

## Troop Plans for September 2013

- Tuesday, September 3 - TROOP MEETING: First Aid MB & Rank Advancement
- Monday, September 9 - [PLC](#) and Committee Meeting, 7PM (moved due to holiday)
- Tuesday, September 10 - TROOP MEETING: OA Elections, Dodgeball & Trash Can Games
- Tuesday, September 17 - TROOP MEETING: Campout Planning, Rowing Demo
- Fri-Sun, September 20-22 - TROOP CAMPOUT & CANOE: at Stephen Foster State Park
- Tuesday, September 24 - TROOP MEETING: Summer [Court of Honor](#)
- Tuesday, October 1 - TROOP MEETING: Capture the Flag
- Monday, October 7 - [PLC](#) and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, October 8 - TROOP MEETING: Rank Advancement

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

### PROGRAM PLANNING CONFERENCE

This was held August 17, and we planned the next year's activities including campouts, High Adventure, and service projects. The Scouts did the input, and we kept some annual favorites, but added some new stuff. See it online at:

<http://troop35jax.org/CalendarOuting.pdf>. Remember that the calendar is "work in progress" as conflicts may arise when we finalize the plans: so check it often! A big thank you to Mr. Price for hosting the Scouts!

### AUGUST CAMPOUT

"We went, we camped, we swam, we napped, we advanced, and a grand time was had by all!" Thanks to the Boyers for allowing us to return there year after year!



Check out more pictures at <http://troop35jax.org/gallery/20130823/index.html>!

### PHILIP'S EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

His Eagle Ceremony was on Sunday, August 18, 2013, and it was very nice. Many Scouts, family and friends showed up to honor Philip's good work.



Congratulations Philip! Pictures are online at <http://troop35jax.org/gallery/20130818/index.html>

### SEPTEMBER CAMPOUT

We are scheduled for September 20-22, 2013, at [Stephen Foster State Park, FL](#). We'll be canoeing [Big Shoals](#). Do you need to buy food or cook for rank requirements??? Campout planning will be at the troop meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### ADVANCEMENT

The next Court of Honor will be September 24<sup>th</sup>. It has been pretty busy leading up to the Court, with many Boards of Reviews! Mom, Dad, Grandma & Grandpa, remember that the Court of Honor is a family affair. This is where the "recognition" component of Scouting comes in. So plan to be there to see our Scouts advance, get the latest Troop Scoop, and enjoy some fine refreshments.

Also, we need more Board of Review parents. Any adult can serve, and requires little training: you can see some "Board of Review Help" on our [Advancement Page](#). Look for more information in future newsletters.

**POPCORN**

We have a new Popcorn Kernal, Mrs. Fruitt. Sales kickoff is September 20<sup>th</sup>, so start talking it up! Remember that you keep about one third of the sales dollars for your use in Scouting Activities. Summer camp, camping fees, even a decent chunk of a High Adventure trip, can be easily covered with popcorn sales. Remember, the first question we ask when scholarships are requested is "How much popcorn did you sell?" Keep up to date at the Troop Popcorn page. The key dates are:

- September 20, 2013: Popcorn Sale Begins
- November 8, 2013: Order Forms Due to Council
- November 23, 2013: Popcorn Distribution

**SUMMER 2014 HIGH ADVENTURE**

Fish, snorkel, canoe, kayak, and explore Munson Island in the Florida Keys next summer, all for \$900. Must be first class and 14 years old or 13 years old and completed 8th grade. There are **only two spots left!!!** Check out the board in the Scout room for availability within the two crews: Crew A: July 28-August 1 or Crew B: August 1-7, 2014. Deposit due ASAP to hold your spot! See Mr. Bailey or Mrs. Andersen.

**COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

We have some committee positions that need new people in their slots, as some of the current people have been doing it for a while.

- Our Transportation Coordinator is ready to pass the reins.
- We also need someone who can setup and decorate for Court of Honor.

Please let us know if you help, and we can set up with any training you need. All Scouts deserve good leadership, and you help make this a better troop. Come to the September 24<sup>th</sup> Court of Honor and we can discuss this further.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

It is time for re-charter and dues! Dues Renewal statements for the year will be given out at a Troop meeting, so look for that. The dues for 2014 are due to Mrs. Andersen by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Dues total \$40 for the Troop & Council without a Boys' Life subscription and \$52 with a Boys' Life subscription. ADULT dues are \$15 to cover Council fees. Any dues unpaid at the time the recharter is submitted will automatically remove the scout/scouter from the roster.



Check out the new wheels...

We have a new Troop trailer! Thank you to Mr. Bailey and Mr. Garner for being "thrifty" in your acquisition of a new trailer that will accommodate our Scouts and their gear on campouts.

**SCOUTMASTER REPORT**

- In all, the Troop is progressing well.
- The past month has yielded a flurry of rank advancement and merit badge finalization.
- Two Eagles have been awarded over the summer: Philip Kenney and Andrew Callahan.
- Zan Beaver has been doing a fantastic job as camping coordinator, and the ASM's have, as usual performed with flexibility and enthusiasm.
- Additionally, many thanks to Sheila Andersen for her steadfast accounting prowess and performance.
- Remember, we are PREPARED!

**THINGS ON THE HORIZON...**

September 20-22- Camping [Stephen Foster State Park](#) and Canoeing [Big Shoals](#)  
 September 24- Court of Honor  
 October 18-20- Special Needs Camporee