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Troop 122 News

November 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov	5	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	6	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	7	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	8	Res Clean-up Day	8 AM - Noon
	10	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	12	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	13	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Silversides Payment Due</i>	
	14-16	Starved Rock	
	17	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	19	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	20	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	21	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
		<i>Take Order Popcorn Available</i>	
	24	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
		PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8 PM
	25	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	27	Thanksgiving	
Dec	1	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	3	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	4	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Take Order \$\$ Due</i>	
	5	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	8	Peanut Brittle	6 - 10 PM
	11	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	13-14	Climbing	
	18	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
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
	27	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	29	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM

A BIG THANKS to everyone that helped with Walk On The Wild Side. We scared hundreds of people and made over \$1750! Our parents and scouts made some fantastic props and our monsters in the woods had perfect timing! Sharleen, Debbie & Joe did a great job organizing this event and Steve took care of the campout! A special Thanks to Don Mow of Don's Plumbing, too! And to say Thanks to The Res please come help on Nov 8th for The Res clean-up.

WINTER CAMPING

Winter camping is a great experience and it has one advantage over the warmer months - no bugs! We have some requirements for winter camping that help make it safe and enjoyable for everyone:

- 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. You must have an extra pair of boots. Cold, wet feet are the worst problem we face and the hardest to fix if you don't have extra boots. You don't need expensive boots, just sturdy ones. Your snow boots should be highly water resistant.
- Two knit hats that cover your ears - not headbands!
- Two pairs of gloves.
- Bring double the socks you would normally bring. Triple them if it's supposed to be wet. Polypropylene liner socks are inexpensive and they help keep your feet dry which means they will be warmer.
- Long underwear - wear it! Dress in layers with the long underwear first. Wear as little cotton as possible next to your skin since it stays damp from your sweat. Yes, even when it's freezing you sweat!
- Wear a coat that is appropriate for the weather. If you don't have a heavy winter coat, wear an extra fleece sweatshirt or another lightweight coat underneath your heaviest coat. Fleece doesn't stop the wind!
- Take off all of the clothes you were wearing during the day before you go to sleep. Sleep in a single layer of lightweight clothing like long underwear or shorts and a t-shirt so your sleeping bag can trap your body heat. Put on clean, dry socks. Wear a knit hat while you sleep.
- A wool or fleece blanket inside your sleeping bag adds to its insulating power. Don't use a cotton blanket!
- Don't use a cot or air mattress in the winter. Cold air underneath you will cause you to be colder.
- 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.

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CAMP OUTS



STARVED ROCK

And that's not a reference to skinny guitar players, either! Our Nov 14-16 campout is at Starved Rock State Park near Ottawa, IL. Two years ago we visited this picturesque area and we were hooked right away! We will be hiking the cliffs and canyons in both Starved Rock and Mathiesson State Parks. If this will be your first time for this campout you are in for a treat! This is not your average hike through the woods! As part of this campout weekend we will be retiring American flags in a special campfire ceremony. If you have a flag that needs retiring please bring it to a troop meeting before the campout. Please read the winter camping notes on the front page. We will be discussing winter camping before we go and all scouts must have winter boots for this weekend. The weather will be unpredictable!

CLIMB KALAMAZOO

We will be visiting Climb Kalamazoo Dec. 13-14. This is our annual Christmas party and we choose to have it at a climbing gym! The cost for climbing is \$35 per person, adults included. Popcorn money can be used for all of the \$35. This isn't just a fun activity and is well worth the cost. Scouts will learn a lot about climbing and about themselves. Each scout must bring a snack or drink item to share for the party. Climb Kalamazoo will provide their expert instruction to all participants. We will spend the night climbing, bouldering, & eating! Scouts 13 & over can earn Climbing merit badge. We'll be home early Sunday morning.

BREAST CANCER WALK

The American Cancer Society wanted us to know how grateful they are for our help with the water stations at the Breast Cancer Walk. There were over 2800 walkers and they raised over \$175,000! It's a big help to the event organizers to know that the water stations along the route are taken care of. Great job everyone!

CAMP OUTS



SILVERSIDES

We need to have a FIRM headcount and \$25 per scout paid by November 13 for our February 13-15 campout to stay on the Silversides WWII submarine in Muskegon, MI. That's when we have to pay in full for all participants. Therefore, we need to have all those who plan to go please signup at a troop meeting and pay \$25 now to hold their place. This money is non-refundable. The cost is actually \$29 but the troop will pay the other \$4 per person. The \$20 campout fee will still be due in February. If you sold at least \$100 in popcorn then you can use \$25 in popcorn money to pay now. Don't forget that you can use popcorn money for climbing, skiing, and caving, too. Adults are asked to pay the full \$29 fee now. See Joe if you have questions.

SKIING

For our Jan 23-25 campout we will be downhill skiing at Crystal Mountain Resort and camping in the Manistee National Forest west of Cadillac, MI. Winter camping is a great experience and we will spend time in our November & December meetings preparing our scouts so they will be able to enjoy it. The cost for a lift ticket should be \$30 for under 16, \$35 for 16 & over. Rentals should be \$20 (you can bring your own equipment and save the rental fee). Add to that the regular \$20 campout fee and the cost will be \$70 - \$75. 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 financial assistance please speak to a leader. If you don't know how to ski we plan to have our expert ski instructor, Tweeter Frennd, again this year! She'll have you going down the intermediate hills by the end of the day!

FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:
 Nov 14-16 Starved Rock (Ron)
 Dec 13-14 Climb Kalamazoo (Bonnie)
 Jan 23-25 Skiing (Jeff)
 The person listed is the leader in charge of that campout. Refer specific campout questions to them.

FUNDRAISING

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POPCORN

Take-order popcorn should be available by Nov 21. Contact Sharleen about your order. Take-order money is due by the Dec 4 meeting.

PEANUT BRITTLE

We're about to start making peanut brittle and it'll be as good as ever! We need some help selling it now! Folks just usually take a few pounds to work and set out some samples. Then it just sells itself! At \$5 per pound it makes a great gift, too - just put a bow on top! Contact Sharleen Potterbaum or Bonnie Clay for more info. We plan to make about 800 pounds so start selling!

SPONSOR NEWS

THANK YOU to these sponsors who renewed their sponsorship in October: Don's Plumbing, Hardware Plus, Instant Auto Finance, Magrames Motor Sales, Osceola Clinic, and Warren Chiropractic. 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 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

Not much news right now. Brad Hipsher will be working on his project in the spring when the weather warms up. Enjoy the break!

RES CLEANUP

We will be working at The Res on Saturday, Nov 8, as a service project. We will be clearing brush, raking leaves, moving things into winter storage, and anything else we can do to help out. We plan to work from 8 AM til 12 PM. Dress for the weather and bring rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, work gloves, chain saws (adults only), etc. The Res donated the use of the entire Res for WOTWS! They lose income since they can't rent any of the cabins for the weekend. This is one way of saying Thanks and paying them back. And they really need the help - especially with the leaves.

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