gear packed per the gear list. If you have any questions about gear or packing please ask! Please be sure to come between 5 and 8 PM. You must bring your medical form if you haven't turned it in yet. Allow enough time to put together your snack bags. 5. We need several adult volunteers to come to the church at 9 AM Friday for most of the day to help get ready and we need other volunteers to come by 4 PM to help set up the snack bag goodies. See the enclosed sheet for additional info about that Friday night. 6. Less than 4 weeks to go. Check the gear list and start packing!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jul	17	Fire @ The Library	6:30 - 8 PM
	22	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	25	Sailing Prep	5 - 8 PM
	26	Leave for Sailing!	5:00 AM
Aug	2	Back from Sailing	
	3	Picnic Event	11 AM - 3 PM
	14	Bluegrass Setup	5:30 PM - ??
	15-17	Bluegrass Festival	
	16	XX Bayer Picnic	10 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
	11	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM
	18	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM
	19-21	Biking - Dr. Lawless Park	
	20	Marine Mud Run	8 AM - Noon
	25	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM
	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	8:30 AM - Noon
	16	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	18	Buddy Walk	8 AM - Noon
	23	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	24-26	WOTWS - The Res	
	27	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8 PM
	28	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	30	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM

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# 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 or 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!

## FIRE @ THE LIBRARY

Thursday, July 17, we will be building and tending the s'mores fire at the annual Stories Around The Campfire program at the Bittersweet branch of the Aishawaka-Penn Library. We need scouts to arrive by 6:30 PM in full uniform. Bring your pocketknife if you have a Tote-n-chip because one of our jobs is to cut marshmallow sticks. We'll tend the fire, cut sticks, listen to the stories, help kids roast marshmallows and clean-up afterward. This is a fun service project with the side-benefit of getting to make your own s'mores!

## FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:  
 July 26 - Aug 2 Sailing (Bonnie)  
 Aug 15-17 Bluegrass Festival (???)  
 Sep 19-21 Mtn Biking - Lawless (???)  
 The person listed is the leader in charge of that campout. Refer specific campout questions to them.



# PLANNING

We held our annual planning meeting on June 26 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. Some highlights: We'll be Caving again at Spring Mill State Park and Bluespring Caverns. We're looking forward to going back to Starved Rock State Park in Illinois and to the Silversides submarine. We'll have plenty of time to prepare and get backpacks for the Manistee River Trail. And we have our old standbys: WOTWS, Climb Kalamazoo, Rice Woods & Crystal Mountain. Our XX scouts will be fundraising and preparing for their trip to Maine. Check out the tentative schedule below. It looks like another great year!

Sep 19-21	Mtn Biking	Dr. Lawless Park (MI)
Sep 20		Marine Mud Run
Oct 11		Breast Cancer Walk
Oct 18		Buddy Walk
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 27-3/1	Silversides	Muskegon (MI)
Mar ??-??	Caving	Bluespring Caverns (IN)
April 17-19	Webelos	Rice Woods (IN)
May 1-3	Backpacking	Manistee River Trail (MI)
May 15-16		Relay for Life
June 14-19	Camp	Wood Lake
July ???	Water Fun	

Merit badges: Aviation, Space Exploration, Sports, Snow Sports, Cooking, Pioneering, Camping, Wilderness Survival, Climbing.

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.

Even with high gas prices, we'll keep the regular campout cost at \$20. These outings will cost more (estimated total cost): Climbing (\$35), Skiing (\$75), Silversides (\$40), Caving (\$40). Remember that you can use fundraising money to pay for any amount over the \$20. Sell popcorn and Hacienda cards!

# FUNDRAISING

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Talk to Sharleen to help at the Bluegrass pancake breakfast!

# POPCORN

It's not fall yet but 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, Silversides & Caving), Summer Camp next year and our next great High Adventure trip in 2010. 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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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 Lelaert Agency (\$600)	
McKinley Penn Self Lock Storage (\$480)	
Ongoing: U.S. Signcrafters	

# TROOP MEETINGS

Our next regular troop meeting is Thursday, August 21. Check the calendar for activity dates for the summer.

# EAGLE NEWS

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

# XX NEWS

WOW - what a Rummage Sale! We made about \$2500 selling used stuff & another \$400 selling Port-A-Pit chicken. Amazing! Great job by everyone who helped. We need 15 people to work at a company picnic in South Bend on Aug 3 from 11 AM to 3 PM. More details will be coming but that's the day after we get home from sailing! Then, we have the Bayer Picnic 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. Watch for details about setup times on Friday and picnic times on Saturday. Remember, 3 hours on an airplane or 30 hours on a bus! Let's keep raising

# 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