

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

October 2009

GENERAL NOTES:

A reminder that our meeting this Thursday, October 15, 2009 is an Activity night and will be held at Rocky Woods in the visitor center building next to the Pavilion. Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

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. Once completed, please inform Mr. Schwartz of the class title and date completed.

CANOE TRIP (October 17-18)

Rocky Narrows, Sherborn

Trip fee: \$15

Payment deadline: October 1st

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

Details of this trip were distributed earlier this month. Adults are needed on Sunday to help transport scouts from the South Natick Dam back to the scout shed in Medfield. Also, if you have any extra dry bags for packing gear that could be shared, that would be great.

COURT OF HONOR MEETING (October 29)

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

WEBELOS WEEKEND (November 14-15)

Hale Reservation, Westwood, MA

Trip fee: TBD, **cash only please**

Payment deadline: October 29

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

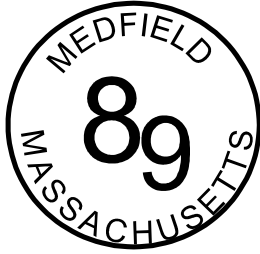
We will be sending out an information sheet with details of this trip before sign up. Please plan on attending to show the Webelos what Boy Scouting and our Troop are all about.

OPERATION PIE BAKE: (November 15, Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.)

The Schwartz's House, 3 Stuart Street

Coordinator: Mrs. Patti Schwartz, Service and Good Turn Coordinator, xxx-xxxx

Service hours – Over the years Troop 89 Scouts have baked hundreds of Thanksgiving pies for the Medfield Food Cupboard. The organizers of the Food Cupboard have been delighted with what is now a Troop 89 tradition. They need more pies than ever this year to help provide Thanksgiving dinner for families in Medfield. Sign up for a one hour shift during our regular meetings or contact Mrs. Schwartz.



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JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING (December 5-6)

Hale Reservation, Westwood, MA

We will be conducting our annual Junior Leader Training Session as part of an overnight campout at Hale Reservation. Scouts who are eligible (First Class and higher) to attend will be given additional information concerning the trip. Also, the December PLC will be held during the JLT.

CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE (January 2 & 9)

Coordinator: Mr. Dave Thole, xxx-xxxx; Assistant Mr. Rich Sauro, xxx-xxxx.

The **Christmas Tree Drive** is upon us again. This is our one BIG fundraiser that supports the troop for the whole year! We need drivers with **Class 2 hitches and/or trucks** to help on these days. Every parent who has a pick-up truck or hitch helps the Troop make a bigger profit, instead of our paying U-Haul. (FYI – U-Haul will not let you tow a trailer behind a Ford Explorer.) Please call Mr. Sauro if you can help by driving one of those days.

Parents we need your assistance to help make phone calls to confirm and schedule tree pickups. As long as you have access to a phone we could use your help. Call lists of prior year families requesting pickups are provided and calls are generally made the last week of December. Please call Mr. Thole if you can help with the phone calls.

If you want to help, but don't have a truck/hitch, or can't make phone calls there are opportunities to help with publicity, or accompanying a driver – Mr. Thole will be happy to find a job for you. Thanks!

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 are 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

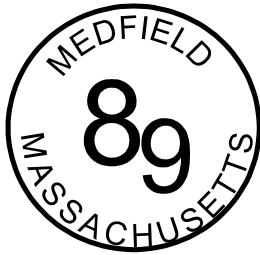
Payment deadline: Recommended to do ASAP

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**

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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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PRINT TONER RECYCLING PROGRAM – GREEN PROGRAM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR TROOP 89

Coordinator: Mr. Gus Murby, Committee Member, xxx-xxxx

For a number of years, Troop 89 has had a print toner recycling program to ensure the environmentally sound recycling of laser jet and ink jet print toners/ cartridges. This program also served as a supplemental fund raising program because the print toner recyclers actually pay for the toners being recycled. We have accumulated a fairly significant number of laser jet and ink jet toners/ cartridges. That may sound like a bad thing, but it turns out that it's not. In this past year, Staples instituted a print toner/ cartridge recycling program that is far superior to anything we were able to coordinate through the Internet recyclers. Staples offers \$3 for any print toner or cartridge that is recycled through its stores by a customer who is registered in their Staples Rewards program. Regular Staples Rewards customers are eligible to recycle up to 10 toners/ cartridges per month (\$30/ month worth of credit), and Staples Rewards Gold customers are eligible to recycle up to 20 toners/ cartridges per month (\$60/ month worth of credit). Payments are issued as store credits to the customer who turned the toners/ cartridges in with an expiration date that is at least 4 – 5 month out.

HERE'S WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP! – We are probably sitting on about 500 toners/ cartridges right now. That represents \$1500 in windfall funds that we can bring into the troop. 1) If there are parents who are Staples Rewards customers who would be willing to take some of these toners/ cartridges and turn them in for store credit, please let Gus Murby know and he will make sure you are supplied with as many toners/ cartridges as you can handle. 2) If you aren't a Staples Rewards registered customer, but you need office supplies, or even some common housekeeping supplies like paper towels, please let Gus Murby know that as well. We can place orders with Staples for you, using the store credit checks issued to the Staples Rewards customers who turned toners/ cartridges in and get you the supplies you need. You can then write a check to the troop for the amount of the supplies you ordered from Staples and we can turn store credit checks with expiration dates into real cash for the troop. It's a pretty painless way for the troop to make money, but it probably won't last forever, so we want to act now while the program is in place. This is a great opportunity for the troop to strengthen its finances! Please see Gus Murby for further details, or to get answers to any questions you have about this very worthwhile program. ***HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND HELP OUR TROOP AT THE SAME TIME!***

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