

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

May 2010

GENERAL NOTES:

- **Thank you to Rick and Lisa McKinney** (chairs), Bob Ailinger, Steve Callahan, Paul Daniele, George Lester, Rick Mayer, Kevin McCahill, Mike McGowan, Maureen Nowak, Chris Rogers, Rich Sauro, Greg Schwartz, Jim Schwartz, Patti Schwartz, and Tom Wooden for organizing, cooking, serving, cleaning and everything else at the District Dinner held at our American Legion. Thanks to scouts Mathew McCahill and Jack McCahill for participating in the opening flag ceremony. This is a fundraiser that the adults run for our troop, so a big thanks to them for giving of their time and skills!

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

Medfield, MA

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 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. See you all on Saturday!

TROOP ELECTIONS (May 20th)

Rocky Woods, Medfield, MA

Troop elections will be held during the May 20th meeting at **Rocky Woods**. If you are planning on running for patrol leader or senior patrol leader, please remember the attendance requirements of 60% and 70%, respectively. If you are concerned about your participation level, please ask the current SPL to check your numbers.

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. The trip write up with further details was sent earlier in April.

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. .

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

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)

Trip fee: \$310

Camp Squanto Scout Reservation, Plymouth, MA

Payment deadline: April 29th

Coordinator: Mr. Jim Schwartz, Committee Chairman

It's not too late! You may still sign up for summer camp. Just let Mr. Schwartz know as soon as possible. The total fee is \$310 (plus late fee of \$15). Please talk to Treasurer Kevin McCahill if cost would prevent your Scout from participating. 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.

Merit badge and activity sign-up information will be e-mailed to scouts later this month. Merit badge and activity sign-up, collection of medical forms, and photo reservations will be done at our June 3rd meeting. Please schedule your Scout for a check up prior to June if he hasn't had one within 12 months of July 25th. The Squanto medical form was attached to the April newsletter.

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.

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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

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	\$618.00	\$491.00	\$1109.00

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!**