### December/January Newsletter

# Troop 779

Sedge Garden UM Church www.scoutlander.com

The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light.

Robert Baden-Powell



A big thanks goes to Bryan Staley for allowing the Scouts to make their annual trip to Staley's Farm. The Scouts enjoyed a feast of Smoked Turkey & Ham cooked in underground ovens. The Scouts welcomed our upcoming Webelos 2 for an activity filled overnight stay. The Boy Scouts worked on fire starting activities, ghost stories and a pumpkin catapult.

#### Feed the Hungry: Pack-a-thon:

Many of our Boys showed up to help SGUMC with their Feed the Hungry event. What a wonderful event and the Scouts help feed 105 children for a whole school year! Find more information at www.feedthehunger.org



#### **Upcoming Events**

December 21

Court of Honor

December 28

No Troop Meeting

January 3

Winterplace Ski Weekend

January 9

Merit Badge College

January 15

Klondike Derby Weekend

#### Important Announcement

Please sign up online for January Campouts ASAP

MERRY CHRISTMAS

#### **Military Boxes**

We had a recently retired Marine, James Cooper, visit the Scouts to talk about the importance of communication from friends and relatives while being deployed. The boys asked questions and learned what items James enjoyed receiving. Tammy Walsh will continue with our military box effort and encourage Scouts to help support our Troops.

#### **Leader Minutes**

Every campout in the future will contain a fee of \$15 for food. If less is spent it will be returned to accounts. The upcoming Klondike Derby will be \$25.00. (\$10 Council Fee+ \$15 food)

In recent months we have had a decline in campout participation. We are encouraging parents to check with their Scouts that they are signing up on Scoutlander no later than 2 weeks prior to campouts.

Every guardian is invited to join us on Monday nights for closings at 8:55. At this time you can find out updates on upcoming events. Being involved at any level can encourage a Scout to be more productive and involved.





#### In the Community

## Sedge Garden UM Church Tree Lighting Ceremony

A few of our Scouts stood vigil over the fires as SG UMC light up their Tree in Celebration of Christmas. Pictured above are River I., Luke & Jake J. PG I., Jennifer J. & Zach S. were also on hand to help out. Thanks to you guys for representing our Troop and showing appreciation to our Charter Organization.

#### **Tree Planting & Forestry**

Graeme R., Zach S., Ethan B., Michael W., River & Lake I. planted tree in Kernersville will working to their Forestry Merit Badge.