

# TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*August 2010*

***This is an abbreviated Back-to-School Scouts newsletter – a full newsletter will be published in a couple of weeks around the 15<sup>th</sup> of September***

## GENERAL NOTES:

- Any Scout not returning this fall, please contact the Scoutmaster and let him know. Mr. McKinney's phone number is xxx-xxxx.
- Scouts who are participating in the Order of the Arrow Ordeal weekend are reminded that your **paper work and money are due to Old Colony Council by September 7<sup>th</sup>**. No Exceptions. **Please remember to bring your BSA Medical Form**. The forms used at summer camp and returned to scouts at the end of summer camp should be used.
- Another great summer at Squanto – lots of advancement and many merit badges were earned. The Troop got 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Apache relay.

## REGISTRATION and MEETING (September 2<sup>nd</sup> , Wheelock Cafeteria)

- **Please bring a parent** to this meeting for yearly registration. The cost is \$45 and includes a subscription to Boys' Life. If there are multiple Scouts in a family, the cost is \$35 for the additional Scout(s). At the same time, please **return the enclosed TROOP 89, BSA Permission Slip and Medical Release Form with a copy of your insurance card**. We need a new copy of the release each year, as well as a new copy of your insurance card. Participation in troop events is not allowed unless this paper work is completed.
- Bring in any records that pertain to **advancement/awards/badge work** that was done over the summer outside of the troop week at Squanto and give to Mrs. Schwartz so it may be recorded. Scouts who received partials on merit badges at summer camp please bring your paper work to this meeting along with any additional work discussed.
- **Parents – we need updated vehicle/cell phone information** for anyone who has a remote possibility of driving the Scouts during this year so you are backed up by BSA insurance. If your information has changed since last year or you did not provide it last year, please come prepared with your license, plate numbers, and insurance coverage amounts.
- **Sign up for the Mt. Cardigan, New Hampshire Hiking Trip on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be done at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The cost of the trip is \$30 per person and should be paid at sign up.** Since there will not be a meeting on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>, it is important that all scouts planning on attending this trip sign up this week. Details on the trip are included as an attachment.

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## 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.

### EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

There are some important training opportunities for adult leaders and volunteers. If you are interested please see Mr. Schwartz regarding further details. Dates, time and locations are listed below:

#### SCOUTMASTER BASICS

SM-1 Sept. 30, 2010 SM-2 Oct. 7, 2010 SM-3 Oct. 14, 2010 (7:00pm – 10:00pm)  
Lutheran Church of the Cross, 77 Rockland St. Hanover, MA  
Registration cut off date September 24, 2010

#### Boy Scout Leader Specific

Saturday, October 2, 2010, 8:00a – 4:00p  
United Church of Christ, 496 Main Street, Medfield, MA

#### Outdoor Leader Skills (OLS) course

October 23-24, 2010.  
Camp Squanto  
Pre-registration deadline is October 1, 2010 with NO exceptions

#### OUTDOOR BOY SCOUTLEADER SKILLS TRAINING (OLST)

November 6th and Sunday, November 7th, 2010 & October 21st (6:45pm – 9:00pm)  
Wrentham Development Center  
Pre-registration deadline is October 21, 2010 NO exceptions