

Troop #320 Welcome Back Newsletter

2011-2012 Calendar

August 16 - Troop meeting, registration, parent orientation
September 6 - Troop meeting, Last day to sign-up for troop camp-out
September 16-18 - Troop Campout at Tik-A-With a
September 20 - Investiture, Rededication, Court of Awards, Reception
October 4 - Troop meeting
October 18 - Troop meeting
November 1 - Troop Meeting
November 5 - MSU Scout Day and FUMC Scout Tailgate Party
November 15 - Parade and Packing meeting
November 28 - Starkville Christmas Parade
December 13 - Troop Christmas Party
January 10 - Troop Meeting
January 17 - Troop Meeting and Mid-Year Court of Awards
January 20 - Troop Lock-in
February 7 - Troop Meeting
February 21 - Journey Meeting (Pick-up at 8:00)
March 6 - Troop Meeting
March 20 - Troop Meeting
April 3 - Troop Meeting
April 17 - Troop Meeting
May TBA - Silver and Gold Banquet

As you can see from our calendar we already have a great schedule of girl scout fun! Regular troop meetings begin at 6:00 in the fellowship hall and end at 7:30 in your patrol room.

Registration and Parent Orientation - Registration will continue tomorrow night for those of you who did not get a chance to register at the pool party. Sharon and Susan will be set up in the fellowship hall to accept registration forms and the \$60 registration fee (includes national dues, troop dues, and t-shirt). Please contact me to make other arrangements if you can't get your forms in this week. Cindy will be available from 6:30 - 7:30 in the fellowship hall if any of you have any questions. Some patrols will be having parent

meetings from 6:00-6:20 in their patrol meeting rooms (all are the same as last year). You should have been contacted by your patrol leader if there is a patrol parent's meeting.

Troop Camp-Out at TAW - We are heading to Camp Tik-A-Witha the weekend of September 16-18 for a couple of days of camp fun including camp cooking, swimming, canoeing, archery (junior and up), crafts, hiking, and of course - smores! Get your registration in by September 5 to join the fun. Cost is just \$15 for a whole weekend of fun!

Operation Christmas Child - Time to start bringing your items for Operation Christmas Child! To earn an OCC patch you need to bring each of the following items: school supply, personal hygiene, toy, money donation for postage (will count any amount \$1 and up, cost for us is \$7 per box), and one miscellaneous item. We will have a table set up at each troop meeting to collect your donations. You will get a sticker "ornament" to decorate a paper Christmas tree when you bring your items. When you fill up your tree, you earn your patch! Don't forget we need boxes to pack all those items to send to children all over the world!

New Age Level Handbooks - Girl Scouts continues revising their program with the introduction of new age level handbooks this fall. They will not be released until September and we hope to have samples for you to study at our first September meeting.

Uniforms - Troop #320's "official" uniform includes the age level vest, a white shirt with a collar, and khakis. We will have an opportunity for you to order vests and insignia through the troop at the meeting tomorrow night, or you are welcome to contact our council shop in Tupelo and order on your own. JoAnn will be happy to help you, phone number for council is 800-624-4185 and her e-mail is JoAnn.Rogers@girlscoutshs.org.