

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

April 2010

GENERAL NOTES:

- **Thank you to all who participated in the Scouting for Food drive!**
- Mr. Rick McKinney needs some parent volunteers to help in the kitchen, serve food, etc. for the **District Dinner being hosted on Friday, May 7** at the Legion. By hosting the annual district adult recognition dinner, our Troop gets to put a little extra money back into our budget. .
- **New Scouts-** please be sure to go over the pamphlet at the front of your Scout book with your parents. This is one of the rank requirements for the Scout rank (Chapter 1, page 4). Also, remember to bring your Scout handbook to all meetings.
- **Mr. Ralph Marto will be retiring** as Troop 89 Treasurer and Mr. Kevin McCahill has volunteered to serve as Troop 89 Treasurer. **A big thank you** to Mr. Ralph Marto for his many years of service as Troop 89 Treasurer, where he was responsible for the Troop finances, collected trip fees and distributed troop funds to scouts and adult leaders.

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB ACTIVITY – AFTERNOON SHOOT (May 1st, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Medfield, MA

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator

The Troop 89 Sportsman's club trip was unfortunately cancelled in March, so the Sportsman's club has offered to host Troop 89 for an **"afternoon shoot"** on Saturday, May 1st. Scouts will receive safety training and be given the opportunity to shoot. All interested scouts are asked to sign up for this activity on Thursday, April 15th. The Sportsman's club will provide tee shirts for all scouts participating and there is no fee for this activity. Scouts should arrange their own travel plans to be dropped off and picked up at the Sportsman's Club.

TROOP 89 SWIM TEST (May 4th, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

Westwood Community Pool at the Westwood High School

30 Nahatan Street, Westwood MA

Coordinator: Mr. John Dalton, Activities Coordinator

On Tuesday, May 4th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm the Troop will be conducting the BSA swim test at the Westwood Community Pool at the Westwood High School. **All scouts and adults attending the Canoe Trip (and who have not successfully passed the BSA Swimmer test within the past 12 months) or who are attending summer camp in July are expected to attend this swim test.** Successfully passing the BSA swim test is mandatory for all (scouts and adults) wishing to participate in the Canoe trip. In addition, this is the official swim test for all scouts and adults who will be attending Camp Squanto this summer.

Bring a bathing suit (no cut-offs allowed) and towel - a locker room is available for changing. Swimmers are required to shower off briefly before entering pool.

TROOP 89 - BSA CENTENNIAL DAY OF SERVICE (May 15th 9:00 am- 1:00 pm)

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Coordinator: Mr. Rick Hooker

Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and Troop 89 has decided to participate in this celebration by organizing a day of service to our community. On Saturday **May 15th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**, the troop will be participating in two community service projects in Medfield. We will start the day by planting approximately 30 - 40 trees roadside adjacent to the old town landfill on Route 27. We will finish with a project to clean up the grounds around the Dwight Derby house. Pizza will be provided for lunch to those scouts participating. **This is a great way to show scout spirit for BSA's 100th anniversary, give back to your community and also earn community service hours for advancement requirements.** All scouts are strongly encouraged to participate. Mr. Hooker is also looking for additional adult volunteers for this activity. Sign up for this activity will be at our regular meeting on May 6th.

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CANOE TRIP (May 22nd -23rd)

Trip fee: \$15

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator

Rocky Narrows, Sherborn
Payment deadline: May 6th

This is one of the all-time classic, best local Scout trips. We are very lucky to have a two-day “wilderness” canoe trip that starts right in our town. We will put canoes in the Charles River in Medfield Saturday morning, and paddle downstream to the Rocky Narrows reservation in Sherborn, a property of the Trustees of Reservations, where Scout groups are allowed to camp by special permission. Take out will be on Sunday at the South Natick Dam. Historically, this has been a very popular trip. If you have any extra dry bags for packing gear that could be shared, that would be great. Attached is the trip write up with further details. Sign up for this trip will be at our regular meeting on May 6th.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ACTIVITIES (May 29th and May 31st)

On **May 29th** at 9:30 a.m., we will meet at the Scout Shed to **clean up** the grounds at the **American Legion**. The Legion is Troop 89's Charter Organization. They sponsor us and provide us with a place to store all of our gear. As the Memorial Day parade terminates at the Legion, it is important that the grounds are free from litter. Please come prepared with a pair of work gloves. .

On **May 31st** at 9:30 a.m., the Troop will meet behind Town Hall for the **Memorial Day parade**. The parade will proceed west on Main Street, pass through the Vine Lake Cemetery, and conclude at the American Legion where hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Please come dressed in your full “Class A” uniform including scout pants (or shorts), tan shirt, Troop 89 hat, belt, socks and hiking boots or leather shoes (no sneakers).

Attendance at both activities is mandatory. The only exceptions are if your family is traveling out of town or if you are in the high school band.

2010 SUMMER CAMP (July 25 – 31)

Camp Squanto Scout Reservation, Plymouth, Massachusetts

Trip fee: \$310

Payment deadline: April 29th

Coordinator: Mr. Jim Schwartz, Committee Chairman

Summer camp provides the greatest opportunity for advancement all year. New Scouts can quickly jump-start their Scouting careers, while veteran Scouts, in addition to continuing their own advancement, will gain valuable leadership experience. Most of all, summer camp affords an atmosphere of camaraderie, teamwork, and fellowship. We live, work, and compete together as a troop and have a lot of fun along the way.

We hope that each Scout, along with his parents, will seriously consider the benefits of summer camp and will choose to join us at Camp Squanto this year. Troop 89 has traditionally maintained a strong presence at summer camp, and we hope this year will be no exception.

The total cost for the week is \$310 per Scout. **The full payment is required by Thursday, April 29th.** An additional \$15 per Scout *late fee* must be charged after this deadline. Please talk to Treasurer Mr. Kevin McCahill if cost would prevent your Scout from participating. If you cannot make the meeting, please mail payment to Mr. McCahill at 14 Birch Lane.

Merit badge sign-up and collection of medical forms will be done at a meeting in early June. **Please schedule your Scout for a checkup prior to June if he hasn't had one within 12 months of July 25th.** The **Squanto medical form** is attached.

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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 8-13.

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.

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

Deposits through Feb: \$1,600

Cimarron, New Mexico

Future Payment deadlines: See Below

Coordinator: Mr. Phil Carpino, Assistant Scoutmaster

The last payment is due **May 1st**

A special section for 2010 Philmont Crew training schedule has been added to the attached calendar

WILSON MOUNTAIN PARK SERVE DAY (April 24th, 9am – 3pm)

Dedham, MA

Coordinator: Mr. Mike Francis, Superintendent – The Trustees of Reservations

NOTE: - This is not a Troop 89 sponsored activity

Are you looking for service hours? The Trustees of Reservations is coordinating a community service opportunity for those scouts looking for service hours. Celebrate the largest open space in Dedham and help The Trustees and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation care for this community gem. Help with spring clean-up including trail work, trail signage and boundary marking. Volunteer projects will be followed by refreshments and a ranger led hike to learn more about the trails and history of the mountain in addition to other programs and long-term volunteer opportunities. You can pre-register by sending an e-mail to charlesrivervalley@ttor.org or by calling Mike Francis at (508) 785-0339. Pre-registration is requested, though not required – lunch will be provided for those who do not pre-register for this event. If anyone volunteers for service time, they should let Mrs. Schwartz know and request a note to confirm the total time they assisted during the day.

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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. The total value of the toners turned in for recycling to date is \$ 1,409.00. Money received through this financially attractive recycling program is as follows –

	Cash to Troop 89's General Fund	Cash to Individuals	Total Cash
Rebates received to date	\$468.00	\$491.00	\$959.00

This is a great way for the troop to encourage recycling while raising money at the same time. Toners turned in by individuals are credited to that individual to apply to activity fees for that individual's participation in overnights and other troop activities. Rebates for other print toners that are turned in go directly into the troops budget.

How can you help?

There are 3 ways you can participate in this very worthwhile program –

1. Turn in used print toners (ink jet and laser jet toners) to Gus Murby for recycling. You will get \$3 credit for each print toner you turn in which can be applied to your activity fees for troop activities.
2. If you have a Staples Rewards card or an Office Max rewards card, help the troop by turning in print toners. Office Max allows their customers to turn in 20 print toners per month. Staples allows either 10 or 20 toners to be turned in per month, depending upon your Rewards status. See Gus Murby for toners if you can turn them in.
3. Let Gus Murby know if you need office supplies from Staples or Office Max (right now we only have rewards checks for Staples). As we receive rewards checks, we use the checks to buy things from the store for people. The people who order the supplies write a check to the troop reimbursing the troop for the purchase made with the rewards checks. The advantage of buying supplies this way is that you won't have to pay sales tax on that portion of the purchase that is paid for with the rewards checks. The advantage to the troop is that we turn rewards checks that have expiration dates into cash that the troop (or individuals in the troop) can use whenever it's needed.

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!**