

**Troop Plans for January 2016**

- Monday, January 4 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- Tuesday, January 5 - TROOP MEETING: Scout Presentation & Manhunt
- Tuesday, January 12 - TROOP MEETING: Advancement/Blue Card Night
- Saturday, January 16 – SERVICE PROJECT: Balis Park
- Tuesday, January 19 - TROOP MEETING: Campout and COH Planning
- Fri-Sun, January 22-24 - TROOP CAMOUT: Stephen Foster
- Tuesday, January 26 - COURT OF HONOR, 7 PM
- Monday, February 1 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7 PM

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

**WINTER BLAST 2015**

We had five Scouts and a few adults that attended WinterBlast this year. WinterBlast in Florida this year was warm and not so “wintery”. However, the boys had a great time and accomplished a lot. *Will McLaurine, ASPL*

**CURRENT MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS**

Anyone who is a current a merit badge counselor needs to renew for 2016 per North Florida Council requirements. Please see Tiffany Floyd or Sheila Andersen; they can assist you in this process. Thank you for supporting the boys and helping them to learn more about your area of expertise.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The troop remains in good financial standing.

**MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS NEEDED**

As we begin a new year our troop is in need of merit badge counselors. The merit badge counselor is a key player in the Boy Scout advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communications)—as a merit badge counselor, you can play a vital role in stirring a young man's curiosity about that particular topic. By serving as a merit badge counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so that Scouts can explore a topic of interest. Click the link for a [list of Merit Badges](#). If you are not yet a merit badge counselor, it is easy to become a volunteer. Click the link for the [Merit Badge Counselor Information Form](#) and contact Tiffany Floyd or Sheila Andersen with any questions. They will help you get signed up!

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Troop 35 Committee is dedicated to Boy Scout program and the success of the boys and the troop. As boys earn Eagle and/or age out of Boy Scouts, often adult volunteer positions become available. We currently are in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- *Roundtable Representative*- attends one Council meeting a month and one Committee meeting a month
- *Fundraiser & Events Coordinator*- coordinates two main events annually (Pancake Breakfast & BBQ)
- *Court of Honor Coordinator*- coordinates the set up and clean up for the three COHs held annually
- *Committee Service Advisor*- receives Service opportunities for the troop, relays to the committee and the Scout coordinator, helps set up adult supervision and provides adequate resources. Collects data to post to council website about type of service, numbers of scouts and participants and sum of hours of participation.

Many hands make light work; your hands are welcomed and needed here! Please see David Price with any questions.

**TROOP LEADERSHIP**

Congratulations to all who participated in our Troop elections in November! The following scouts will be leading our troop as we begin this new year.

SPL = Dylan T.

ASPL = Will M.

QM = Josh M.

Scribe = Cory V.

Chaplain's Aid = Will D.

Service Coordinator = Trenton O.

Librarian = Riley M.

**2015 IN REVIEW****CONGRATULATIONS EAGLE SCOUTS**

**Jesse Evans** 3/16/15

Building interior transformation at Southside United Methodist Church

**Austin Saltmarsh** 10/12/15

River clean up at River Oaks Park

**Matthew Knowling** 10/26/15

Concrete walkway at Southside United Methodist Church

**Ryan Garner** 12/7/15

Courtyard transformation at Southside Baptist Church

**SERVICE**

Troop 35 has a long tradition of serving our Jacksonville community. At the end of the year, as we collect data to send to council about the many hours that have been donated in the service of others, I thought I would share some of these diverse projects in which many of our scouts have participated. Let your Service Project coordinator (Trenton Orr) know if you have any suggestions. Thanks to Cory Vaughn and Nicholi Brown for shepherding most of the projects below.

Serving the Southside United Methodist Church Pancake Breakfast in Feb and BBQ in October. UCOM Food Pantry often requests help from Troop 35 several times throughout the year for packing food, helping with their Client Christmas party (this coming weekend), and manning a table to collect food donations at community events like fun runs.

New River Plantation donated citrus for our Pancake breakfast and several scouts donated time to pick hanging moss off the trees in August. Scouts served at a water station on the Wine and Chocolate 5K Run which started in San Marco and ran through our neighborhood. Flags were set out around the church point for July 4th weekend. Scouts also served as color guard for a number of events in the



community including the MS150 Bike ride in October.

Our troop provided a significant number of service hours at the Special Needs campout in October where a carnival booth was manned and the scouts provided assistance to clients fishing (and several fish were caught!) They also helped with the tent city for the special clients. Eagle Projects included transforming an underused outdoor courtyard at a local church to be a picnic area for the preschool (Ryan Garner); transforming the inside of an SUMC owned small house with paint and elbow grease for use by the SUMC (Jesse Evans); connecting 2 of the SUMC houses with a concrete walkway (Matthew Knowling). These projects represent considerable effort on the part of the Eagle candidate to locate materials and organize manpower and equipment to complete them.  
*Mary Kay Kenney, Assistant Scoutmaster*

## SCOUTMASTER REPORT



I am pleased to report that following up on an absolutely great year in 2015, Troop 35 is set up for an outstanding 2016!

The coming year is shaping up to be chock-full of fantastic opportunities for the scouts with numerous camp outs, day trips, service projects, summer camp at Camp Ottari, and a crew going to New Mexico for Philmont High Adventure!

Recently five scouts attended WinterBlast at Camp Shands over the holiday break and the boys (and leaders) enjoyed a wonderful time earning merit badges in everything from Chess and First Aid to Aviation. The scouts in attendance did Troop 35 proud with their exemplary leadership efforts and I received numerous compliments from both the camp staff and other adult leaders regarding our scouts.

Earlier in December Troop 35 exhibited true Scout Spirit by assisting with the distribution of groceries and frozen turkeys for 235 local families in need at U.C.O.M.'s annual holiday

party. I cannot express how much their efforts were appreciated by both the recipients and the staff of U.C.O.M.. I was personally touched by the kindness and maturity of the scouts throughout the day. It is through events like this that our scouts learn that service is a large part of what Troop 35 is about.

I have the pleasure to announce that Ryan Garner earned his Eagle Rank and is well deserving of congratulations on this huge achievement. Great job!

Coming up in January I am looking forward to our campout at Stephen Foster State Park. This park is a true gem of Florida and offers top notch canoeing, hiking, and a cultural center featuring traditional arts and crafts that will surely provide a memorable trip. It promises to be a fantastic time and I look forward to a wonderful weekend in the great Florida outdoors.

In closing, I am honored to serve as Scoutmaster for such a quality program and look forward to 2016 with high expectations!  
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*Adam McDonough, Scoutmaster*

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR COUNCIL?

- January 23 - [Engineering Merit Badge Clinic](#)



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