



**BOY SCOUT TROOP 155
ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
November 25 – December 11, 2022**

Each year the troop sells Christmas Trees and Wreaths from the parking lot at the Whittin Community Center. This major fundraiser will be held beginning Friday, November 25 and will run through Sunday, December 11. Each Scout will be expected to participate in seven work shifts. Volunteers will also be asked to help on Friday, Nov. 25 (the day after Thanksgiving) when we put up the tree racks and unload the truck from Nova Scotia. The shifts will begin that Friday, with a special weekday shift from 12-4, along with the regular 4-8 p.m. shift. Here are the regular times of the shifts:

Monday through Friday 4:00-8:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday 8:45 AM – 12:00 PM 11:45 – 3:00 PM 2:45 – 6:00 PM
[Note: The tree stand will be closed on the following days: Monday, Nov. 28, Tuesday, Nov. 29, Monday, Dec. 5 and Tuesday, Dec. 6.]

Scouts will be asked to sign up for seven shifts. Most shifts have a maximum number of four scouts, but weekend shifts may have more. At least two adults work as supervisors. The current sign-up sheet can be found on this web site: <http://bsatr155.tripod.com>. Just go to the front page of that web site and click on the Christmas Tree.)

Sign up for shifts three different ways:

- 1) From the tree schedule page on the web site, click on the link to Mr. Thompson's e-mail address (thompsoncharlie51@gmail.com). You may request shift(s) based on blank spaces you see on the schedule. (Scouts should look in the "Scouts" column, adults in the "Adult" column, and Webelos in the "Webelos" column.) I will be updating the schedule on a daily basis. Please do not request multiple shifts on the same Saturday or Sunday.
- 2) A schedule will be available each Tuesday night at the Troop Meetings starting in November.
- 3) A schedule will be available at the Christmas Tree sale itself.

COVID-19 Precautions:

The safety of our scouts and their families are our highest priority. The sale is conducted entirely in the outdoors. Numbers are generally limited to 4 scouts and 2 adults. Scouts will not be allowed to go inside customers' cars for the purpose of tying trees to roofs. Other safety measures are being developed as well. Your input in this area is welcomed.

Half of the money earned will go to fund each Scout's Individual Camp Account. This money can be used to pay for summer camp 2023 or can accrue for future years' camp expenses. The other half of the money will go into the general treasury to pay for normal yearly operational expenses of the troop. (Last year Scouts working six shifts earned \$480, or \$80 per shift.) ***Our troop expenses, particularly end-of-year re-registration of scouts, will be dramatically higher this year. Please see the accompanying letter addressing re-registration.***

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We also invite Webelos II Scouts who will be joining our troop in the spring to participate in the Christmas Tree Sale. They can sign up for shifts by first looking at the chart on the web site, then e-mailing Mr. Thompson with their preferences at thompsoncharlie51@gmail.com. Please note: a maximum of two webelos will be allowed per shift.

PARENTS – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please consider volunteering to work a few shifts for the troop. We will match you up with experienced troop leaders. Parents working shifts will earn an additional \$10 per shift for their scout. For more information, speak to Mr. Thompson at any troop meeting.