



TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

March 2009

GENERAL NOTES:

- **“No Electronics” policy applies to meetings, not just campouts.** Please do not use your cell phone, iPod, etc during the meetings. Adults should strive to set a good example as well.
- The Troop will be handing out the **new epaulets and troop numerals** at the March 12 meeting. There will be a **uniform inspection on March 26**. We want all uniforms to be updated for that inspection.
- **RSVP** your yes/no attendance ASAP for the Eagle Court of Honor on March 29 if you have not already done so.
- **Remember that you, the individual Scout, are responsible for your own advancement.** Many adults are waiting and very willing to help you, but you must ask for their help. If you have a particular requirement you wish to work on or get checked off, you might even want to call the adult a few days before the meeting to make sure they will be there and you are prepared. If you ask an adult to be at a meeting to work with you, remember to show up or call them beforehand and let them know you need to reschedule.

ADULT NOTES:

- Yours truly, the **Newsletter and Email Coordinator**, will be retiring soon. This is a important position for maintaining communication within the Troop. The duties include attending the monthly committee meeting and preparing the newsletter after that meeting. (The calendar, trip sheets, etc are produced by others and you just have to include them.) Also, when an email message goes out to the Troop, it goes through the coordinator. Please speak to Mrs. Sue Schaub, XXX-XXXX, or Mr. Jim Schwartz, XXX-XXX, to learn more.
- We are looking for an **Assistant Trip Coordinator**. This person will help with the paperwork details associated with a trip. Please speak to Mr. Jim Schwartz, XXX-XXXX, if you want to learn more about this position.
- Mr. Rick McKinney needs some parent volunteers to help in the kitchen, serve food, etc. for the **District Dinner being hosted on Friday, May 8** at the Legion. By hosting the annual district adult recognition dinner, our Troop gets to put a little extra money back into our budget. Please email Mr. McKinney to sign up.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD (March 12, 26, 27)

Your neighborhood

Coordinators: Mrs. Patti Schwartz, Good Turn and Service Coordinator

Scouting for Food bags will be handed out at the March 12 meeting and collected on March 26. During this period, each Scout is expected to distribute bags to family, friends, and neighbors and ask them to fill the bag with non-perishable food. Then, come and help stock shelves at the Medfield Food Cupboard for service hours on March 27 after school at the UCC church. Sign-up to help stock shelves Thursday March 26th.

SPORTSMAN’S CLUB TRIP (March 14-15)

Medfield, MA

Trip fee: \$10

Payment deadline: February 26

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator, tripcoordinator@troop89medfield.org

Have a great time!

ACTIVITY NIGHT (March 19, 7:00-8:30 pm)

Westwood Community Pool, 200 Nahatan Street, Westwood

Fee: \$5 paid at the door

Coordinator: Mr. John Dalton, Activity Coordinator, XXX-XXXX

The Troop will be participating in a swimming Activity Night at the Westwood Community Pool at Westwood High School. Here are a few more important details:

1. Bring a bathing suit (no cut-offs allowed) and towel - a locker room is available for changing.
2. Swimmers are required to shower off briefly before entering pool.
3. Sign into the attendance log upon arrival and pay \$5.
4. This will be a public swim session, so we will be sharing the pool with the general public. Half the pool will consist of lanes for swimming laps. Please behave respectfully to all swimmers.
5. You must be swimmer certified to swim. Anyone certified at 2008 summer camp is still covered. Other Scouts will have to do a short swim test before being allowed to free swim.
- 6/ Scouts who are seeking **2nd Class swimming requirements** (requirements 7b and 7c) should contact Mr. Dalton in order to make arrangements to complete these requirements during the Activity Night event.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR (March 29, Sunday 1 pm, UCC church)

Plan on attending to honor our Eagles Ben L. and Brandon S.

GREENHORN TRIP (April 3-5 for current Scouts, April 4-5 for new Scouts)

Nobscot Scout Reservation, Framingham, MA

Trip fee: \$15

Payment deadline: March 12,

may also pay prior to March 19 activity night

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator, tripcoordinator@troop89medfield.org

Please see the attached information sheet for details (same as last month's attachment). *If you miss the March 12 meeting, please sign up prior to March 19 by sending a check to Mr. Ralph Marto.*

PENOBSCOT HIGH ADVENTURE (Aug 9-15, 2009)

Coordinator: Mr. Phil Carpino

There are only three slots left for Scouts. Please refer to the handout from last month's newsletter for information and speak to Mr. Carpino ASAP if you are interested.