

TROOP 778 CAMPING AT THE “PONDEROSA”



WHEN: December 1-3, 2017

Meet at Stanton at 6:00 PM on Friday.
Return to Stanton at 12:00 Noon on Sunday.

Have you heard the stories about the famously huge, huge fires that are the hallmark of this fun and COLD weather campout? Former Troop 778 members Rick, Diane and Michael Mueller have graciously offered for us to camp at their heavily wooded, large property near Ste. Genevieve, the “Ponderosa”!

All Scouts must be prepared with multiple layers of clothes both above and below the waist, stocking hats both for daytime and for sleeping, good warm gloves and a coat that protects against the wind. A fleece liner for your sleeping bag is strongly recommended.

Boots (bring an extra pair) are required, with warm wool socks. Please, NO tennis shoes. Do not show up at Stanton without your boots on.



Each Scout must have a complete set of dry socks and underwear to change into before going to bed each night.

Patrols, start planning your menu: snacks on Friday evening, a cooked breakfast on Saturday, an easy cooked lunch, a CHALLENGING cooked dinner, and a non-cooked breakfast on Sunday. Menus must be ready for review at 7:00 PM on Feb 17th's Troop meeting.

Patrol Leaders should be calling their patrol members **now** and find out who will be going. We need an **accurate** and complete list. Do **not** wait until Tuesday night to start making calls.

We may perform a service project for the Mueller's on Saturday. Activities will be planned by your SPL and ASPL.

Freeze-Out Patches will be awarded to everyone in attendance if water in a bucket freezes completely. The Scoutmaster will determine the level of freeze necessary for the patch.

Arrival at the Pondo on Friday night will be after dark. Scouts must be prepared with flashlights and the appropriate clothing upon arrival. There will not be an opportunity to search for stuff in your gear bag until all tents are set up.



Need an adult volunteer to take the troop trailer down and back. Adults driving to the Pondo and staying should use SUV's or high clearance vehicles. The gravel road leading to the campsite has water crossings and very rocky.