

The Troop Scoop



Important Dates

Troop Kickoff- September 14
 Scout Salute- September 11
 Gerber Fall Celebration- September 18-20
 Mackinac Rendezvous- September 25-27
 Ft. Custer Mountain Biking- October 10-11
 Manistee River Trail- October 24-25



Mackinac Rendezvous

The 2009 Mackinac Rendezvous will be held Friday, September 25 through Sunday, September 27. We'll leave early Friday morning. We will be camping at the Mill Creek Campground near Mackinac City. Saturday's activities will include a trip to Mackinac Island, full access to both forts, merit badges, and a giant firebowl!

Gerber Fall Celebration

The troop will be kicking off the new program year with a weekend up at Camp Gerber. Plan to join us September 18-20 for two nights of camping and some great activities to celebrate the changing seasons.

Saturday will offer service work, hiking and, thanks to the camp director, a trip to the shooting range. On Sunday we may have a chance to use the climbing tower. There's lots of fun in store so check your calendar and make plans to participate. The fee is \$17 and is due by September 11th. Contact the outdoor activity chairperson if you have questions.

Manistee River Trail

Dust off your backpack and start considering what you might need for this fall excursion to the Manistee River Trail planned for October 24-25. Do your hiking boots still fit? Is your bag warm enough? Do you need a compression bag? Check with your troop leaders if you have questions. Info and details will be coming soon!

Troop Kickoff

The 2009 Troop Kickoff will take place September 14 at First Presbyterian Church. Be there at 6:45 in Class A uniform (Meeting will start at 7). Expect info on the upcoming program year and popcorn sale, the 2009-2010 Troop Calendar, refreshments, and the possibility of a speaker. Parents will go over the troop budget and finances.

Fort Custer

Check your tires and your brakes 'cause we're heading to Fort Custer October 10-11 for one night of camping and some great mountain biking. This is always a wonderful weekend. The location offers trails for all levels so don't be shy about giving the sport a try.

Bring your bike in for a check-up on September 21st or 28th. No serious maintenance will be provided but you may get some recommendations so your bike performs well and is safe. Remember that all riders must have a helmet and water that is accessible while riding.

Need a bike? Let us know, we'll work hard to provide you with one. Join us around the campfire even if mountain biking isn't your thing. Take a hike or tend the fires. October is a wonderful month to be outdoors! Watch for registration info.

Fall Popcorn 2009

Watch for more details on the 2009 Fall Popcorn Sale from the Troop Kickoff, the Troop Scoop, and our Popcorn Kernals.



Patriot's Day

The Gerald R. Ford Council will again be coordinating a special remembrance on September 11th. Together with local firefighters, police, and military personal, a Scout Salute will be held at the Gerald R. Ford Museum from sun up to sun down.

Troop 147 will depart from the church in CLASS A UNIFORMS at 5:30PM. We are scheduled to participate at 7 PM and anticipate returning to Holland by 9 PM.

If you are interested in participating please contact the Scoutmaster so rides may be coordinated.

A special shoulder patch will be given to all registered scouts and scouters.