

Troop Plans for March 2013

- Monday, March 4 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, March 5 - TROOP MEETING: FIRE!!! Demonstrations & Skills
- Tuesday, March 12 - TROOP MEETING: Campout Planning & New Scout Skills
- Fri-Sun, March 15-17 - TROOP CAMPOUT: [New Scout Campout](#), Camp Blanding
- Tuesday, March 19 - [Council Recognition Dinner](#), Reece Comer gets his Silver Beaver Those not attending the dinner can come help make Palm Sunday Crosses for Service Hours (& DONUTS!)
- Tuesday, March 26 - TROOP MEETING: Orienteering Training & Course
- Tuesday, April 2 - TROOP MEETING: Camp Cooking Demo: Dutch Ovens, Dishes, and Bears!
- Monday, April 8 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7PM

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

CAMP SHANDS, 2013

February 15th – 17th the troop went to [Camp Shands](#)! We all got to the church at around 5:30 pm as usual and then we packed up the trailer and headed out. The car ride was about an hour and a half. When we got there it was pitch black and after a long ordeal we got the dinning fly set up and as well as our personal gear. The next morning, we got up had a long breakfast and went to the first [C.O.P.E.](#) (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) course. When we got there, we played a few team work games then were split up into groups. One group went to the rocking board first where we had to find a way to balance on a 30sq ft tilting board for 30 seconds. After that, we went to the boards where we all had to get on without falling off. On the first one, we all held each other on. On the second board we put the new scouts on our backs and then got on and on the final board the one the rule was we all had to have one shoe on the board..... so we took our shoes off and put them on the board.



Then next challenge was trust fall.... Almost all of us did terribly. We kept bending our knees or falling sideways. The final test was we had to get through a "spider web" where we crawled through holes in a web of ropes. That one we did pretty well on. After we did the challenges we had lunch (The pasta had been forgotten so we had subs

instead and it was sufficient.) After our delicious lunch we went back to the C.O.P.E. course and the other group went rifle shooting. At the C.O.P.E. course the first challenge was basically to climb a thirty five foot pole..... Then jump off it (We were tethered). It was incredible! Most of us went and tons of the guys that are afraid of heights jumped as well. Good job for facing your fears guys! After that we climbed another pole and then zip lined off of it! We headed back to camp and had dinner and then went to sleep. The next morning was freezing! My fingers were in serious pain (couldn't find my gloves) and I had to take down my tent. Once that terrible ordeal was over we got to shoot some shotguns! (While the other group shot bows and arrows). It was amazing shooting those clay pigeons and watching them explode was pretty magnificent. After we were done shooting we got in the cars and drove back home. Thanks to all the adults Mr. Knowling, Mr. Bailey, Zach, Mr. Fischer (for driving us back) Mr. Singleton, Mr. Barakat, Mr. Beaver and Mr. Woodfin. View all the pictures from COPE and camping at <http://troop35jax.org/gallery/20130215/index.html>

PHILIP'S EAGLE PROJECT

Philip had thirty fellow Scouts, friends and adults help with his Eagle Project at the [Jacksonville Rowing Club](#). Thank you for supporting Philip and we look forward to his Eagle Court of Honor! See pictures from the day at <http://troop35jax.org/gallery/20130223/index.html>



SCOUT SUNDAY & SPAGHETTI LUNCH

The Spaghetti Luncheon on Scout Sunday went very well on February 10th. We presented the colors in the two church services that Sunday, and served up a fine spaghetti lunch. We netted \$222.60 for the Summer Camp Scholarship fund! Thank you to Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Knowing for heading this up and to all the parents who pitched in too. Scouts, thank you for your Service!

**MARCH CAMPOUT/NEW SCOUT CAMPOUT**

The [New Scout Campout](#) will be **March 15-17** at Camp Blanding. The new Scouts will get oriented to camping with the Troop and do all the new scout skills. We will need some older Scout "Patrol Guides" to help train the new Scouts. We will plan for the campout at the March 12 Troop meeting. Hope to see all our new Scouts at the campout!

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are fine financially. Mrs. Andersen reports a busy month, with the Spaghetti Luncheon, camping and the new scouts crossing over being the big money movers.

SUMMER 2013 HIGH ADVENTURE

All things on right on track for Philmont!!! Mr. Bailey will be in touch with those Scouts going on the next steps as they prepare. Details will be posted as they come available at <http://troop35jax.org/philmont2013/>.

THINGS ON THE HORIZON...

March 15-17, 2013- New Scout Campout: Camp Blanding
 June 5-7, 2013- Troop Campout: King's Bay Sub Base
 July 13 – 28, 2013 [Philmont Trek](#)
 July 14 – 20, 2013 [Summer Camp](#) at Woodruff
<http://troop35jax.org/calendarouting.html>

SUMMER CAMP, 2013

This year camp is July 14-20, 2013 at [Camp Woodruff](#) and the signup sheet is posted in the Scout room. The cost is \$345 per camper which includes a Transit fee. The payment schedule is **payments of \$115 due on March 5th, April 2nd and May 7th**. Merit Badge Signup is April 4th, so see Mr. Garner or Mr. Dell'alba for Merit Badge offerings.



Camp Woodruff 2012

SCOUTMASTER REPORT

- Camp Shands campout was great! All Scouts and Scouters enjoyed the COPEs course, shotgun and archery ranges. Thanks to all that went, and those that helped make it possible.
- Scouter badges were earned by 7 new Scouts. Way to go boys!
- A few thoughts for old and new Scouts as we prepare for the New Scout Campout this month:
 - Every scout should have a watch when he comes to a campout. Please have the parents purchase an inexpensive watch for their scouts.
 - Every scout should have a headlamp.
 - Every scout should eventually acquire a simple compass.
- Remember, We are PREPARED!

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

We still need the following positions filled: Roundtable Representative and Webscout. All Scouts deserve good leadership.

