

THAT'S WHAT'S UP!!!

Weekly Troop news for BSA Troop 112

October 11, 2016

www.Troop112nampa.org

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2. CAMP-OUT ADVISORY: Remember! Our Scout motto is, "Be Prepared"

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3. HAM RADIO MERIT BADGE: Are you interested in the Ham Radio Merit Badge? Sign up at the front desk. Adults.... You can participate, too. There is a \$15 cost and the class is limited to First Class Scouts, and above. Talk with Mr. Robinson for more details. You can access a worksheet at: www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Radio

4. CURRENT MERIT BADGES:

Personal Management (began Oct 4): Mr. Robinson;
Camping: Mr. Lowry/ Roger Pipkin (as requested);
Citizenship in the Community (begins Nov. 1): Mr. West/Mr. Jung

5. UPCOMING EVENTS:

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- 2. Oct 21-23:** Camp-Out – Hell's Canyon Car Camping
- 3. Oct 28:** Larry Wineman's Eagle Court of Honor (Ferdinand Hall)
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- 5. Nov 12:** Scouting for Food
- 6. Nov 13:** Veteran's Day Service at Nampa First Nazarene
- 7. Nov 18-20:** Camp-Out, CJ Strike & Bruneau Sand Dunes

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