



TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

June 2009

GENERAL NOTES:

- **Troop T-Shirts** – The troop has upgraded our Troop t-shirts to a quick dry material (100% polyester Move™ Moisture Management with Odor Control). If you are interested in purchasing additional t-shirts, they will be available for \$10 each (there is also some inventory of the old style cotton shirt available for \$5). We expect to have them available for the June 18th Troop meeting. The Troop t-shirt is part of the Summer Camp uniform and it is strongly recommended that each Scout has at least 2 for the week. Don't forget to put your name on the shirt – they are all the same and Scouts often get confused about which one is theirs.

ADULT NOTES:

- A big thank you to Mrs. Chris Kaldy who has retired from her role as Troop Committee Secretary. Thank you to Mr. Rick Hooker for volunteering to be the new Troop Committee Secretary.

RELAY FOR LIFE OPENING CEREMONY (June 12th)

Wheelock School (5:30 – 7:00 pm)

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

URGENT – DESPARATE NEED FOR SCOUTS TO HELP WITH THE FLAG CEREMONY AT THE OPENING EVENTS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE – FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH. Scouts this is an opportunity to show some scout spirit and also earn service hours at the same time. If interested please show up at Wheelock School at 5:30 pm. Please speak to Mrs. Schwartz at the court of honor on Thursday or just show up Friday evening.

WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP (June 13-14th)

Deerfield River, Charlemont, MA

Trip fee: \$115/person

Payment deadline: May 14, 2009

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

For our June trip, Troop 89 will be going on a whitewater rafting trip on the Deerfield River in Charlemont, MA. (a two hour drive from Medfield). **Trip dates are June 13-14.** The actual river rafting is Sunday June 14. We have to raft on Sunday because the trip is not offered on Saturday due to the dam release schedule. We will depart Medfield at 9:00 am Saturday and return approximately 7:00 pm Sunday. All Scouts and adults participating must be classified as a "swimmer" based on passing BSA test or equivalent. **Further details of this event were e-mailed on May 13th along with a release form.**

TROOP 89 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (June 27th) Rocky Woods, Medfield, Massachusetts

Coordinator: Troop 89 50th Anniversary Committee

Details on our 50th anniversary celebration on June 27 at Rocky Woods were included in an invitation e-mailed in May 2009. **All Scouts are "strongly encouraged" to attend this event to meet our troop alums and share Scouting experiences.**

All current Scouts should wear their Class B uniform (Troop t-shirt and Scout shorts) to this event. There is no charge for current Scouts, leaders, and committee members. Family members are welcome at \$5 each, \$15 max per family as outlined in the invitation. **Remember to RSVP by June 20 if you are attending.** Any questions may be sent to 50th@Troop89Medfield.org.

2009 SUMMER CAMP (July 26 – August 1)

Camp Squanto Scout Reservation, Plymouth, Massachusetts

Trip fee: \$320 (after May 1)

Coordinator: Mr. Jim Schwartz, Committee Chairman

General Summer Camp information and merit badge and activity sign-up information is included as an attachment to this newsletter. Merit badge and activity sign-up, collection of medical forms, and photo reservations will be done at our last meeting - June 18th. Please schedule your Scout for a check up prior to June if he hasn't had one within 12 months of July 26th. The Squanto medical form was attached to the April newsletter. Visit <http://www.campsquanto.net/leadersguide>, under "Camp Forms and Applications" on left side and choose "Medical Form" if you cannot find your copy.

Summer Camp Scout trunk loading will take place on Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m., at the Scout shed. Everything you're taking to camp should be in your trunk at this time EXCEPT the clothes you will be wearing upon arrival at camp (swimsuit and towel, Troop t-shirt suggested). Medications should also be held out for delivery to camp staff upon arrival.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Coordinator: Mr. Jim Schwartz, Committee Chairman

In addition to Troop 89's week at camp, Camp Squanto offers additional opportunities available to Troop 89 Scouts. These specialty camp weeks are offered directly by Camp Squanto and **are not coordinated by the troop**. If you are interested, visit www.campsquanto.net to sign up (select "Summer Camp", "Leaders Guide", "Camp Forms and Applications" on left- side list, and then "eagle week registration" or "provisional camp application" on left-side list).

- Scouts may attend camp any time as part of the **Provisional Troop**. The Provisional Troop is made up of Scouts that want additional time at camp, Scouts that can't attend camp when their troop attends, and Scouts whose troops don't go to summer camp.
- **Eagle Week** offers Scouts First Class or higher an opportunity to focus on merit badges required for the Eagle rank. Since these are difficult merit badges, it is recommended that Scouts be 14 years of age and a STAR Scout by the time Eagle Week starts. This year Eagle Week will be held August 9-14.

The cost for these specialty weeks is \$320(there is no early bird discount). If this will be the second week (or more) of camp this summer for the Scout, then the price is discounted to \$225.

PENOBSCOT HIGH ADVENTURE (Aug 9-15, 2009)

Coordinator: Mr. Phil Carpino

There are only two slots left for Scouts. Please refer to the handout from the March newsletter for information and speak to Mr. Carpino ASAP if you are interested. Eligibility requirements are 14 years of age and achieved the rank of first class. A second deposit of \$200 is due on June 15, 2009 with final payment due July 15, 2009.

2010 HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP – PHILMONT (July 8 – 22, 2010)

Cimarron, New Mexico

Deposit Amount: \$200

Payment deadline: April 16, 2009

Coordinator: Mr. Phil Carpino, Assistant Scoutmaster

We have a group of boys and adults interested in attending Philmont for the high adventure trip in the summer of 2010. Eligibility for this trip is limited to scouts who are will be 14 years of age and achieved the rank of first class

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by the summer of 2010. Estimated cost of this trip is \$2,000 per person. If you are interested in this trip, please speak to Mr. Carpino ASAP and get your deposit in ASAP.

**2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE – CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia
(July 26- August 4, 2010)**

Deposit Amount: \$100

Payment deadline: Recommended to do ASAP

Coordinators: Mr. Rick McKinney and Old Colony Council

Old Colony Council gave a presentation at the April 2, 2009 Troop meeting on the 2010 National Jamboree celebrating 100 years of scouting. Some scouts have expressed an interest in attending. The attendance requirements for this trip include achieving first class rank by July 1, 2010, are at least 12 years old or have completed the sixth grade by July 1, 2010 and approval for participation by the Scoutmaster. Please note that this event will conflict with the traditional Troop 89 Summer Camp week at Camp Squanto. **If you are interested in this event it is strongly recommended that you obtain Mr. McKinney's approval first and then complete the on-line registration with a \$10 non-refundable processing fee as soon as possible.** The on-line registration is located at www.MyScouting.org. Once you complete the on-line registration a copy along with \$100 deposit is due to Old Colony Council. Council estimates the total cost of this trip to be approximately \$1,600. Further details of this trip were included in the May newsletter and are also on the Troop 89 website.

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