

## Troop Plans for March 2014

- Monday, March 3 - [PLC](#) and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, March 4 - TROOP MEETING: Kings Bay Preparations
- Fri-Sun, March 7-9 - TROOP CAMPOUT: Kings Bay
- Tuesday, March 11 - TROOP MEETING: Bullying Prevention
- Tuesday, March 18 - TROOP MEETING: OA Election & Manhunt
- Tuesday, March 25 - TROOP MEETING: Whipping, Lashing & Knot Tying; Dodgeball
- Tuesday, April - TROOP MEETING: St. Augustine Road Clean Up
- Monday, April 7 - [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.

### Cumberland Island, February 15-17, 2014

The Cumberland Island campout was a blast! The weather was beautiful especially on the night beach walk. All hiked a minimum of twenty miles over the course of the weekend. The Scouts learned a lot about cooking. The Scouts and the Scouters had a great weekend!

### SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Scout Sunday was February 9th. We presented the colors and conducting a flag ceremony in the two church services. Pancakes were enjoyed by many of the SUMC church members. The mock campsite that was set up in the courtyard showcased what a Boy Scout campsite looks like and was impressive to those who admired it. Thank you to all the Scouts who participated and showed SUMC how much their support of Boy Scouts is appreciated.

### MARCH CAMPOUT: KINGS BAY

[Kings Bay](#) is a campout that the Scouts look forward to each year. The schedule is set and all the slots are filled!

### CAMP CARDS

Selling Camp Cards earns money toward summer camp! For just \$5, you receive \$5 off at Publix, \$10 off \$50 at Dick's Sporting Goods, \$15 off a one day ticket to The Players and recurring



discounts at Bono's, Panda Express, Moe's, The Loop, Tropical Smoothie Café, Yobe, Tire Kingdom and Dave & Busters with your 2014 Camp Card. To streamline the process, cards must be paid for in advance and then sold by the Scout.

### SUMMMER CAMP 2014: SKYMONT

Summer Camp 2014 is June 15-21, 2014 at [Skymont](#) in Tennessee. The payment schedule is as follows: payments of \$100 due March 4<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's going to be a great week of camp!

### HIGH ADVENTURE 2014: SEA BASE

The two crews are full! We are looking forward to a great adventure at [Seabase](#) this summer.

### HIGH ADVENTURE 2015: NORTHERN TIER

We're going to Canada! Are you ready for the trip of a lifetime? Back-country at its best is at Northern Tier High Adventure Base. Experience one of the most remote regions in North America in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and the Quetico Provincial Preserve in Ontario, Canada. June 20-30, 2015. (Scouts must be First Class and 14 years old by June 20, 2015) \$1700 all included. A \$100 deposit due to Mrs. Andersen by February 25, 2014 secures your spot. For more information visit:



<http://www.ntier.org/About/Summer%20Canoe%20Trips.aspx>

Payment schedule: \$100 due February 25, 2014, \$600 due September 1, 2014, \$600 due January 15, 2015, \$400 due March 1, 2015.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

We are fine financially. We had a busy month collecting summer camp payments. Keep selling those Camp Cards; we have more if you need them!

### SCOUTMASTER REPORT

- Troop going great and growing!
- Thank you to Mrs. Knowling and other committee members that have welcomed and assisted the new scouts and families.
- The new organization of the Scout leadership is starting to click.
- Scout leadership is learning to delegate.
- Planning a Parents' Forum with the Scoutmaster (SM) to provide opportunity for parents to ask questions of and talk directly with SM.
- Thank you for the continued good support by the committee.
- Remember, we are PREPARED!



### THINGS ON THE HORIZON...

March 5-7 – Troop Campout: Kings Bay

April 11-13 – New Scout Campout



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### An Excerpt from Scoutmaster Chris Knowling's "Open Letter to Adults wanting to camp with Troop 35"

First and foremost, thank you! Thank you for loving your son enough to avail him to the finest development program in the world for young men. Thank you for trusting the adult leadership staff enough to allow us to administer this experience to your son. Finally, thank you for your patience, understanding, and "letting go" just enough to enable our "forge" to work at its optimum potential.

Coming into Boy Scouts from Cub Scouts is a huge transition for the boys, but sometimes I think it is an even greater adjustment for the parents – especially when it comes to BSA campouts.

Using a scout-led, outdoors, adult-hands-off, and fun approach to teaching and coaching is the BSA way, and it has been proven to work over the rigors of time and changes in culture. Boys simply listen, learn, grow, mature, recover from mistakes, and become self-sufficient faster and more completely when their coaches are other, older boys – under the seemingly distant supervision of qualified adults. I am always happy to discuss this operational preference with any of you. Just call or email me anytime.