

Giving the gift of Christmas

Children around the world are going to be blessed this Christmas thanks to your participation in our first Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drive. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. We are so proud to be a part of this awesome ministry!



We will be collecting your packed shoe boxes at our Court of Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:45pm. This will give us an opportunity to dedicate the shoe boxes and to pray for the children who will receive them.

Note: Please be sure to include a \$7.00 donation per shoebox to help with the cost of shipping. Checks are to be made payable to Samaritan's Purse with a note in the Memo line that it is for Operation Christmas Child.

Troop Meetings are from 6:45pm until 8:15pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Please sign in and sign out your daughter at the front table.
*There are no meetings during December.

Important Dates

* **Court of Awards and Shoe Box collection**
Tuesday, Nov. 18th
6:45 - 8:15pm

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Tenderfoot Squad gets a makeover

Ok, not a makeover in the typical sense of the word, but the Tenderfoot Squad is going through some changes. Due to the large number of girls in grades first through third and the difference in abilities due to age, the Board and Leaders of the Tenderfoot squad thought it would be best if the first and second graders work on badges together and the third graders work on badges together. The squad will still have "circle time" and have snacks together, but will work on badges separately. This change is also to help the third graders prepare for advancement into the Explorer squad next year. Stacy Pearson and Cheryl Bates will continue to lead the first and second graders while Kim Paulus will continue to lead the third graders and will be assisted by Catherine Dreher. We believe that by making smaller groups within the squad, we can devote more attention to the girls' individual needs and abilities.

Explorers test their camping skills during October 24-25 Campout at Klondike

What do you get when you combine 24 Explorers, 2 Pioneers, 9 Adults and marshmallows? You get a lot of tents and an absolute fabulous camp-out at Klondike Park in St. Charles County. On October 24, the entire Explorer rank, grades 4-6 layered up and hunkered down for a chilly, ok cold, night's stay at Klondike Park. To prepare some of the new Explorers for their first camp-out, we held a Camp-out Boot Camp in September. The girls learned how to pitch their tents, campsites and fire safety, they learned how to build and start a fire. A good time was had by all and it prepared them or at least gave them a taste of what was to come on their campout. For the overnight, the older Explorers were responsible for planning, purchasing, and preparation of the evening's yummy traditional s'mores and the morning breakfast of camp pancakes, bacon, fruit, and juice. The younger Explorers treated the group to a fabulous lunch of tube steak (aka hot dogs), chili, and fruit. For the day's activities, we split into three groups for hiking. Later in the day, Becca Wilson & Tori Puellman, our assisting Pioneers led the girls in fun games. The biggest hit for free time was the hill and hanging vines, but I'm sure they'll be discussing the very cold night and "THE BUCKET" for years to come. Thanks to all of our parents and scouts who made this a great campout for all.



AHG MO2002 Mock Election Results from November 4, 2008

A huge thanks to Mrs. Andrea Smith for putting together the activities for our mock election held on November 4th. The girls learned about the three branches of our government and learned how a bill becomes a law in the classic School House Rock cartoons. The girls then came to the "polls" where they signed and initialed their names on the roll book, received their ballots and cast their votes into the ballot box receiving their "I voted" sticker. It was a great introduction to our privilege to vote in our country. Check with your Leaders for the individual requirements that were accomplished towards the Citizenship badge.

Our results:

President: John McCain – 94%, Barack Obama – 2%, Ralph Nader – 2%, Casey – 2%

Governor of Mo: Kenny Hulshof – 78%, Jay Nixon – 6%, Andrew Finkenstadt – 2%, Gregory Thompson – 6%, Jaimie – 2%, Emily – 2% and Elmo – 4%

Lt. Governor of Mo: Peter Kinder – 55%, Sam Page - 16%, Teddy Fleck – 7%, Hannah – 2%, Moriah, 2%, Rebekah – 2%, Imo – 2%, Guillians – 2%, Elmo – 9%, Mickey Mouse – 2%

Constitutional Amendment #1 – Yes – 74% , No – 26%



New Policy on Restroom Usage

Please observe that Calvary has a policy in place that adults are not to use the restrooms in the Children's area during times when children are in the building. There is a restroom in the office and two in the main part of the building.

Prayer Request

Please keep the Bleikamp and Paulus family in your prayers through the loss of their mother/mother-in-law/grandmother.

See you at the Court of Awards Banquet!