



# Troop 122 News

March 2011

## COURT OF HONOR

Parents should plan to attend our Spring Court of Honor on Thursday, March 17. You can see your son officially receive any awards he has earned since last fall. There will be Summer Camp and Sailing 2012 information, too. We need some volunteers to bring snacks & desserts with a St. Patrick's day theme! Drinks will be provided. There will not be a meal so eat your dinner beforehand!! Please come to honor your scout!

**Welcome new Boy Scouts:**  
Gannon Bennett, Bryce Huxford,  
Brian Loring, and Scottie Miller!

## 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 10 meeting. Please consider taking some bags to your neighborhood, too. We will be picking up the bags of donated food on Saturday, March 12, starting at 9 AM. All of the food collected is donated to help needy families. We'll need some parent help to drive scouts thru the neighborhoods on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 grateful for their support. Through their generosity and the donation of time from our volunteers we were able to donate \$300 to the church bus fund in appreciation for using them for our campouts.

**XX Scouts & Parents:**  
Port-A-Pit March 26 & April 2  
**All Scouts & Parents:**  
Port-A-Pit April 23 & May 7

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar	3	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	10	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	12	Scouting For Food	9:00 - 10:00
	17	Court Of Honor	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	18-20	Caving	
	22	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM
	24	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	26	XX Port-A-Pit #1	
	29	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Apr	2	XX Port-A-Pit #2	
	7	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	14	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	15-17	Rice Woods	
	19	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM
	21	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	23	Troop Port-A-Pit #1	
	26	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	28	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
May	5	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	7	Troop Port-A-Pit #2	
	12	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	13-15	Backpacking	
	19	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	21-22	Relay For Life	10 AM - 10 AM
	26	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	30	Memorial Day Parade	7:30 AM
	31	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
June	1	XX Sunburst Bags	4:30 - 8:30 PM
	2	Sunburst Bags	5:30 - 9 PM
	3	XX Rummage Sale Setup	5 - 10 PM
	4	XX Rummage Sale	7 AM - 4 PM
	19-24	Summer Camp	

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# SILVERSIDES

We're all looking forward to our fourth visit to The Silversides the weekend of February 25-27! This is a genuine World War II submarine and it's actually in the water! We'll be camping Friday night on Terry Frennd'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 for a hands-on tour of the Silversides and spend the night aboard! Visit their website, [www.silversides.org](http://www.silversides.org).

# CAVING

We will be visiting either Spring Mill State Park or Morgan-Monroe State Forest and Bluespring Caverns for our March 18-20 campout. After some hiking and scout skills work during the day on Saturday 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 \$48 in order to cover the \$28 fee at Bluespring Caverns. Please remember that you can use your fundraising money for the \$28 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. Limited space is available.

# WEBELOS

We will be having our traditional campout with first year Webelos at Rice Woods April 15-17. If you know of a Cub Scout Pack that has 1st Year Webelos or any 4th grade boy who might be interested in camping with us, please contact Vince Kertes or Matt Brownbridge so we can include those boys in this weekend. This is a great chance for boys and their parents to learn more about our troop and about Boy Scouting. The weekend is planned specifically for the younger boys to have a great time while learning!



# WINTER CAMPING

Even though the skiing was great some scouts on our campout seem to have forgotten the principles of winter camping. Please refresh your memory! It will still be winter for our Silversides campout so Be Prepared!

Some reminders about winter camping:

- 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 and dress in layers.
- 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, non-cotton clothing. Put on clean non-cotton 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.

# BACKPACKING

This is a reminder that we will be backpacking for our May 13-15 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!

# FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:

- Feb 25-27 Silversides (Matt/Devin)
- Mar 18-20 Caving (Ron)
- Apr 15-17 Webelos at Rice Woods (Vince)

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 23 and May 7. Everyone should plan to work for AT LEAST 3 hours at EACH sale. We will need lots of help! These pay for point money for Summer Camp & Sailing 2012. Working at two chicken sales is preferable to selling something for most people. We want everyone to have a chance to participate and this money helps! And remember, you will earn 50 points for each family member! (Only siblings age 11 and over should help.)

# HACIENDA

Wow, great job by everyone selling gift cards! Our total was \$3480! I know we had at least 70 people at the restaurant that night, too, but the actual number is probably higher. We'll do it again next year! Special Thanks to Joe Joyner and the Michiana Jeep Club who came to eat that night instead of having their regular weekly meeting!

# SPONSOR NEWS

There is no sponsor news this month. Times are tough & we really appreciate the generosity of our sponsors & their commitment to Scouting. 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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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

Jason Joyner turned in all of his paperwork before his 18th birthday. Great job Jason! Jonathan Starr is next in line so get ready to help again!

# XX NEWS

If you didn't sell \$250 in Hacienda cards then you owe \$50 toward the trip. It's still a pretty cheap trip for you! PLEASE put the March 26 and April 2 Port-A-Pit sales on your calendars! There are only about 14 scouts, young adults and leaders going backpacking so we need EVERYONE and some family members to be there! Start breaking in your boots! We will be setting up some dates to get together as a group and go over things like grizzly bears and nutrition bar choices. These meetings will be mandatory - it's important stuff! And the XX Rummage Sale is June 4. We need your junk!

# 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
Matt Brownbridge	Scoutmaster	343-4220
Steve Buck	Quartermaster	259-3704
Devin Cartwright	Advancement	298-2624
Bonnie Clay	Asst. Scoutmaster	315-6253
Rick Fisher	Committee	675-9505
Ken Fritz	Roundtable	291-2640
Jim Trader	Church Rep	256-9567
Ron Hipsher	Asst. Scoutmaster	274-4200
Brad Hipsher	Asst. Scoutmaster	485-9000
Dee Joyner	Sponsors	674-7109
Joe Joyner	Treasurer	674-7109
Jack King	Quartermaster	674-6249
John Likes	Asst. Scoutmaster	255-3724
Rich Mitchell	Committee	850-3302
Jenny Sanders	Fundraising	329-1618
Ben Van Antwerp	Asst. Scoutmaster	257-1379
Scott Whitfield	Asst. Scoutmaster	255-2062