

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

January 2010

GENERAL NOTES:

- **Thanks to all** for another successful tree drive. Almost 500 trees were picked up this year – a great effort by all!
- **Merit Badge University** - Old Colony Council is planning a Merit Badge University (MBU) for three Saturdays in March 2010. **The dates are Saturday March 6th, 13th and 27th. Classes will be held at Southeastern Regional Voc Tech in South Easton, MA.** Mr. McKinney passed out forms to each scout at last weeks meeting to be completed. **A copy of the registration form and FAQ's is also attached to this e-mail.** If you are interested in attending the MBU please complete all information and follow all instructions on this form (indicate merit badges earned to date and select 12 merit badges - rank each one). **Bring your completed form to the regular meeting on January 21, 2010 where we will have Troop registration for the MBU. Mr. McKinney will review and if necessary advise each scout on changes to their selections.** Registration forms submitted after this date may not be accepted, since final Troop registration to Council is due shortly thereafter. **If you can not attend the meeting on January 21st, please make arrangements to get your completed registration form to Mr. McKinney prior to this date.**
- **Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge** -Mrs. Woodard will be offering the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge for any interested scouts. For all those scouts interested in this merit badge please contact Mrs. Woodward.

SEVEN RIVERS DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY (January 29-30, 2010)

Walpole MA

Cost: -\$20, cash only please

Payment deadline: January 7, 2010__

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator

For our January 2010 trip, Troop 89 will participate in the Klondike Derby, a weekend of winter and snow themed fun and games at the Walpole Sportsman's Club. This is a BSA district-wide event, bringing together troops from the Seven Rivers district of Old Colony Council This will be a fun chance to meet Scouts from other troops, and defend Troop 89's tradition of competitive excellence in these kinds of multi-event challenges (like Apache Relay at summer camp). We arrive and camp out on Friday night, then participate in the games on Saturday and return to Medfield in the late afternoon. **Sign-up deadline was last week.**

SKI TRIP (February 12-15)

Mt. Abram, Lock Mills, Maine

Trip fee: \$150 per Scout and non-drivers / \$125 drivers,

Payment deadline: January 21

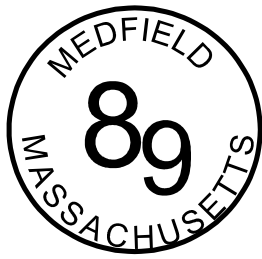
Cash or check (price does not include rentals)

Release and rental forms/payment also due that day

Coordinator: Mr. Todd Honan, Ski Trip Coordinator

See the attached handouts for information. Note that the release form is attached as well – please print and return the completed form by January 21th. **SKI HELMETS are required for all participants, adults included.** If you do not own a helmet, you may rent one at the mountain for \$18 for the weekend. Ski/Snowboard rental forms will be available on the 21st and need to be returned no later than the 28th (an electronic version is not available this year).

Adult Participants are expected to take the "Youth Protection Training" online course at www.oldcolonycouncil.org. Click on "Online Training".



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SCOUT SUNDAY (February 7) and SCOUT SABBATH (February 13)

A message from the Unit Commissioner – Mr. Jerry Kazanjian

*“Scout Sunday, February 7, 2010 and Scout Sabbath on February 13th should be celebrated with special emphasis on the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America. I feel it is imperative that all Scouts show their allegiance to the Scout Oath and especially the Scout Law. **The twelfth point of the Law states: A Scout is reverent**”. Please make every effort to encourage your Scouts to attend the worship service of their choice in full class A uniform.*

At St. Edward Church, the Mass will be at 9:30 AM, on February 7th. I am requesting that all uniformed leaders be available as greeters, ushers, to help with the collection, and to pass out bulletins after Mass. I am looking for uniformed leaders who are Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers to assist with the Mass. Please call me at 508 359 8907 if you can help. Two Webelos Scouts from Pack 200 will be receiving their Religious Award at the end of Mass from Father Leroy, and there will be a linger longer after Mass. Michelle Barrett from Pack 200 will help Louise and I with the coffee and donuts. Anyone else who would like to help may call me.

Please be “Reverent” and attend your place of worship in Class A uniform on the appropriate date. Check with your place of worship to see when they will be observing this and how you can be involved.”

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

Deposits through Dec: \$1,125

Cimarron, New Mexico

Future Payment deadlines: See Below

Coordinator: Mr. Phil Carpino, Assistant Scoutmaster

A schedule of remaining payments is as follows:

February 1st - \$475 May 1st - \$143

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

Coordinator: Mr. Gus Murby, Committee Member,

The Troop 89 print toner recycling program continues. Details of this program were included in October 2009 Newsletter. 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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