



Troop 122 News

September 2009

BUDDY WALK

We are helping with the Mishawaka Buddy Walk on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Notre Dame's Stepan Center. This walk is for individuals with Down's Syndrome. From 9 AM to 2 PM we will help with set-up, take-down and keeping folks safe during the walk. Lunch is included. Scouts should wear their uniform and neckerchief. Sign-up at a troop meeting and see Bonnie Swiatkowski with questions. Scouts will need to be dropped off and picked up at Notre Dame. It's very rewarding to work with these amazing kids and adults.

CANADA RAFTING 2010

This is just a reminder that your \$50 (refundable) deposit for our 2010 High Adventure trip to go whitewater rafting on the Ottawa River in Ontario, Canada is due by Thursday, Sept. 3. All scouts currently active with the troop will be eligible to go on this trip. 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!

COURT OF HONOR

Thursday, Sept. 24, will be our Fall Court of Honor. We will be having pizza at 6:00 PM before the ceremonies begin so bring your whole family and your appetite! This is an important event for our scouts and parents should plan to attend. We'll be passing out all of the merit badges and ranks from Summer Camp. There will be a info about our rafting trip to Canada in 2010, a WOTWS preview, patrol skits and more! Let's fill all the seats!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| | | | |
|-----|-------|--|-----------------|
| Aug | 29 | XX Bayer Picnic | 11 AM - 5 PM |
| Sep | 3 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | | Show & Sell Orders Due | |
| | 10 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 11-13 | Canoeing the Pere Marquette | |
| | 17 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 18 | Show & Sell Product Available | |
| | 24 | Court of Honor - Pizza! | 6:00 - 8:30 PM |
| | 26 | Buddy Walk | 9 AM - 1:30 PM |
| | 28 | PLC Meeting | 6:30 - 8:00 PM |
| | 29 | Committee Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| Oct | 1 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 8 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 10 | Breast Cancer Walk | 8 AM - 1 PM |
| | 15 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 22 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 23-25 | WOTWS Campout | |
| | 26 | PLC Meeting | 6:30 - 8:00 PM |
| | 27 | Committee Meeting | 7:00 PM |
| | 29 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | | Show & Sell Money Due | |
| | | Take-Order Forms Due | |
| Nov | 4 | Peanut Brittle | 6:30 - 10:00 PM |
| | 5 | Regular Meeting | 6:30 - 8:30 PM |
| | 6 | Peanut Brittle | 6:00 - 9:30 PM |
| | 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 |
| | 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 |

BOY SCOUT TROOP 122
431 N BEECH RD
OSCEOLA, IN 46561



BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

The Osceola Bluegrass Festival was a great success, both for the town of Osceola and for Troop 122. Our scouts constructed a fantastic jail and campsite area. We had very good turnout for both morning's pancake breakfasts. And our scouts did an amazing job on trash duty throughout the weekend. Often they are lifting trash bags that are bigger than they are! The Festival organizers were very complimentary of the troop and were very appreciative of our help with the trash and take-down. Great job by Sharleen with the breakfasts, by Steve for organizing the campout, by the junior leaders for their constant supervision all weekend and by all scouts who worked harder than they do on any other campout! We'll do it again next year!

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!

BREAST CANCER WALK

We are helping the American Cancer Society with their Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, Oct 10, at Howard Park in South Bend. We will be manning 4 water stations along the walk route through downtown and along the river. We need about 16 people pass out water to the walkers as they pass. We'll also be setting up and taking down the stations. Please sign up at a troop meeting. This is an easy job for an important cause!



WOTWS

We're now on year 5 for hosting the annual scare trail known as Walk On The Wild Side (WOTWS) at The Res! This year it will be on Saturday, October 24 and it will also be our campout for the month. We had some great new props last year but we need to add some in order to improve this fundraiser even more. Scouts and parents are asked to help build new projects and improve some of the old ones. Then we will need scouts, parents, other family members and any adults you can find that are interested in helping scare people on the 25th. The turnout was pretty good last year but we hope it will be better this time around! We earned a little over \$1800 last year and it's a lot more fun than football cleanups. Money earned at this event will benefit all scouts and the troop in general so plan to help! Parents should talk to Sharleen about projects as soon as possible. We will also be discussing what people can do to help at the Court of Honor on Sept. 24. Please start saving your plastic gallon or half-gallon milk jugs. Wash them out good and bring them to a troop meeting. We need a lot of them!

PEANUT BRITTLE

Please sign up at troop meetings to help make peanut brittle for at least 2 nights. Only adults are allowed to join in the fun - and it really is fun! We will be making 60+ pounds per night for 12 nights from Nov. 4 to Dec. 11. Plan to arrive at the church no later than 6:15 PM. We're usually done by 9:30. Please plan to help with both the making and the selling of this great fall favorite. 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 for more info.

FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:
Sep 11-13 Pere Marquette (Bonnie)
Oct 23-25 Walk On The Wild Side (Steve)
Nov 13-15 Morgan-Monroe SF (Bonnie)
The person listed is the leader in charge of that campout. Refer specific campout questions to them.

FUNDRAISING POPCORN

Parents - your scout should be selling popcorn! Sellers earn 25% of what they sell to use towards campout costs above \$20 (Canoeing, Climbing, Skiing, WPAFB), Summer Camp & our trip to Canada in 2010. If your son sells \$1000 of popcorn products he will earn \$250. If you add in point money you can easily have most or all of the Canada trip paid for! Order forms for Show & Sell are due at the Sept 3 meeting. Show & Sell product will be available after Sept 18. Take-order forms & Show & Sell money are due at the Oct 29 meeting. Take-order product will be available after Nov 20 and the money is due on Dec 3.

Time to be thinking of scary scenes or costumes for Walk On The Wild Side!!

SPONSOR NEWS

Thanks to the Osceola Business Association and the Osceola Bluegrass Festival for renewing their sponsorships! And SPECIAL THANKS to Randy Leliaert who has been donating \$600 per year for the last couple years and is continuing to do so for the upcoming year. Randy's donation makes it possible for us to help scouts that need financial assistance for camp and campouts! 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.

| CURRENT SPONSORS | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Amer. Legion Post 308 | Axle, Inc. |
| Between The Buns | Don's Plumbing |
| Hardware Plus | Hoosier Racing Tire |
| Instant Auto Finance | James Christ |
| Kim Kollar Century 21 | Magrames Motor Sales |
| McDaniel's Harley Davidson | Mor-Ryde |
| Mr. G's Restaurant | Osceola Bluegrass Festival |
| Osceola Business Assoc | Osceola Clinic |
| Osceola Lions Club (\$150) | Performance Carstar |
| 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

Congratulations to Brad Hipsher! He passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review! Watch for news about Andy's and Brad's Eagle Court's of Honor. Who's next?

XX 2011

Just a reminder that participation in this trip by scouts and young adults is determined by your level of attendance at all troop functions - meetings, campouts, service projects & fundraisers. And all probable participants need to be helping with fundraising. The next fundraiser for the 2011 XX trip is the Bayer company picnic on Saturday, August 29, on Beiger St. in Mishawaka. We need 30 people - scouts and adults - to help with this picnic. It's a fun day working the games, inflatables, cotton candy, etc. Lunch and drinks are provided. All Flaming Arrows and older are eligible for this trip. We'll figure out where we're going by the end of September!

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 |