



Troop 122 News

March 2008

COURT OF HONOR

Parents should plan to attend our Spring Court of Honor on Thursday, March 13. You can see your son officially receive any awards he has earned since last fall and show your support for him and the troop. There will be sailing and Summer Camp information, too. We need some volunteers to bring snacks and desserts. Drinks will be provided. There will not be a meal so eat your dinner beforehand!! Please come to honor your scout!

Scouting For Food

Get ready for Scouting for Food. We will be passing out empty plastic bags with instructions inside to as many homes in the town of Osceola as possible during our March 6 meeting. Please consider taking some bags to your neighborhood, too. We will be picking up the bags of donated food on Saturday, March 8, starting at 9 AM. All of the food collected is donated to The Bridge food pantry to help needy families. We'll need some parent help to drive scouts thru the neighborhoods on both the 6th and the 8th.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Thank You to the scouts & parents of Troop 122 and to the congregation of Osceola United Methodist Church for another successful Scout Sunday. We are fortunate to be chartered to a great organization & are grateful for their support. Through their generosity and the donation of time from our volunteers we took in over \$250. After expenses, we donated \$100 to the church van fund in appreciation for using it for our campouts.

**XX Scouts & Parents:
Port-A-Pit March 22 & April 12**

**All Scouts & Parents:
Port-A-Pit April 26 & May 10**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar	6	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	8	Scouting For Food	9:00 AM	
	13	Court of Honor	6:30 PM	
	20	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	22	XX Port-A-Pit #1		
	24	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM	
	25	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	
	27	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
28-30 Scout Skills @ Topenebee				
Apr	3	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	10	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	12	XX Port-A-Pit #2		
	17	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	18-20	Webelos @ Rice Woods		
	24	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	26	Troop Port-A-Pit #1		
	28	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM	
29	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM		
May	1	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	2-4	Mtn Biking @ Fort Custer		
	8	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	10	Troop Port-A-Pit #2		
	15	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	Summer Camp Money Due			
	16-17	Relay For Life	4 PM - 4 PM	
	22	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM	
	26	Memorial Day Parade	7:30 AM	
	27	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	
28	XX Sunburst Bags	4:30 - 8:30 PM		
29	Sunburst Bags	5:30 - 9:00 PM		
June	6	XX Rummage Sale Setup	5 PM - ??	
	7	XX Rummage Sale	7 AM - 4 PM	
	15-20	Summer Camp		
July	17	Fire @ The Library	6:30 - 8:00 PM	
	26	Leave for Sailing!		

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SCOUT SKILLS

As a change of pace from our usual caving trip we're going to use our March 28-30 campout to hone our Scout Skills at Camp Topenebee. We haven't camped at Tope in several years so it'll be nice to get back! Our junior leaders will be planning various contests and other activities to help our scouts improve their skills before they have to teach the Webelos at Rice Woods in April. It will also be the first campout for our incoming Webelos who joined the troop during February and early March. It will be a great first campout for them! Since Topenebee is close please consider picking up or dropping off your scout if he has another event during the weekend so he doesn't miss the whole campout!

WEBELOS

We will be having our traditional campout with first year Webelos at Rice Woods April 18-20. If you know of a Cub Scout Pack that has 1st Year Webelos who might be interested in camping with us, please contact Vince Kertes so we can include those boys in this weekend. This is a great chance for Webelos and their parents to learn more about our troop and about Boy Scouting. Our scouts plan a full weekend of fun (& educational) activities for our guests. This campout has the culinary highlight of all of our outings: The Feast! Scouts & adults get to show off their camping kitchen skills by cooking up a veritable smorgasbord for dinner Saturday night. It's great fun & you'd be amazed what they can cook in a Dutch oven or on a camp stove!

SAILING 2008

The next payment is due by March 6 and will bring your total paid to \$350 including your deposit. See your account statement for your amount due as everyone's is different! We will be glad to take small payments at any time and apply them to your trip balance. Don't forget that participating in all of the fundraisers and service projects this spring will earn you money indirectly as points. Everyone must have an up-to-date medical form. Scouts and adults under 40 must have a physical every 3 years. Adults 40+ must have one every year. Pick up a medical form at a troop meeting.



WPAFB

Even though it was a little colder than the early predictions this was a great winter campout. There was snow on the ground (not mud) and it didn't rain! The museum and IMAX movie were interesting to all. Dinner and a Movie was a big success one again. And the coming and going of large transport planes parked on the runway near our campsite added a little more excitement to the weekend! Thanks to all of the adults who came along to help as chaperones. And our scouts were well-behaved in all of the public places which means we'll probably keep taking them along!

SUMMER CAMP

Our troop will be attending Summer Camp at Wood Lake Scout Reservation near Jones, MI, from Sunday, June 15, thru Friday, June 20. This is a great week filled with fun and learning and is a positive experience for scouts of all ages. The cost for camp is \$190 if paid by May 15 and \$205 if paid late. Scouts who were 13 by Jan. 1, 2008 are eligible for COPE this year. COPE is an additional \$40 but is well worth the cost. Popcorn and point money can be used for the entire camp cost and "camperships" are available from the Council if you need help with the fees. Camp info will be available on the table at troop meetings following the Court of Honor.

FORT CUSTER

We will be biking the mountain bike trails at Fort Custer State Park in Michigan for our May 2-4 campout. Now would be a good time to start looking for a mountain bike if you need to borrow one or want to buy one. A used one will be fine. If the bike you have needs some work we have some folks who can help.

FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:
Mar 28-30 Scout Skills @ Topenebee (Ron)
Apr 18-20 Webelos @ Rice Woods (Vince)
May 2-4 Mtn Biking @ Fort Custer (Joe)
The person listed is the leader in charge of that campout. Refer specific campout questions to them.

FUNDRAISING

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PORT-A-PIT

Please sign up for our two troop Port-A-Pit chicken sales - April 26 and May 10. Everyone should plan to work for AT LEAST 2 hours at EACH sale. We will need lots of help! These pay for point money for camp and sailing - about \$10,000 this summer! And remember, you will earn 50 points from each family member! (Only siblings age 11 and over should help.)

RELAY FOR LIFE

We will be helping the American Cancer Society at this year's Relay For Life at Mishawaka High School starting Friday, May 16, at 4:00 PM and ending about 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 17. This has been a very rewarding experience for our scouts and the Relay people are great to work with. If you like to stay up all night with your friends you'll like this! Watching the cancer survivors walk and reading the dedications on the luminaria bring home the true meaning of this event.

SPONSOR NEWS

Thank You to Hoosier Racing Tire for renewing their sponsorship! Watch for new artwork on the trailer by the end of March! And all of our sponsors are now on troop122.net with links to their websites! 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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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

Thanks to everyone's help, Chris Lies was able to finish his project and it turned out great! Scott Whitfield and Jeff Heritz had their Eagle Board of Review on March 1. Hope they passed! I think there's a little lull before the next Eagle projects get underway but be ready!

XX NEWS

If you didn't sell at least \$250 in Hacienda gift cards you owe the difference between 20% of what you did sell and \$50. Time to get ready for our 2 Port-A-Pit sales - March 22 and April 12. We're not sure of the location yet - either the Grape & Edison Marathon or Borders Books. Everyone must help because there aren't very many of us! Even if the scout can't attend we need someone from your family! Remember - 2 hours on an airplane or 30 hours on a bus! And don't forget to save your usable "junk" for the rummage sale on June 7.

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
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
Eric Potterbaum	Asst. Scoutmaster	293-9318
Shaun Swiatkowski	Asst. Scoutmaster	291-9355
Ben Van Antwerp	Asst. Scoutmaster	257-1379
Josh Walker	Asst. Scoutmaster	674-5173
Scott Whitfield	Asst. Scoutmaster	255-2062