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# Troop 122 News

November 2009

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov	1	Brad Hipsher Eagle COH	2:00 PM
	4	Peanut Brittle	6:30 - 10:00 PM
	5	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	6	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	7	Clean-up @ The Res	8 AM - Noon
	9	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	11	Peanut Brittle	6:30 - 10:00 PM
	12	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	13-15	Morgan-Monroe SF	
	16	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	18	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	19	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	20	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
		<i>Take Order Popcorn Available</i>	
	22	Andy Wiseman Eagle COH	2:00 PM
	23	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
		PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM
	24	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	26	Thanksgiving	
	30	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
Dec	2	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	3	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Take Order Money Due</i>	
	4	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	7	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	10	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	12-13	Climb Kalamazoo	
	17	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	29-30	Winter Advancement	
Jan	7	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	14	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	21	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	22-24	Skiing	
	28	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 \$1950! Our parents and scouts made some fantastic props and our monsters in the woods had perfect timing! Debbie, Joe, & Jenny did a great job organizing this event and Steve took care of the campout! To say Thanks to The Res for letting us use their woods for this fundraiser, please come help on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 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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# BACKPACKING

We will be backpacking for our Nov. 13-15 campout in the backcountry area of Morgan-Monroe State Forest. The general terrain and pace will be good for all ages. Backpacking is a great way to get to a place that is only accessible on foot. Only a few people will ever get there! We will be working on backpacking during the three meetings prior to the campout. Scouts will bring their backpacks and gear to the Nov 5 meeting to make sure they're packed and fit properly. If your younger scout doesn't have a backpack yet or your older scout has outgrown his 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!

# SKIING

For our Jan 22-24 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 Friend, again this year! She'll have you going down the intermediate hills by the end of the day!

# 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 3000 walkers and they raised over \$175,000! Great job everyone!



# CLIMB KALAMAZOO

We will be visiting Climb Kalamazoo Dec. 12-13. 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.

# CANADA RAFTING 2010

This is just a reminder that if you haven't paid your \$50 (refundable) deposit for our 2010 High Adventure trip to go whitewater rafting on the Ottawa River in Ontario, Canada then it's past due! Please make your deposit ASAP! The next installment is \$100 due on Dec. 1. All scouts currently active with the troop will be eligible to go on this trip. We currently have 30 people signed up for the trip and we can definitely take a few more. This trip will start on Saturday, July 17 2010 with a drive to Niagara Falls. We'll spend the afternoon and evening exploring the Falls. We'll camp at Stonehaven Scout Camp nearby. On Sunday, we'll drive to Wilderness Tours Resort near Foresters Falls, Ontario. We'll spend the next 5 days enjoying the Ottawa River in rafts, kayaks, and duckies. We'll run whitewater, explore islands, go fishing, swimming, and hiking. On Saturday, July 24, we'll head home with some great new memories! Go to troop122.net to get more information. Our High Adventure trips are designed to be an unforgettable but educational experience. You won't be disappointed!

# FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:  
Nov 13-15 Morgan-Monroe SF (Bonnie)  
Dec 12-13 Climb Kalamazoo (Bonnie)  
Jan 22-24 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 20. Contact Jenny about your order. Take-order money is due by the Dec 3 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 Jenny Sanders or Bonnie Clay for more info. We plan to make about 800 pounds so start selling!

# SPONSOR NEWS

THANK YOU to American Legion Post 308 (Osceola), Don's Plumbing, Hardware Plus, Instant Auto Finance, Magrames Motors, and Mr. G's Restaurant for renewing their sponsorships! 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 on our website, and they get a newsletter! Call Dee Joyner @ 674-7109 to add a sponsor.

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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

Please plan to attend Brad Hipsher's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, Nov 1, at 2:00 PM at the Osceola Church of the Brethren, 58362 Beech Rd., Osceola. Please plan to attend Andy Wiseman's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, Nov 22, at 2:00 PM at 1st Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka, 401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka.

# RES CLEANUP

We will be working at The Res on Saturday, Nov 7, as a service project. We will be mostly clearing brush and raking leaves. We plan to work from 8 AM til Noon. 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	274-4200
Matt Brownbridge	Asst. Scoutmaster	256-0571
Steve Buck	Quartermaster	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
Ben Van Antwerp	Asst. Scoutmaster	257-1379
Scott Whitfield	Asst. Scoutmaster	255-2062