

Troop Plans for December 2016

- Tuesday, December 6 – TROOP MEETING: Patrol Jeopardy
- Tuesday, December 13 - TROOP MEETING: Lashing & Fusing, Making a tepee
- Saturday, December 17 – SERVICE: UCOM Holiday Party
- Tuesday, December 20 – TROOP MEETING: White Elephant Exchange
- Tuesday, December 27 – NO TROOP MEETING
- Tuesday, January 3 – TROOP MEETING: Flag Etiquette
- Monday, January 9 – [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.

CANOE DAY TRIP

The Canoe trip on November 19 when we went to Ichetucknee Springs was awesome because it was a beautiful day. The temperature was not cold or hot it felt very good. What made the trip a lot of fun was that there was a current so we didn't have to paddle a lot we just had to steer. The thing that made the day the best is that when we were coming back the Gators beat LSU in Football. This is why the Ichetucknee Springs Canoe trip was awesome.

Written by Cooper L.

UCOM SERVICE PROJECT

We met up at the church and in the family Life Center and unpacked all of the food donations. We then organized the food donations into categories. We then packed all of the food into bags. After that we packed all of the

bags into cars and drove to UCOM. Once we were at

UCOM we took all of the bags out and unpacked them and sorted them into UCOM Food Bank.

Written by Corey V.

BBQ FUNDRAISER

The annual Troop 35 Barbecue Fundraiser was held this past Sunday at the church. We had a great turnout of Scouts, parents, and adult leadership helping out, and we sold over 200 meals this year. Once we all arrived (groggily) for the first shift at 7 in the morning, we set to work cutting pork, making baked beans, and getting everything else ready to sell meals later in the day. We set up a miniature campsite in the courtyard with one of the new troop tents, a chuck box, and a smokey joe, which we heated meat scraps on. Around ten, people from the church began to show up and start buying meals, along with the second shift of Scouts for the barbecue. Most of us from the first shift, however, did not end up leaving since they needed our help with the sudden rush of people. Personally, I stayed two hours after my shift was supposed to conclude. After everything had been cleaned up and leftovers had been distributed, we closed up shop. This barbecue would not have been possible without

the outstanding help of everyone involved, especially Mrs. Morris. We had a fantastic Barbecue Fundraiser this year, and let's try to make next year's an even better one. *Written by Riley M.*

SUMMER CAMP 2017: DANIEL BOONE

Summer seems like a long way off, but include plans for Boy Scout summer camp with Troop 35. We will travel to Canton, North Carolina to [Camp Daniel Boone](#). More information regarding costs and payment schedule will be coming soon.

Adult participation in accompanying boys to camp is critical. Call Victor Dell'Alba at [904.885.7607](tel:904.885.7607) if you are interested.

SUMMER 2017 HIGH ADVENTURE: SEA BASE

Each summer Troop 35 sends a crew to one of the BSA High Adventure Bases. Troop 35 is headed to [Sea Base](#) next summer! Scouts must be first class and 14 years old or 13 years old and completed 8th grade to participate in this trip.

We now have 2 trips! One is a sailing/snorkeling adventure in the Bahamas July 1-8, and the second is SCUBA diving (including certification) in the Keys June 28 - July 5. We have a couple of spots available, but need registration immediately. Contact Jon Singleton at jon@jonsingleton.com if you're interested.

SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

When I think back on all of the fantastic adventures 2016 has brought to Troop 35 I am truly amazed and feel blessed to be a part of it. November kept right up with the previous months of activities with a newly elected leadership confidently taking the reins. The new leaders tested their mettle by leading the Troop on a 6 mile paddle down the scenic wilds of the Ichetucknee River. While on the river the scouts demonstrated their canoeing proficiency and a number of them checked off a great deal of their canoeing merit badge requirements and are well on the way to completion.



The scouts also organized a Thanksgiving feast to celebrate the brotherhood that is Troop 35 in style. I don't believe any leftovers were to be had. December promises to wind the year up with even

more fun. The annual BBQ fundraiser was again a smashing success with over 200 box lunches served. Thank you to Mr. Vaughn for his skills on the smoker and Mrs. Morris for her skills in running the kitchen. We are sending a large contingent of scouts to Camp Shands for Winter Blast and thanks to Mr. Brandler' diligence, we will be camping in high style in the luxurious "Tree Houses"! Picture elevated chalets in the forest and you will get a good idea of what's in store.

Again, I thank all of the Scouts, adult volunteers, and families for helping to make Troop 35 the wonderful organization it is. Onward to 2017!

Yours In Scouting,
Adam McDonough
Scoutmaster
Troop 35



To view pictures of Troop 35's adventures in 2016 click the image below.

