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Troop 122 News

September 2011

MUD RUN

The Marines need our help at the Mud Run on Saturday, Sept 10, to benefit Toys For Tots. We will be at the Reserve Center, 1901 Kemble Ave., 7 AM til 1 PM helping with setup, food, and the race itself. Fruit, snacks and water will be provided. We need about 10 people. There is a sign-up sheet at meetings. This is the same Saturday as our canoeing campout so please sign up for the Mud Run if you can't come on the campout. Parents are welcome to help as well! This is our fifth year helping with this event and it's pretty entertaining! Teams sign up to run the course which is part cross-country race but mostly the have to negotiate mud-holes and obstacles slippery with mud! They come out the other side covered from head to toe!

DOWN SYNDROME WALK

We are helping with the Walk for Down Syndrome on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Notre Dame's Stepan Center. From 9 AM to 1 PM (tentative times) 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. Scouts will need to be dropped off and picked up at Notre Dame. This walk is to benefit children and adults who have Down Syndrome. It's very rewarding to work with these amazing kids and adults.

BREAST CANCER WALK

We are helping the American Cancer Society with their Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, Oct 15, at Howard Park in South Bend. We will be manning 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sep	1	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Show & Sell Orders Due</i>	
	8	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	9-11	Canoeing Campout	
	10	Marine Mud Run	7 AM - 1 PM
	15	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>16 Show & Sell Distribution</i>	
	20	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM
	22	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	27	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Oct	29	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	1	Down Syndrome Walk	9 AM - 1 PM
	4	Fire @ The Library	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	6	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	13	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	14-16	Fort Custer Mountain Biking	
	15	Breast Cancer Walk	6:30 AM - Noon
	18	PLC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM
	20	Court Of Honor	6:00 - 8:30 PM
	25	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Nov	27	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
		<i>Order Forms / Show & Sell Money Due</i>	
	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
	17	Regular Meeting	6:30 - 8:30 PM
	Peanut Brittle	6:00 - 9:30 PM	
18	Take Order Product Available		
24	Thanksgiving		
29	Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	



CANOEING

We revised our canoeing plans and we'll be setting out in canoes on the Chippewa River near Mt. Pleasant, MI, for our September 9-11 campout. We've never been on the Chippewa but it should be a fun time. We will be staying at a camp right on the river, too. This will be a great way to get back into the camping groove. The scenery is beautiful and the weather should still be warm. We'll spend about 6 hours on the river. We'll take our lunch with us but leave the rest of our gear in camp. We'll be renting a couple of kayaks to go with the canoes so you should plan to come along if that sounds like fun to you.

FORT CUSTER

We will be biking the mountain bike trails at Fort Custer State Park near Kalamazoo, Michigan for our Oct 14-16 campout. We have a great campsite between two lakes and the trails are fun! Now would be a good time to start looking for a mountain bike if you need to borrow one or want to buy one. A used one will be fine. If the bike you have needs some work we have some folks who can help. Plan to bring your bike to the Oct 6 & 13 troop meetings. We'll be doing tune-ups and some practice riding to make sure all bikes are in good working order.

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 a rather small turnout for both mornings' pancake breakfasts but we still sold a lot of pancakes. 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 Jenny 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! Same time next year!



SAILING 2012

We have finalized our arrangements for our 2012 High Adventure trip sailing on the Chesapeake Bay off the coast of Maryland. The main focus of this trip is sailing but we will be doing a lot of other things in the Annapolis area, too. Our trip will include a visit to the United States Naval Academy where we will attend a church service in the beautiful Naval Academy Chapel, have our own private tour of the scenic and historic Academy campus, eat lunch on the grounds, and of course go shopping in the gift shop. We will have dinner at an authentic area seafood restaurant right on the water's edge where they cover the tables with brown paper and throw a pile of soft-shell crabs on top! Everyone gets a little wooden hammer and a lot of napkins! We'll walk around the old streets of Annapolis where the buildings date to the 1700's, do some more souvenir shopping and enjoy an ice cream cone from Storm Bros. We'll tour the maritime museum in the little town of St. Michael's across the bay after we've sailed there! Oh, and ice cream at Justine's there, too! Scouts will learn to pilot and sail 40' sailboats as a crew, cook all their meals in the galley, fish and swim in the Bay, find confidence they didn't know they had, and have an absolutely amazing time doing it! First deposit is \$100 due on Nov. 1.

SCOUT SKILLS

Be ready for our Scout Skills campout Nov 4-6 at Camp Chief Little Turtle near Ft. Wayne. Our junior leaders will be planning 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! Should be an enjoyable weekend for all.

FUTURE PLANS

Future outing/campout plans include:
Sep 9-11 Chippewa River (Bonnie)
Oct 14-16 Fort Custer Mtn. Biking (Rich)
Nov 4-6 Scout Skills (Ron)
The person listed is the leader in charge of that campout. Refer specific campout questions to them.

FUNDRAISING

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POPCORN

Everyone should be selling popcorn this fall! Sellers will earn 25% of what they sell to use towards campout costs above \$20 (like Climbing, Skiing, etc.), Summer Camp and Sailing next summer. Order forms for Show & Sell will be due at the Sept 1 meeting. Show & Sell product will be available after Sept 16. Take-order forms & Show & Sell money will be due at the Oct 27 meeting. Take-order product will be available after Nov 18 and the money will be due on Dec 8. If you earn Walmart gift cards as prizes you can trade them in for money in your account, too.

ADULTS, PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP WITH PEANUT BRITTLE! WE START TUESDAY, NOV 1.

SPONSOR NEWS

Thank You to the Osceola Business Association and Osceola Bluegrass Festival for renewing their sponsorship. They represent the town of Osceola and their sponsorships helps the whole town recognize our troop as an important part of the community. 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.

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	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!

COURT OF HONOR

Thursday, Oct. 20, 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 pix & stories from our backpacking trip to Alberta, Canada, patrol skits and more! Let's fill all the seats!

XX NEWS

Great job by all of our XX scouts on another successful fundraiser manning the inflatables at the Bluegrass Festival. We don't have a fundraiser scheduled until we sell Hacienda gift cards in January or February. We'll be spending time in several meetings this fall discussing possible trip locations. It will definitely be an "on the water" trip involving some combination of canoeing, kayaking, and/or rafting.

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