



1. **HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS** to: Robbie G. 12/02, André T. 12/07, Frankie W. 12/07, Dan K. 12/18, Shivam C. 12/19, Jacob N. 12/22, Matt C. 12/24, Keith B. 12/28, Matthew K. 12/29, and Max K. 12/30
 ~ and to Mr. John Immonen 12/16, and Mr. Matt Jenks 12/23.

2. **TROOP DUES FOR SEPT.'11 – JUNE '12** – Annual troop dues are being collected now, and must be paid before additional advancement. Dues for the year are \$30, turned in to Mr. Pete Tsaprazis – **checks made payable to: Troop #782**. Dues are \$3 a month for 10 months, and are not the same as the \$35 re-registration fee which is collected in Dec.-Jan. which then registers a boy in scouting (or \$15 for an adult) for the following year. Re-registration forms are on the Info Table. NOTE: If you turn 18 before Jan.31, you have to register as an adult with an adult registration application, and a completed Youth Protection Training certificate.

3. **SERVICE PROJECTS** - Now is the time for you to get the service time that is needed each year to be active in the troop. Sign up with Scribe Ryan B. at a meeting, or call him 734-464-9230.

•OUR ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE to help stock the Holy Trinity Food Closet continues tonight, and on 12/12 and 12/19. If every scout or troop adult would bring in two or three cans, bottles, boxes of food, it would help them make it through the holidays.

•GIFT WRAPPING AT ST. EDITH'S - Wrap Gifts for Handicapped children next Monday, Dec.12 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Five scouts in Class A uniforms are needed for this one hour service opportunity. Mr. Matt Collins will chair this project.

•SERVE LUNCH ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT CASS COMMUNITY SERVICES in Detroit. We'll caravan down to Cass about 10:00 am and return by 2:00 pm. All Scouts in class A uniform. Depending on the number of volunteers (boys and parents), the boys may have the chance to make sandwiches that are passed out at the warming center 24/7 or assemble "personal care kits" with items donated by others. Mr. Jason Nesler and Dr. Mike Burk will chair this project. Sign up with Troop Scribe Ryan Burk.

4. **GEOCACHEING MERIT BADGE** will run with Mr. Ray Rauen on January 23 and 30. You'll have to be in the class both nights!

5. **LEATHERWORK MERIT BADGE** will meet again next Saturday, December 10th, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. **You have to attend both sessions to earn the merit badge.** Reminder: Tandy Leather Factory is located on the North side of Warren Rd. one mile west of Merriman.

6. **TROOP CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE** – We have the following extra greens, available 1st come – 1st served: Centerpieces + 6, 28" Noble Fir Wreaths +2, Holiday Cones +2. Greens are at Mr. B's house, and will be available after tonight's meeting. Flyer with map is on the Info Table!

7. **EAGLE PAPERWORK:** If you plan to get your Eagle in February, your Life Purpose and Awards/Leadership/Activities summary needs to be turned in ASAP for review and approval. Your final copy of Eagle Application and Project Report, as well as revised final copy of Life Purpose and Awards/Leadership/Activities needs to be turned in by 12/12, and your Eagle recommendation Letters need to be returned to Mr. Burdette.

8. **TURKEY BOWL CAMPOUT** ~ **The list of players on the winning team includes Eric S. – captain, Dan K., Seth K., Andrew M., Mr. Jason Nesler, Kyle R., Bryan R., Jonathan S., Alec Z. and Todd Zilincik. We know that we are missing at least one more player, but don't know who that was. Can you help us out?**

9. **LIFE SCOUT REQUIREMENT** – For Star Scouts to advance to Life, there is a requirement to teach a scout skill to a first year scout. Star Scouts will have the opportunity to meet the requirement at the Scout Basic Campouts. Slots will be filled on a first come basis. See Mr. Mazzara for further info and to sign up: James C., Alex L., Ross P. Next opportunity is Scout Basic #4 in May!

10. **RANK ADVANCEMENT** - If you intend to advance a rank to Star, Life or Eagle, **you must have participated in at least three troop activities and a service project during the previous calendar year**, to be considered "active" in our scout troop! Working on Star or Life Rank and have questions about merit badges, leadership or service hours, contact Mr. Sam Mazzara. Life Scouts with Eagle questions about advancement, eagle project, etc. contact Mr. Dave Burdette, Troop Eagle Chairman.

PLAN TO GET YOUR EAGLE THIS SCOUTING YEAR

All paperwork turned in 12/12- SM Conference Sun. 12/18 - Board of Review Mon. 12/19 - Court of Honor 2/13

All paperwork turned in 4/16- SM Conference Sun. 4/22 – Board of Review Mon. 4/23 – Court of Honor 6/04

GROANER: Mom, Can I have a dog for Christmas? No, you can have turkey like everyone else!

CLEAN UP PATROL ~ 12/5 Sting Ray/Tiger ~ 12/12 Hippo/Panther ~ 12/19 Scorpion/Fox



SCOUT IT OUT!

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS	
12/5	TLC MTG 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. #782 – Holy Trinity Canned Food Drive
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12/26~1/2	NO MEETING LPS WINTER RECESS
1/13-14 15	CAMPOUT – Scout Basic #3 and Fire Safety Merit Badge – Scout House in Frankenmuth!
1/16	Mid-Winter Trip Meeting (2/17-2/20) Milwaukee/Chicago 9:00 – 9:30 p.m.
1/21	Troop Swim 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Livonia Family Y ~ \$2 per! All Northern Tier participants must attend!
1/23	Annual Order of the Arrow Election
1/30	Northern Tier Mtg. 9:00 – 9:30 p.m.