

TROOP 122 NEWS



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January 2010 Newsletter

Troop 122 is proud to recognize Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church as our Sponsor. On behalf of the Scouts & Parents of Troop 122, we thank GCPC for their generous contribution.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES. . .

SCOUT TROOP COURT OF HONOR - Monday, February 1, 2010, 7:00 pm at GCPC / Sanctuary

- ▶ Ceremony during which the Scout receives his merit badges earned to-date and rank advancements.
 - ▶ Scouts and their families are encouraged to attend. Participants are requested to remain until all Scouts have received their awards. Each Scout works hard to advance and deserves to be recognized.
 - ▶ Scouts are to wear their Class "A" uniform.
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CAMP-OUT 'STUFF' . . .

Camping Activities Coordinator: Dave Rausch @ 913-491-4714 - www.troop122opks.org

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Transportation Coordinator: Sarah & Mike Karstens @ 913-661-2940 - www.troop122opks.org

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CAMPING GUIDELINES – Look for helpful information on the website . . .

- ▶ Useful information as it relates to camp-out preparation can be found on the Troop's website at www.Troop122opks.org. Refer to "Important Camp-out Information" section.

CAMP-OUT SIGN-UP & FEE POLICY – the deadline for signing up for a camp-out is the Monday immediately before the camp-out . . .

- ▶ Please be reminded that the deadline for Scouts to sign-up and pay the camp and cook fees is the Monday night immediately before the camp-out.
- ▶ Scouts will not be allowed to sign-up after this deadline. No exceptions will be made.
- ▶ Our Troop is required to process a BSA Travel Permit and the Adult Leaders and Boy Scout Cooks prepare and plan based on the Monday night attendance figure. Please respect all the logistical planning required in coordinating a troop camp-out and recognize that we cannot accommodate last minute attendees.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION REQUIRED.....Calling All New Parents. . .

- ▶ All adults that plan to drive to **any** troop campout or event **must** have their car / license information on file with the troop. The Transportation form can be found on the Troop website. Go to the **Camping** section and find the **Important Campout Information** tab and find the **Transportation** section. The document can be printed from that section. The form can be turned into Mike Karstens at any Monday meeting or can be mailed to 11419 Acuff Lane, Lenexa, KS 66215.

JANUARY CAMP-OUT – January 29 – 31, Fort Riley Camp-out!

- ▶ **When:** Friday, January 29 – Sunday, January 31, 2010
- ▶ **Where:** Fort Riley, KS
- ▶ **Activities:** To be advised
- ▶ **Cost:** To be advised
- ▶ **Volunteers:** Adult volunteers required.
- ▶ **Sign-up:** Sign-up at the Monday Night Troop Meetings
- ▶ **Contact:** Dave Rausch, Camping Activities @ 913-491-4714 or www.troop122opks.org

FEBRUARY CAMP-OUT – February 13 – 14, 2010, IBEX Climbing Wall Camp-out!

- ▶ **When:** Saturday, February 13 – Sunday, February 14, 2010
- ▶ **Where:** IBEX Climbing Wall, Blue Springs, MO
- ▶ **Activities:** Indoor rock climbing and camping in facility (one night only)
- ▶ **Cost:** To be advised.
- ▶ **Volunteers:** Adult volunteers required – see Dave Rausch
- ▶ **Sign-up:** Sign-up and details available at the Monday Troop Meetings. Please note that there will be waivers to sign in order to participate @ IBEX.
- ▶ **Contact:** Dave Rausch, Camping Activities @ 913-491-4714 or camping@troop122opks.org

RANK ADVANCEMENT REPORT . . .

Rank Advancement: *Linda Tamosiunas @ 913-345-9475* — www.troop122opks.org |Contact Us

ADVANCEMENT INFORMATION . . .

- ▶ Scouts – If you need to see Mrs. Tamosiunas, she is normally available 30 minutes before Scout meetings. She is also open to scouts coming to her house to update their data or sign off on their books, provided they call in advance.
- ▶ Additionally, if you have not received any emails from the Advancement chair, this means that Mrs. Tamosiunas does not have your email address. Please provide your email address to Mrs. Tamosiunas

MERIT BADGE INFO . . .

Merit Badge Coordinators: *Kelli and Rodrigo Roldan*

– www.troop122opks.org |Contact Us
or roldanmigcon@gmail.com

TROOP 122 IN-HOUSE MERIT BADGE FORUM

- ▶ Scouts that completed badges need to submit blue cards to Mrs. Tamosiunas.
- ▶ Scouts that have incomplete requirements, need to see the MB counselors to arrange for completion of Merit Badges.

RED-TAILED HAWK MERIT BADGE FORUM – Saturdays – January 9 & 23 and February 6, 2010

- ▶ The Red-Tailed Hawk Merit Badge Forum will be held on the following Saturdays: January 9 & 23 and February 6, 2010 at California Trail Junior School in Olathe. 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- ▶ A total of three merit badges may be earned, including up to two Eagle Required badges.
- ▶ Cost: Scouts \$8.00 total for Forum
- ▶ Scouts please look for e-mail with class assignments the first week in January. Also, remember to get Blue Cards filled up and signed (one card per class) and bring to first class on Saturday, January 9.
- ▶ Following is the link to the site to read more about the forum as well as to see the prerequisites for each badge: <http://www.rth-mbf.org/>

TROOP 10 SWIMMING AND LIFESAVING MERIT BADGES

Once again Frank Weidling and John Britt will offer Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges during the school year to the Scouts of Johnson County. Full Swimming Merit Badge will be offered beginning on February 12, 2010. These will take place at Shawnee Mission South High School.

Full Lifesaving Merit Badge will be offered beginning on January 8, 2010 and again on April 9, 2010. These will take place at Shawnee Mission South High School.

Complete information and registration material is located at the following website:

<http://bsatroop10.org/aquatic.htm>

There is a limit to the number of Scouts that can attend these courses. They are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Scouts must be registered by a Troop Leader. Scouts cannot enroll individually.

If Scouts are interested in any of the courses, it is suggested that they get signed up as soon as possible, as they will fill up very quickly. Please contact Rodrigo Roldan if you are interested.

SUMMER CAMP "TIDBITS" . . . BARTLE SUMMER CAMP 2010

Bartle Summer Camp: Doug Carrithers 913-221-2814 bartlesummerncamp@troop122opks.org

► **Dates:** Session 4 - July 5th - July 14th.

► **Campsite:** Maple in Sawmill

► **Cost:** Total cost – Scouts \$325, Eagles \$125, Adults \$100

► **Leaders:** Troop Leadership (4 days or more). Deposit of \$75.00 due along with registration. If you are planning to come to Bartle as a part time leader, we don't need any money or a commitment right now...we'll do that in the spring.

► **Balance:** Campers will be notified for payment of balance due by email. To receive camp information please register on the troop website ([www.http://troop122opks.org](http://troop122opks.org)) and subscribe to the Bartle e-mail list.

► **Contact:** Doug Carrithers @ 913-221-2814 email: bartlesummerncamp@troop122opks.org or mail registration to: 1008 S Lindenwood, Olathe, KS 66062

NAISH SUMMER CAMP 2009

Naish Summer Camp Coordinator: Irwin Don

Naish Camp Master: Jeff Cochran 913-219-4669 naishcampmaster@troop122opks.org

► **Dates:** First Session (June 6-12)

► **Campsite:** Apache

► **Cost:** Total cost TBA

► **Leaders:** Troop Leadership (4 days or more). Registration fee of \$75.00 payable with registration

► **Balance:** Campers will be notified for payment of the balance of fees by email. To receive camp information please register on the troop website ([www.http://troop122opks.org](http://troop122opks.org)) and subscribe to the Naish e-mail list.

► **Contact:** Irwin Don, NAISH Camp Coordinator @ 913-892-3790

HIGH ADVENTURE ‘STUFF’ . . .

Troop 122 High Adventure Coordinator: Mike Walden @ 913-219-8647 mikewalden@yahoo.com

PHILMONT 2010 - Troop 122 was not awarded a crew at Philmont for 2010.

ELY 2010 – www.ntier.org – **Canoeing in boundary waters in Minnesota** – We are already planning for another trip to the Boundary Waters in 2010 and Jeff Allison has volunteered to lead this trek. We have reserved three crews for July 16, 2010 through July 23, 2010 and currently have ONE opening available. If you would like to be part of a crew, please send an email to mikewalden@yahoo.com. Costs for this trip will be \$550 - \$600. Scouts must be 13 by July 16, 2010.

SEABASE 2010 – www.bsaseabase.org – Scuba diving or sailing in the Florida Keys. Troop 122 is now trying to determine interest level for a Seabase adventure in 2010. If interested, please contact Mike Walden (info above).

PACKARD 2010 - <http://www.rockymountaincouncil.org/packard.htm> - **Hiking, camping, rafting in the Rocky Mountains.** Troop 122 is looking for scouts and adults interested in a trip to Packard in summer of 2010. Scouts must be 13 by January 1, 2010 or have completed the 7th grade before summer of 2010 to participate. If interested in attending or **leading** any high adventure, please contact Mike Walden (info above).

IMPORTANT “MISC” STUFF . . .

HEALTH FORM UPDATE - a message from Colleen Long-Redelsheimer

Please visit our troop website for the latest changes and information regarding health forms. Use this link and it will take you directly to the site. You won't want to miss the updates! <http://troop122opks.org> | [Scouts | Health Forms](#)

Email Registration . . .

► Parents of all new Scouts, as well as those that may have changed email addresses...in order to ensure receipt of all summer camp updates, newsletters, etc...we need you to register your email addresses on the troop website (<http://troop122opks.org/>) and subscribe to the e-mail distribution lists that are applicable to you via the “Mailing Lists” option on the home page.

Calendar of Events, Payments & Deadlines

JANUARY 2010

Mon. Jan 4	SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Sat. Jan 9	RED TAIL HAWK MERIT BADGE FORUM – 1 – 4 pm
Mon. Jan 11	SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Mon. Jan 18	PLC / COMMITTEE MEETING – 6:30 pm / 7:30 pm / GCPC
Sat. Jan 23	RED TAIL HAWK MERIT BADGE FORUM – 1 – 4 pm
Mon. Jan 25	SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Fri Jan 29 - Sun Jan 31	TROOP CAMPOUT – Fort Riley

FEBRUARY 2010

Mon. Feb 1 TROOP COURT OF HONOR – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Sat. Feb 6 RED TAIL HAWK MERIT BADGE FORUM – 1 – 4 pm
Mon. Feb 8 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Sat. Feb 13 EAGLE COURT OF HONOR – 2:00 pm / GCPC
Sat Feb 13 - IBEX CLIMBING WALL CAMPOUT
Sun Feb 14
Mon. Feb 15 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Fri Feb 20 - TROOP CAMPOUT – Indoor Gym
Sat Feb 21
Mon. Feb 22 PLC / COMMITTEE MEETING – 6:30 pm / 7:30 pm / GCPC

MARCH 2010

Mon. Mar 1 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Sat. Mar 6 HIKING MERIT BADGE (family invited) - 8:00 am
Mon. Mar 8 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Mon. Mar 15 NO MEETING – SPRING BREAK
Mon. Mar 22 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Fri. Mar 26 - TROOP CAMPOUT – Location TBD
Sun. Mar 28
Mon. Mar 29 PLC / COMMITTEE MEETING – 6:30 pm / 7:30 pm / GCPC

APRIL 2010

Mon. Apr 5 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Mon. Apr 12 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Fri Apr 16 - TROOP CAMPOUT – Location TBD
Sun. Apr 18
Mon. Apr 19 PLC / COMMITTEE MEETING – 6:30 pm / 7:30 PM / GCPC
Sat. Apr 24 EAGLE COURT OF HONOR – 2 pm / GCPC
Mon. Apr 26 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Fri. Apr 30 ADVANCED BACKPACKING TRIP @ Buffalo River
Sun. May 2
Fri Apr 30 TROOP CAMPOUT – (or 5/7 – 5/9)
Sun. May 2

MAY 2010

Mon. May 3 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Fri May 7 - TROOP CAMPOUT – The Farm (or 4/29 – 5/2)
Sun. May 9
Mon. May 10 SCOUT TROOP MEETING – 7:00 pm / GCPC
Sat. May 15 HIKING MERIT BADGE (family invited) - 8:00 am
Mon. May 17 SCOUT TROOP COURT OF HONOR (Last meeting prior to summer break) –
7:00 pm / Location Shawnee Mission Park Shelter House #8

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