



BSA TROOP 320 NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:

- 12/2: Adult Committee Meeting
- 12/4: Walk and Knock
- 12/5: Pancake Breakfast
- 12/6: Troop Meeting
- 12/11: Christmas Tree Recycling Flyer Pass Out
- 12/13: Troop Swim @ Oxford Athletic Club
- 12/18-19: Long Beach Camp-out
- 12/20: Christmas Party Gift Exchange @ Felida FS #2
- 12/21: TLC Meeting Felida Fire Station
- 1/2: Pancake Breakfast
- 1/3: Troop Meeting
- 1/6: Adult Committee Meeting
- 1/8: Christmas Tree Pick Up

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Christmas Tree Recycling Fundraiser!

It has been a tradition for Troop 320 to participate in the annual Christmas tree recycling program here in Clark County. While this is a council sponsored project, it is also our MAJOR fundraiser for our troop and for the year. It is very important that all able scouts attend this project for it to be successful. That is why it is the only MANDATORY event of the year.

This fundraiser is a three phase process. Creating the flyers, distributing them in our area and then finally collecting the trees. Last Monday, (November 29th) scouts stapled and sorted 5,200 hundred flyers. These flyers advertised the date of the pick-up, directions and requirements for putting trees out, contact information and our suggested donation of \$5.00 a tree. The next major step will be the flyer distribution, on December 11th. Because of the size of our

area, we need as many scouts and adults as we can get. We will be meeting at the church at 8:00 am Saturday Morning. Please Dress warm! Lunch will be provided by the troop.

The third and final phase of this project is the actual pick-up of the trees. This will be commenced on Saturday January 8th. We will be meeting at the church at 8:00 am. Please have warm clothes, a water bottle and gloves. Once again, lunch will be provided by the troop.

We will need adult drivers for the flyer pass out and tree pick up. Cars are fine for passing out the flyers, but we will need several trucks and/or trailers for the tree pick-up. If you have a truck or trailer available, please let us know ASAP so that we can determine how many trucks and drivers we will need.

A big "Thank you" in advance for helping with these events. We

understand that the Holidays are unusually busy for everyone and that we have extra service activities scheduled during this time. If you absolutely cannot attend one or both of these events please notify the SPL or scoutmaster before the event or email the troop at: troop_320@hotmail.com.

See you all there!



Scouting For Food Walk and Knock

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Adult Committee Meeting



Thanks to all who were able to attend this month's Committee Meeting. For those who were unable to attend, please visit the troops website and view a copy of the committee meeting minutes. It is asked that all adults in leadership positions attend these monthly meetings and parents planning/running upcoming campouts do so *at least* one month ahead of time. The next committee meeting is on Thursday January 6th 2004, 7:00 pm at Hazel Dell Fire Station #1.

Items on the agenda for next month are as follows:

AGENDA ITEM	ADULTS TO ATTEND:
Christmas Tree Pick-Up	Brad Koopman, Chris Ruestig, Ed Kraft
Trillium Lake XC Ski	Paul Quimby, Dan Funk
Timberline Lodge	Kerry Cook
Father-Son	Jim Heid, Russ Price
High Adventure Funds	TBD

Committee Minutes are recorded and emailed to the troop by Jim Heid, as well as posted on the website.

Troop Swim Night, Monday December 13th



On Monday December 13th, we will be having our meeting at **Oxford Athletic Club** off of Mill Plain Blvd. At 7:00pm-8:15pm. Many scouts need a variety of swimming require-

ments signed off for their rank advancement, so we have decided to arrange a swimming meeting. All scouts regardless of their rank are invited to join. Please make sure to bring a swim suit, towel, change of dry clothes and goggles if you wear them. Information such as driving directions and maps will be available at the December 6th troop meeting and will be posted on the troops website. For further questions contact:

-Jim Heid

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Map of Oxford Athletic Club Location 7588 DELAWARE LANE



Long Beach Campout at Fort Canby State Park



When: December 18-19
Meeting: Saturday 8:00 am at the Church.
Return: Sunday 2-4 pm
Description: 5 miles, 2.5 hour day hike. The hike will include the jetty, light house, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, and the old gun emplacements on McKenzie Head. (The jetty and

beach are very close) I will be getting the reservation at the state park based on expected turnout. Plan on camp fire, oysters, smores, and great view of the coast. Plan on cooking groups of 3-4 persons. I will bring a large tarp for a dry cooking and eating area. No clam digging this trip. (Future tides: Jan 7-

9, Feb 5-7 and March 6-8.) A food list planner will be available on the troop website as well as a list of items to bring and any updates or changes to current plans.

-Scott Inloes

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Annual Christmas Party/Gift Exchange

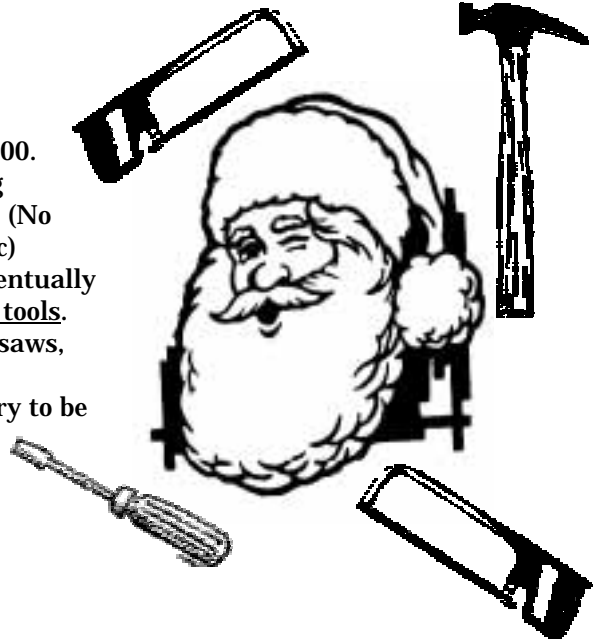
Every year, we have a Holiday Party and Gift Exchange, but with but with a twist! All scouts participating in the gift exchange wrap their presents so that it is the *hardest* to open. The top two presents that take the longest to open will be deemed the winners and receive a small prize. This is always a fun-filled favorite of the boys. This event will be held at the FELIDA FIRE STATION on December 20th at 7:00 pm. Below are the list of official rules for the gift exchange.

Gift Exchange Rules:

1. Value of gift should be \$5.00.
2. Once wrapped, everything should be in a solid state. (No wet glue or wet cement etc)
3. Gift must be able to be eventually opened with normal hand tools. (Hammers, screwdrivers, saws, axes, crowbars etc.)
4. Think! For best chance, try to be as creative and tricky as possible!

Refreshments:

Bring something to share with all!



Scoutmasters Minute



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GREATEST PRESENT

"If you asked most sane and temperate men and women throughout the world what they wanted most for the holidays, their first choice wouldn't come in a magnificent box with a fancy ribbon. They couldn't find it on a colorful page of a fat Christmas catalog. They wouldn't see it glistening out at them from a window of a smart boutique. Because it's the most precious and elusive gift of all. . . .peace on earth."

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Newsletter Submissions:

Just a reminder that adults (and even scouts) submit information to be published in the monthly newsletter if they are running an event in the upcoming month.

Please submit short write-ups no later than the first Sunday of every month. The newsletter will be published the following day and then mailed out to the troop.

Weekly Updates:

Weekly updates are sent via email after every troop meeting recapping any important information that you missed if you were unable to attend. These emails are usually sent out between Tuesday and Wednesday night following the meeting. If you have not been receiving the weekly updates please send a request to troop_320@hotmail.com so we can add you to the address book.

-Dan Sweeney, Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster



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