



Troop 122 News

March 2009

COURT OF HONOR

Parents should plan to attend our Spring Court of Honor on Thursday, March 26. 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 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 12 meeting. Please consider taking some bags to your neighborhood, too. We will be picking up the bags of donated food on Saturday, March 14, starting at 9 AM. All of the food collected is donated to The Penn Township food pantry to help needy families. We'll need some parent help to drive scouts thru the neighborhoods on both the 12th and the 14th.

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 \$350. After expenses, we donated \$125 to the church van fund in appreciation for using it for our campouts.

XX Scouts & Parents:
Port-A-Pit March 28 & April 4

All Scouts & Parents:
Port-A-Pit April 25 & May 9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar	5	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	6-7	Res Night	6 PM - 10 AM
	12	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	14	Scouting For Food	9:00 AM
	19	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	20-22	Caving	
	26	Court of Honor	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	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	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
May	1-3	Backpacking	
	7	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	9	Troop Port-A-Pit #2	
	14	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	15-16	Relay For Life	4 PM - 4 PM
	21	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	25	Memorial Day Parade	7:30 AM
	26	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	28	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
June	3	XX Sunburst Bags	4:30 - 8:30 PM
	4	Sunburst Bags	5:30 - 9:00 PM
	5	XX Sale Setup	5:00 - 10:00 PM
	6	XX Rummage Sale	7 AM - 5 PM
	14-19	Summer Camp	
	25	Fire @ the Library	6:30 - 8:00 PM
	27	XX Preparation Day	8 AM - 8 PM
	30	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM

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CAVING

We will be visiting Spring Mill State Park and Bluespring Caverns for our March 20-22 campout. Spring Mill is a great place with lots of hiking trails which we'll be taking advantage of during the day on Saturday. Then we'll have dinner at McDonald's on our way to spend the night in the big cave at Bluespring Caverns. Boys will get to go on the Wild Tour and take an underground boat ride. The cost of this campout will be \$44 in order to cover the \$24 fee at Bluespring Caverns. Please remember that you can use your fundraising money for the \$24 that is over the normal \$20 campout fee. And please talk to a leader if you want your scout to participate but are a little low on funds right now. This will also be the first campout for our incoming Webelos so reserve your spot early.

SILVERSIDES

Who says winter camping isn't fun? We had a great weekend despite some blustery conditions. The walk on the dunes was brisk but the view was fantastic! Staying warm while eating lunch was a challenge but that's what keeps us from getting bored, right? The frozen waves at the lighthouse were spectacular! The new museum building was an added bonus and now we get to watch a movie every February on our campout. The Silversides tour was better than ever and we somehow managed to get a good night's sleep. Great job by Joe & Jack coordinating everything and thanks to the Frennd/Holycross families for the use of their property on Silver Lake.

BACKPACKING

This is a reminder that we will be backpacking for our May 1-3 campout on the Manistee River Trail near Mesick, MI. This trail has beautiful views of the Manistee River and a particularly nice campsite among the pine trees. The general terrain and pace will be good for all ages. If your scout doesn't have a backpack yet talk to Bonnie Clay. We will be placing an order for a pack that's sized to fit smaller, growing bodies. We also get a discount on larger packs. If you have a used pack that you'd like to sell or donate, bring it to a troop meeting soon! This saves someone money and cleans your house at the same time!



WEBELOS

We will be having our traditional campout with first year Webelos at Rice Woods April 17-19. 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 or John Likes 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!

SUMMER CAMP

Our troop will be attending Summer Camp at Wood Lake Scout Reservation near Jones, MI, from Sunday, June 14, thru Friday, June 19. This is a great week filled with fun and learning and is a positive experience for scouts of all ages. Our new scouts are especially encouraged to attend camp. The cost for camp is \$199 if paid by May 14 and \$240 if paid late. Scouts who were 13 by Jan. 1, 2009 are eligible for COPE this year. COPE is an additional \$20 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. This is a reminder that all scouts need to have a medical form with a doctor's exam in the last 3 years. If your scout does not have a current form for camp they will not be allowed to stay. There is a new form this year and it is available on the table and on our website.

FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:
 Mar 20-22 Caving (Ron)
 Apr 17-19 Rice Woods (Vince/John)
 May 1-3 Backpacking (Bonnie)
 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 25 and May 9. 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 High Adventure – about \$10,000 last 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 15, at 4:00 PM and ending about 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 16. 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! Times are tough and we appreciate their continued commitment to Scouting and Troop 122! 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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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

Brad Hipsher is finalizing the plans for his project to remove & replace the playground at the Osceola Church of the Brethren on Beech Rd. Be ready!

XX NEWS

PLEASE put the March 28 and April 4 Port-a-Pit sales on your calendars! There are only 12 scouts, young adults and leaders going to Maine so we need EVERYONE and some family members to be there! Everyone should know their balance due from the Hacienda gift card sale. Please plan to pay by May 1. As you start your spring cleaning please remember to donate your usable 'junk' to the XX rummage sale on June 6. This will be our last major fundraiser before the trip. Once again we need lots of help! We had a record sale last year but I'm sure we could top it!

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