

2017 Christmas Ship Sleepover

Sea Scout Ship 5111 (Chartered by the Columbia Yacht Club), will proudly host the 2017 Christmas Ship Sleepover. This event coincides with the annual Chicago's Christmas Ship (a separate, but companion event) delivery of Christmas Trees that are distributed to underprivileged Chicago families. The trees are purchased by the Chicago's Christmas Ship www.christmasship.org, brought to Chicago by the US Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw* and off-loaded by area youth groups. Local Scouting Groups (BSA & GSA) have been a part of this tradition for several years. Many of these Scouting groups gather at the *Abegweit*, Clubship of the Columbia Yacht Club for the Friday night Sleepover. We welcome old and new participants. **The event is open to all area Scouting Groups (BSA & GSA), high school age and above and operated in accordance with BSA Venturing Youth Protection Guidelines. Coed Scouting units must have male / female leadership. Unit leaders are responsible for conduct of their youth. Failure to adhere to rules will result in being asked to leave.**

This year's Sleepover will be similar to past programs. You may arrive at Columbia Yacht Club **after 6:00 PM** on Friday evening, December 1st. We ask all participants to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for donation to the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Friday evening is a pot-luck affair (so bring something to share). There is Friday evening entertainment, followed by lights out. **We must limit the event to 250 participants and due to another event that evening, we will not be allowed on other decks of the *Abegweit* until 10:00 PM.**

On Saturday morning, a light breakfast provided (sweet rolls, donuts, juice & coffee) followed by a flag raising ceremony. After flags, those wishing to participate in the tree off-loading (**Scouting Units must register directly with Chicago's Christmas Ship**) walk over to Navy Pier. After the off-loading is complete, a hot dog lunch is provided back at Columbia Yacht Club. At this time, it is time to gather up your gear and head out home.

Note: Parking arrangements are not yet solidified.

Thank you for your interest in this year's event.

Please direct all inquiries to Martin Bernstein, Event Chair, at <mailto:sleepover@ship5111.org>

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