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BOY SCOUT TROOP 122
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Troop 122 News

November 2011

PEANUT BRITTLE

Please sign up to help make peanut brittle for at least 2 nights. You need to arrive at the church by 6:15 PM. We're usually done by 9:30. Please note that 5 of the nights are Thursdays and we will be making peanut brittle during the regular troop meeting. And we need help selling this great fall favorite, too. Parents 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. Contact Jenny Sanders or Bonnie Clay.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct	27	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Order Forms / Show & Sell Money Due</i>	
Nov	1	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	3	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Sailing Deposit Due \$100</i>	
		Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	4-6	Scout Skills Campout	
	10	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	11	Flag Retiring @ The Res	6 PM - Midnight
	17	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	18	Take Order Product Available	
	22	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM
	24	Thanksgiving	
	29	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Dec	1	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	4	Town Xmas Party	
	5	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	8	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM
	10-11	Climb Kalamazoo	
	15	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	28-29	Winter Advancement Camp	
Jan	5	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	12	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	19	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	20-22	Klondike Derby	
	24	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM
	26	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	31	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM

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CAMP OUTS

SCOUT SKILLS

It's time for our Scout Skills campout Nov 4-6 at Camp Chief Little Turtle near Ft. Wayne. Our junior leaders and Ron have planned various contests and other activities to help our scouts improve their skills. Scouts may get to work on things like lashing, first aid, fire building, etc. We haven't camped it CCLT in a while so it will be an adventure for everyone! This campout will help us get ready for the District Klondike Derby in January, too. That's an event where we will compete against other troops in our District so we need to Be Prepared! Should be an enjoyable weekend for all.

FLAG RETIRING

A number of area clubs and agencies are getting together on Veteran's Day to retire over 1,000 flags! This special event will be on Friday, Nov 11, from 6 PM til Midnight at The Res. Our troop has been asked to help in a number of ways including escorting people from the parking area with flashlights, serving hot chocolate and coffee, moving flags from the staging area to the fire bowl where they will be retired, and then helping to retire flags. The actual laying of flags on the fire will be handled in 1 hour shifts starting at 6 PM. The Mishawaka Fire Dept., VFW 360, Mishawaka Kiwanis Club, and Mishawaka Police Dept. are all scheduled to cover an hour. As of right now, we are scheduled to take the last 2 hours to finish out the evening. There will be live news coverage as well as newspaper and online stories. We retire flags every year and are used to seeing it done but many people never see it in their lifetime so this is a great opportunity for the general public to view this solemn ceremony. Anyone can come by during the evening and you can bring your own flag(s) to retire. Rich will be in charge of this event for the troop. Please sign up!

SIGN UP FOR SAILING!
\$100 DEPOSIT DUE NOW
PAY THE REST A LITTLE AT A TIME

CAMP OUTS

CLIMB KALAMAZOO

We will be visiting Climb Kalamazoo Dec. 10-11. This is our annual Christmas party and we 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 it's 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.

WINTER ADVANCEMENT

Our troop is planning to attend the Winter Advancement Camp sponsored by the council on Dec 28-29 at Bethel College. The cost is \$35 and includes meals. Fundraising money can be used for all of the \$35. Money and registration forms, at troop meetings, are due by the Nov 17 meeting. The merit badge registration with the list of merit badges is also available. This is a fun time and a great way to earn some different merit badges than at Summer Camp. Check out the list and pick out something fun! See Jenny with questions.

FORT CUSTER

It was great to visit Fort Custer again! The bike trails were still good even though the 40 mph winds threatened to blow over some of the smaller scouts. And it's still one of the prettiest youth camping areas we get to stay at. Thanks to Rich for organizing and to Bill Loring for all of his help with our bikes!

FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:

Nov 4-6	Scout Skills	(Ron)
Dec 10-11	Climb Kalamazoo	(Bonnie)
Jan 20-22	Klondike Derby	(Devin)

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 18. Contact Jenny about your order. Take-order money is due by the Dec 8 meeting. Please be sure to have your money turned in on time - we have to write a BIG check to the council! If you earn Walmart gift cards as prizes you can trade them in for money in your account, too.

**PLEASE SIGN UP
 TO HELP MAKE
 PEANUT
 BRITTLE!**

SPONSOR NEWS

Wow! A bunch of sponsor news this month! Thanks to the following sponsors for renewing their support: Don's Plumbing, Hardware Plus, McDaniel's Harley Davidson and Collision Repair Systems (formerly Performance Carstar). Your financial contribution to Scouting helps our troop continue to provide a quality program to the youth in our area. 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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Amer. Legion Post 308	Axle, Inc.
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McDaniel's Harley Davidson	Mor-Ryde
Mr. G's Restaurant	Osceola Bluegrass Festival
Osceola Business Assoc	Osceola Clinic
Osceola Lions Club (\$150)	
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 Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Osceola United Methodist Church. Please be on time and wear your shirt & neckerchief and bring your book & dues!

XX NEWS

Anyone interested in XX 2013: Please plan to attend a meeting during our regular troop meeting on Thursday, Dec. 15. We will be talking about destinations for our 2013 trip and we need your input! This trip should be decided by everyone involved, not just me! Parents are welcome, too. If you have any ideas you want to discuss please bring DETAILED information or talk to me ahead of time. I already have 3 possible choices but we can add more. We will decide where to go at this meeting! Just a reminder - all Flying Eagles and Dragons are now XX scouts. And of course our wonderful Flaming Arrows who are now seasoned XX travelers and our very special young adults should be planning to attend this meeting as well.

Our next planned XX fundraiser will be selling Hacienda gift cards. Each participant will have to sell \$250 in cards or pay \$50 cash.

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
Rich Mitchell	Scoutmaster	850-3302
Steve Buck	Quartermaster	259-3704
Devin Cartwright	Advancement	298-2624
Bonnie Clay	Asst. Scoutmaster	315-6253
Ken Fritz	Roundtable	291-2640
Jim Trader	Church Rep	256-9567
Jeremy Haluda	Asst. Scoutmaster	607-2967
Ron Hipsher	Asst. Scoutmaster	274-4200
Jeremy Hipsher	Asst. Scoutmaster	485-9000
Dee Joyner	Sponsors	674-7109
Jason Joyner	Asst. Scoutmaster	674-7109
Joe Joyner	Treasurer	674-7109
Jack King	Quartermaster	674-6249
Jenny Sanders	Fundraising	329-1618
Ben Van Antwerp	Asst. Scoutmaster	876-9498
Scott Whitfield	Asst. Scoutmaster	485-9765