



Central Point Sea Scout Update

December 2014

As the holidays approach, it is a time to think about how you can give back to others. There are all kinds of things you and your unit can do to make the season a little happier. Many ships, crews, and citizens in Chicago help volunteer for an organization that provides families with Christmas trees that cannot afford them. To read more about Chicago's Christmas Ship, visit: <http://christmasship.org>. You could also volunteer at a soup kitchen, help with a holiday dinner, or run a toy drive. One thing that people across the nation are getting involved with is Operation Christmas Child. For Operation Christmas Child, you pack a shoebox with things that we sometimes take for granted but others long for such as toys, clothes, a toothbrush, and school supplies. The packed shoebox is then shipped to children in need around the world. It is a great thing to think about doing in the future to brighten a child's holiday. For more information, visit: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. The possibilities are nearly endless with some dedication and the spirit to help others.



Remember to check out the following links to stay connected and up-to-date during the holiday season:

National Sea Scout Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/SeaScoutsBSA>
National Sea Scout Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/seascoutsbsa/>
National Sea Scout Twitter:
<https://twitter.com/SeaScoutsBSA>
National Sea Scout Instagram: @seascoutsbsa

Sea Scout Term of the Month: **Mate (noun)**

Definition: The mate in a Sea Scout ship is similar to an associate advisor in a Venturing crew. They help to mentor youth and assume the duties of the ship skipper when they are not present.

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