

Troop Plans for December 2013

- **Monday, December 2** - [PLC](#) and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- **Tuesday, December 3** - TROOP MEETING: Gun Safety
- **Tuesday, December 10** - TROOP MEETING: First Aid Rank Advancement
- **Tuesday, December 17** - TROOP MEETING: Christmas Party & Gift Exchange
- **Tuesday, December 24** - NO TROOP MEETING: MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- **Tuesday, December 31** - NO TROOP MEETING: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
- **Monday, January 6** - [PLC](#) and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- **Tuesday, January 7** - TROOP MEETING: String Burn & Hoho Stoving
- **Fri-Sun, January 24-26** - TROOP CAMPOUT: Caving in [Bat Cave](#)
- **Tuesday, January 28** - TROOP MEETING: [Court of Honor](#)

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

NOVEMBER CAMPOUT

On the Merit Badge Campout we went on in November, lots of merit badges and partials were earned, and we also had a lot of fun. We got to Shepherd of the Woods around 7 on the 15th and set up the dining fly and our tents. We also played some Manhunt. The next morning we woke up and cooked and ate our breakfast. We ran out of time to clean, so Mr. Garner cleaned everyone's dishes that weren't cleaned yet. We headed out to the pavilion to get signed in and went to our merit badges. After our first merit badge class, we all headed back to the pavilion for a lunch consisting of pizza, chips, and soda. Definitely something you would eat on a normal campout. After we finished our second merit badge classes, we headed back to camp for dinner and some more Manhunt. That night, we also packed up the dining fly that night so we would have less to pack up the next morning. We woke up the next day, ate our cereal, and headed back to the church. Some of us, however, weren't done with scouts for the weekend and still had more work to do at the barbecue.

Submitted by Riley McGee



many delicious lunches sold. Thank you to Mr. Fischer and crew for smoking and chopping the delicious BBQ pork. Mrs. Morris coordinated all the kitchen efforts and kept the scouts making the to-go meals; thank you Mrs. Morris! The funds raised will pay for the lettering of our new trailer.

SERVICE

We had 6 Scouts volunteer at [UCOM](#) the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. These boys were busy assisting with handing out food and cleaned up the yard. [UCOM](#) thanked Troop 35 for our in their newsletter. Great job boys!



SUMMER CAMP 2014

Mark your calendar now! Summer Camp 2014 will be June 15-21, 2014 at [Skymont](#) in Tennessee. Signup now in the Scout room. The payment schedule is as follows: deposit of \$50 due December 3rd, \$100 payments due February 21st, March 4th and April 22nd.

SUMMER 2014 HIGH ADVENTURE

The crews are full! We are looking forward to a great adventure at [Seabase](#) next summer. See Mr. Bailey with any questions. A swim test is



FUNDRAISING

The BBQ fundraiser was a huge success. Presale and walk ups totaled

coming for those signed up.

EAGLE PROJECT

Thank you to all of you who supported the car wash to fund Brad's Eagle project. A big thanks to the Scouts who participated in the project. See pictures of both at <http://troop35jax.org/gallery/20131102/index.htm>!

VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a way to get involved with Scouting in the new year??? Troop 35 has opportunities for you!

1. Transportation Coordinator:

Safe transportation of our boys to Troop outings is critical; can you help coordinate transportation needs prior to activities? If so, we need you! Our Transportation Coordinator is ready to pass the reins. Please let Mary Kay Kenney or any committee member know if you can help, and we can set up with any training you need.

2. Email Manager:

Communication to our boys and their families is vital to the Troop effectiveness. Are you a group email guru or willing to learn? The management of the Troop email needs to be transitioned prior to our current manager's retirement. Matt Fischer can provide more specifics. Please let him or any committee member know if you can help.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We sold lots of BBQ and raised money to decal our new trailer!

Summer Camp deposit of \$50 was due December 3rd; if you haven't paid please turn your check into Mrs. Andersen.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to Jon Singleton for volunteering to fulfill the BOR leader role. He and Mrs. Knowing will work together to transition these

responsibilities. Thank you Mrs. Knowing for jumping right in when we needed you!

SCOUTMASTER REPORT

- The future looks bright for Troop 35 as indicated by our current size.
- The new troop leadership takes over this month and we'll continue to thrive under their guidance.
- We are in need of a volunteer to manage our email communication; help out if you can.
- Remember, we are PREPARED!



THINGS ON THE HORIZON...

December 26-31- Winter Blast: [Camp Shands](#)
 January 24-26 - Troop Campout: Caving in [Bat Cave](#)
 January 28 – Winter [Court of Honor](#)

"No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way." ~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell



Thank you for supporting Troop 35 and Scouting in 2013!