

# Troop 113 Totem Pole

A Newsletter of Events for Scouts and Parents

For more information:

<http://www.troop113.indianhead.org/>

Dec. 21, 2009



## Calendar of Events

**22 December § Tuesday**

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting – *Game Night* –  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**29 December § Tuesday**

No Troop Meeting –

**Happy Holidays!**

**5 January § Tuesday**

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting – *Winter  
Camping Essentials* – Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church

**12 January § Tuesday**

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting – *Winter  
Shelters* – Scout Building – This meeting is  
outdoors - dress for the weather. [Klondike  
Derby permissions slips are due!](#)

**19 January § Tuesday**

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting – *Patrol  
Leader's Conference* – Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church



**26 January § Tuesday**

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting –  
*Snow Sports Merit Badge* –  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**29-31 January § Fri. – Sun.**

**Spearhead / Snow Huskies**

– see details below.



**Other Upcoming Events –**

6 February – Klondike Derby

7 February – Scout Sunday,

7 February - Afton Alps

26-28 March – Forestry Campout



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## *Spearhead / Snow Huskies*

Winter camping is a lot of fun (ZERO MOSQUITOS) and a huge confidence builder. The Snow Husky and Spearhead programs both take place at Tomahawk Scout Reservation, and both are a great opportunity to learn about the clothing, equipment, methods, and behaviors that make it possible to stay warm and happy for extended periods of time, even in extremely cold conditions. Those attending Spearhead will be spending a night outdoors in a snow shelter. Equipment must be top notch to ensure comfort and safety. Sleeping bags will be provided along with a variety of other items including wool pants, wool socks, boots, mittens, foam pads, and water bottles. Please visit the following site for more information on what to bring and on the programs themselves:

<http://www.camptomahawk.org/?page=snowbase>. Departure times to be determined.

## *Philmont 2011 is a Reality!*

**This just in from Scoutmaster Terry:** Great News! The Troop will have a crew at Philmont July 28- Aug 9, 2011. The decision to try for a Philmont trip during the summer of 2011 was made at the planning meeting held in March of 2008. At that time the Troop realized that in 2011, all of the boys in the Troop as of that date would be eligible to attend Philmont in 2011. We were very fortunate to be drawn by lottery on our first attempt for the 2011 slot. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Troop. Philmont is one of the three BSA National High Adventure Bases. The Crew will take a 10 day backpacking trek through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northern New Mexico. The trip will cover 60-100 miles at elevations ranging from 6600 to over 12000 feet. The area is rich in western



history, the mountain views are breath taking, and the staffed camps offer a variety of great programs. The Crew will probably fly out to Colorado, July 24, 2011 and spend 4 days in the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico enjoying a variety of activities while adjusting to the higher altitude prior to the trek. *If you are interested in possibly being a part of this Crew please carefully read and fill out the attached application (separate file) as soon as possible.* The Crew size is limited to 12 total with no more than 4 adults. Priority will be given to youth and early applications. The deadline for application is Feb. 2, 2010, as we need to have the Crew established prior to Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. We will begin Crew meetings shortly after that time. Please note that the Philmont age requirement taken from our confirmation letter is: “2011 Philmont youth participants must be 14 years of age OR have completed the eighth grade and be at least 13 prior to participation.”



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## *Peace Light Distribution*

The Peace Light distribution was a huge success, and the message is reaching farther every year. Check out the updated website: <http://www.peacelight.org>

## Troop 113 Totem Pole - from the Editor

If you have ideas, comments, concerns, submissions, photos, etc., please contact Paul Vlasak: [pvlasak@mmm.com](mailto:pvlasak@mmm.com) or 651-430-3178. Submissions from Scouts are preferred, all submissions appreciated. Also, if you want to add or remove an e-mail address from the distribution list, please let me know. Keep in mind that the web-site is likely more up to date and contains information for events as far out as there are plans: <http://www.troop113.indianhead.org/>

