



TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

September 2009

GENERAL NOTES:

- Any Scout not returning this fall, please contact the Scoutmaster and let him know. Mr. McKinney's phone number is XXX-XXXX.
- **Thank you** to Scouts (Ashford Burgess, Johnny Dalton, Patrick Dalton, Jake Lester and Matt Woodard) and Parents/Leaders (John Dalton, Rick Mayer, Mike McGowan, Chris Rogers, Greg Schwartz, Jim Schwartz and Ken Woodard) who helped out at the Medfield Day Fireworks. We received numerous comments on the great job you did!

ADULT TRAINING:

- **All adults** who work with the boys or come along on camping trips should take the on line training "**Youth Protection**" course. In addition, other on-line training courses such as "**Fast Start Training**", "**This is Scouting**", "**Safety Afloat**" and "**Safe Swim Defense**" are available. These on-line trainings can be accessed from the www.MyScouting.org web site.
- **All Scoutmasters, Assistants and Committee members who might serve as such**, Old Colony Council is sponsoring training in "Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills" on October 24th and 25th at Camp Squanto. Check in is on Saturday, October 24th from 8:30 – 9:00 am. The format of the training is patrols, just like the boys, and we function as patrols as we work through training sessions on outdoor skills. Such as outdoor cooking, fire, knots, tools, program planning, etc. Everyone brings in their own equipment; this is tent camping, and runs regardless of weather. The training group will provide the food and training equipment where necessary.

Registration forms can be found on the Cranberry Harbors District webpage on the Old Colony Council site. The form & fee is sent directly to Old Colony Council - all information is on the forms.

If you are interested please contact Karen Single for details at xxx@xxxx.xxx.

ADVANCEMENT - ACTIVITY NIGHT (September 17, 7:00 – 8:30)

Wheelock Gym, Medfield

This is a combined advancement and activity night and will be held in the **Gym at Wheelock**. All Scouts are asked to bring their books so that Mrs. Schwartz can update the troop advancement records. If you need a scoutmaster conference or board of review please arrive in full Class A uniform.

WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST BACKPACKING/HIKING CAMPOUT (September 19-20)

Crawford Notch, NH

Trip fee: estimated \$35, cash

Payment deadline: September 10th

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

Join the troop for backpacking and hiking in the Crawford Notch area of the White Mountains. We will return to the Crawford Notch area of the White Mountain National Forest. A group or groups of backpackers will hike in the surrounding mountains and stay at established backcountry tent sites. Younger Scouts will stay at Dry River campground and take part in a scenic day hike. Details on this trip were e-mailed last week. This is a low-impact trip, so please also familiarize yourself with the Leave No Trace principles that were distributed along with trip details.

JOINT SERVICE PROJECT - MEDFIELD BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS (October 3, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm)

www.troop89medfield.org

Coordinator: Mrs. Patti Schwartz, Good Turn Coordinator

Hinckley Pond,

Medfield

Medfield Boy and Girl Scouts will be participating in a joint service project at the Hinckley Pond Swim area on Saturday, October 3, 2009. If you are interested in participating and getting service hours please let Mrs. Schwartz know.

FIRE SAFETY MERIT BADGE - OC Council Emergency Preparedness Weekend (Oct. 3, 2009)
Wrentham Development Center, Wrentham

Coordinator: Mr. Ken Woodard, Assistant Scoutmaster

Ken Woodard will be working with Walter Pelrine of Wrentham Fire Dept. at this event on Saturday, Oct. 3. They will present many of the requirements to complete the Fire Safety Merit Badge.

Registration is \$8 per scout. You do not have to attend the entire weekend to attend this and other classes on Saturday only. There will be stations set up for Fire Safety MB and First Aid MB – activities can be used toward advancement for Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class.

This event is being held at the Cracker Barrel Fairgrounds at Wrentham Development Center 133 Emerald Street in Wrentham. A detailed schedule of events for the day will be available from Mr. Woodard at a later date.

Obtain a blue Merit Badge Card from Mrs. Schwarz prior to the event. Sign up with Mr. Woodard at the Sep. 17 Troop meeting or call the Woodards at XXX-XXX.

COURT OF HONOR MEETING (October 8)

Families are encouraged to attend this meeting (regular time and place) as we present the many awards and badges earned over the summer.

CANOE TRIP (October 17-18)

Rocky Narrows, Sherborn

Trip fee: TBD

Payment deadline: October 1st

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

We will canoe on the Charles River from Medfield to Rocky Narrows, Sherborn and spend the night at Rocky Narrows. Take out will be on Sunday at the South Natick Dam. Historically, this has been a very popular trip. We anticipate needing more canoes for this trip than the Troop owns, so if you are willing to share your family canoe for the weekend, please contact Mr. Lester ASAP. Using our own canoes versus rentals will help greatly in keeping the cost of the trip reasonable. Also, if you have any extra dry bags for packing gear that could be shared, that would be great. Further details will be distributed at a later date. Sign up for this trip will be at our regular meeting on October 1, 2009.

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

Cimarron, New Mexico

Deposits through Sept: \$650

Payment deadline: September 2009

Coordinator: Mr. Phil Carpino, Assistant Scoutmaster, XXX-XXXX.

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 will be 14 years of age and achieved the rank of first class 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
(July 26- August 4, 2010)**

Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

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 are included on the Troop 89 website.

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