

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

June 2010

GENERAL NOTES:

- **Thank you to scouts Parker W., Mathew M. and Jack M. as well as adult leaders Ms. Patti Schwartz, Greg Schwartz, and Kevin McCahill for participating in the opening ceremonies at the Relay for Life event last weekend.**

ADULT NOTES:

Youth safety is the No. 1 concern of the BSA. To increase awareness of this societal problem and to create even greater barriers to abuse than already exist today in Scouting, the Boy Scouts of America is implementing several important changes to further enhance its Youth Protection policies:

Effective June 1, 2010:

- Youth Protection Training is required for all registered volunteers.
- New leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training before they submit their application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.
- Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection Training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD BICYCLE TRIP (June 25 – 27)

Trip Fee \$65

Martha's Vineyard Family Campground, MV, MA

Payment deadline: June 3rd

Trip details were e-mailed last week and sign up was last week.

Logistics and Schedule

Thursday June 24, 6:30 pm: Bring bicycles and personal gear to the Scout Shed. We will load the gear and bicycles onto the truck. There will not be room in cars leaving Friday morning for gear or bicycles. There will also be no access to the truck once it is loaded on Thursday until we arrive at Vineyard Haven on Friday. Grubmasters should bring all food, iced in coolers with frozen 1 gallon water jugs, for loading as well. Scouts will be expected to help with loading. Grubmasters and patrol leaders will load troop gear also. The truck will depart and meet us at Woods Hole for the ferry crossing.

Friday June 25, 7:45 am, Report to the Scout Shed for departure. Do not be late, by 8:00 am we should be gone. Scouts should wear Class B uniform (Troop 89 T-shirt). We will drive to Woods Hole as a group to arrive for a 10:45 am ferry to Vineyard Haven. After arriving at Vineyard Haven we will unload bicycles from the truck and ride to the campground. Anyone not wishing to bike can walk the short distance (1.5 miles). Directions to the campground will be provided.

Bring a bag lunch for Friday.

Sunday June 27, 3:45 pm: We will return on ferry from Oak Buffs.

Sunday June 27, 6:30 pm: Return arrival at Scout Shed. Scouts will be dismissed for pickup after normal procedures for unloading and stowing gear.

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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.

Summer Camp Scout trunk loading will take place on Saturday, July 24th, 9 a.m., at the Scout shed. Everything you're taking to camp should be in your trunk at this time EXCEPT the clothes you will be wearing upon arrival at camp (swimsuit and towel, Troop t-shirt suggested). Medications should also be held out for delivery to camp staff upon arrival.

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 \$325 (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

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

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!**