

## Troop Plans for January 2013

- Tuesday, January 1 – NO TROOP MEETING: **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- Tuesday, January 8 –TROOP MEETING: VMI Presentation
- Tuesday, January 15 - TROOP MEETING: Cumberland Island Shakedown
- Fri-Sun, January 18-20 - TROOP HIKE: Cumberland Island - **WE LEAVE CHURCH 7:30AM**
- Tuesday, January 22 - TROOP MEETING: Fly and Tent Clinic
- Tuesday, January 29 - TROOP MEETING: [Court of Honor](#)
- Saturday, February 2 - Pack 35 Webelos Cross Over
- Monday, February 4 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, February 5 - TROOP MEETING: Game Night! And Pack 35 New Parents Meeting
- Sunday, February 10, 2013 - Scout Sunday and Spaghetti Luncheon

*Scouts: please suggest Troop meeting ideas to your Scout Leaders the last week of the month before the PLC meeting.*

### DECEMBER 15, 2012 SERVICE PROJECT

Our participation exceeded all expectations! More than a dozen Scouts showed up, we walked over to UCOM (<http://www.ucomjax.org>), and got to work on the yard. We cycled small groups of Scouts into the building to sort food, and within a few hours had the place raked, weeded, mowed, trimmed, blown, and de-coned, and we also packed about 20 bags of food and restocked the pantry. With time to kill, we did an impromptu St. Augustine Road cleanup on the way back.



*Raking the yard, BOSS!!*

Eleven Scouts showed up next Friday to help sort food again. We are in discussion with UCOM about a standing Tuesday evening gig once a month for about an hour or so. This will help with service hours for badges. See us hard at work on the webpage at <http://troop35jax.org/gallery/20121215/index.html>

### PARENTS' SOCIAL

This December 4<sup>th</sup> Parent Social and Gear Clinic went very well, with about 20+ parents showing up and interested in the subject matter. We gave an overall gear selection and buying discussion (just in time for Christmas!!), then Chris filled us in on campout food shopping procedures. We will plan another one in a month or so, with subject matter to be determined. Suggestions are welcome!

### WINTER BLAST, 2012

About 15 Scouts and three Scouters went to Camp Shands, and a great time was had by all. Food was OK, but a great trip overall, with good growth, advancement, and camaraderie. It was a good mix of older and younger Scouts, and they bonded well. Some of the crazier ones even took a Polar Bear Plunge... Brrrrr...



There was a little "chilly and wet" which led to a teachable moment on proper tent pitching. Fifty-five Merit Badges were earned, plus 23 partials. Finish up those partials ASAP for the upcoming Court of Honor on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Pix = <http://troop35jax.org/gallery/20121226/index.html>

### CUMBERLAND ISLAND HIKING TRIP

We have the ferry and back country reserved for January 18-20, 2013 (**Friday-Sunday**), and we are all on track. We will depart the church January 18 at 7:30am, and we should be back to church by about 12:30 Sunday. The sign up has been closed, and the crew is set. We have discussed gear and have a shakedown planned for January 15<sup>th</sup>. For newer Scouts, we have plenty of gear for those who need to borrow some stuff. See a Scoutmaster near you. For an online packing reference, see our hiking gear list:

<http://troop35jax.org/equipment/highadveqlist.html>

## PACK CROSSING OVERS

Pack 35 will be Crossing Over their Webelos February 2<sup>nd</sup>, while Pack 477 does so April 27<sup>th</sup> (late, we know!). We will have the first New Parent's Meeting February 5<sup>th</sup>, doing the usual paperwork frenzy, and introducing the New Scout Campout and the Summer Camp plans. We will need some Scouts for the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Crossing Over, and Troop Guides will be needed soon. Remember to treat the new Scouts with respect and courtesy, and help them along to become Eagles.

## SUMMER 2013 HIGH ADVENTURE

We are going to Philmont!!! We have a Trek for July 13-28, 2013, and two Scouters and seven 7 Scouts have signed up and made deposits. Flights are booked, and "Pre-Philmont Ground Escapades and Acclimation" are being researched. Next steps include planning Crew meetings, select crew leadership, outline training plan, discuss Fund Raising, and Crew Shirts. Details will be posted as they come available at <http://troop35jax.org/philmont2013/>.

## RECHARTER 2013

We are Rechartered!! We have 40 Scouts and 24 Scouters on the roster. Any stragglers need to get an application soon.

## SUMMER CAMP, 2013

This year it is July 14-20, 2013, again at Camp Woodruff, and the signup sheet will be posted soon. Next payment is due in February, 2013, so we'll need \$100 per Scout before then. Cost is still the same, \$345 per camper including a Transit fee. This year they are adding a bouldering wall! Merit Badge Signup is April 15th, so we will get the requests to Scouts out soon.

## ADVANCEMENT

The Winter [Court of Honor](#) is January 29<sup>th</sup> in the FLC. The Winter Blast badge list is huge: remember to finish any partials. If you have any ranks upcoming, please schedule your SMC and BOR ASAP. We are looking into five-minute speech opportunities for the Communications Merit Badge. If you need it, let your SPL know!

Also, the church has an Eagle Project available. They need a sidewalk laid from the west parking lot to the second house. If you need a project, come see us!

## TREASURER'S REPORT



Mrs. Andersen reports a quiet month, with Popcorn and Philmont being our big money items. If you missed Recharter, get your dues and fees to Mrs. Andersen ASAP and your application to Mr. Price so we can get you back on the roster.

## FUNDRAISING

Scout Sunday is February 10<sup>th</sup>, with the Spaghetti Luncheon. Mrs. Milon will coordinate the advertising and signup soon, and Mrs. Morris will help with the cooking. We will need a Saturday workday, and remember we need the Scouts to participate in the Church Services.

## THINGS ON THE HORIZON...

January 18-20, 2013 - Troop Hiking, Cumberland Island  
January 29, 2013 – Winter [Court of Honor](#)  
February 10, 2013 – Scout Sunday & Spaghetti  
February 15-17, 2013 - Troop Campout: Camp Shands  
July 13 – 28, 2013 [Philmont Trek](#)  
July 14 – 20, 2013 [Summer Camp](#) at Woodruff  
<http://troop35jax.org/calendarouting.html>

## SCOUTMASTER REPORT

- Winter Blast was great! Thanks to all the Scouts and Scouters that went, and those that helped make it possible. Troop 35 was well represented, and did very well. I think we were the biggest (and best!) Troop.
- Training: Lots of training opportunities coming up!  
University of Scouting: January 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Wood Badge (2/8-10 & 3/8-10/2013)  
IOLS: February 1-3, 2013  
And more at <http://troop35jax.org/training.html>
- Trail to Eagle sessions are coming up February 9, February 16, March 9, and March 23, 2013. Check the [Advancement Page](#) on the website for details.
- [Brownsea Training](#) is 7/28-8/3/2013: The Troop has partial scholarships available for this training
- Remember, We are PREPARED!

## COMMITTEE POSITIONS

We are filling up some positions, so please give a hearty "Thank You" to some new Committee Chairs.

- Mr. Prusiecki is our Tour Permit Coordinator
  - Mrs. Knowing takes on New Scout Coordinator
  - Mrs. McGee is stepping into the Secretary position
- We still need the following positions filled: Roundtable Representative and Webscouters. All Scouts deserve good leadership.

## TROOP ELECTIONS

Here is the current leadership for December, 2012 to May, 2013. Give them your ear and respect.

SPL	Andrew C.
ASPL	Alex W.
QM	Ryan G.
Chaplain's Aide	Adam P.
Scribe	Jesse E.
Service Coordinator	Austin S.
Librarian	Josh M.