



The Troop 107 Weekly Blast

Dec 17, 2012

This Week's Meeting

will be on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:15 PM at the Celebration Center

- This week is our annual holiday party. Please remember to bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$5. Make sure it is well wrapped, as it will be passed from Scout to Scout. Some suggestions for the gift are duct tape, popcorn, two liter bottles of pop, chips, books, and beef jerky. Do **not** give money or bricks. Please contact Mr. Rynes with any questions.
- The service patrol this week is the Angry Rams. Please arrive at 7:05 for set up and stay after to clean up.

Looking Ahead: Klondike Derby

The Klondike derby is an annual event that will be held this year on Saturday, Feb. 2. It is themed around the heritage of the Klondike Gold Rush. The typical Klondike derby consists of 6 to 10 Klondike Towns with about 25 fun filled activities that both teach and put their First Class Scouting skills and camping abilities to work. Problem solving and leadership abilities help earn points towards a total patrol score for the day. Scouts must transport their gear on a homemade sledge pulled by the boys. Both outdoor and indoor activities such as knife or hawk throwing, wilderness first aid, various uses of rope lashings and knot tying, panning for gold, campfire cooking, fire starting, re-enactor portrayals of Civil War, Indian lore, cowboys, and other historical figures are included to round out an action packed day. The fun-filled day ends with a Scout hot chili soup with all the trimmings and an awards campfire. There may also be an opportunity for shotgun shooting at the Naperville Sportsman Club on Sunday. Watch for more information on this event in January.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 12/18 – Meeting at 7:15 @ Celebration; Holiday party
- 12/25 – No meeting
- 1/1 – No meeting
- 1/8 – Meeting at 7:15 @ Celebration
- 1/11-13 – Campout in Jo Daviess County (skiing or hiking / eagle watching)

Annual Dues

Please remember to pay your \$55 annual dues by the end of December. If you haven't already done so, please see our Treasurer, Katy Giesecke, at tomorrow's meeting or contact her by email to arrange payment (t107treasurer@gmail.com). Also, those Scouts who did not meet the minimum wreath sales requirement will receive a notification of the additional dues that they owe. Please pay this assessment also by the end of December.

December Philmont Payment

For those going on the 2013 high adventure trip to Philmont Ranch in New Mexico, please remember to pay the December installment at tomorrow's meeting or contact Katy Giesecke to arrange payment (t107treasurer@gmail.com).

Scouting for Food Volunteer Needed

We still need an adult volunteer to step up and organize the Troop's Scouting for Food flyer distribution and food pick-up activities in February. This is a Thunderbird District-sponsored event. In past years, more than 1,100 scouts, siblings, and adults, from 29 units in the Thunderbird District have collected more than eight tons of food! February is usually a time of great need for the local food pantries as the holiday season is over and often the needy are too quickly forgotten. This is a task that requires a minimal time commitment. Please show support for your son's troop by contacting Jeff Eastman to volunteer (T107CommitteeChair@gmail.com).

**More information on Troop 107 activities can be found on the troop website:
<http://troop107.com/>**