

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

September 2010

GENERAL NOTES:

- Any Scout not returning this fall, please contact the Scoutmaster and let him know. Mr. McKinney's phone number is xxx-xxxx.
- A reminder that there are still some scouts who have not turned in their registration materials including the TROOP 89, BSA Permission Slip and Medical Release Form with a copy of their insurance cards. – (See the August Newsletter for details). There are also some adults who have not completed the Youth Protection Training which is now required for all registered Adults who participate in Troop trips and events. (See details on new Council and Troop policy below). **Scouts and Adults who do not have the above completed are unable to participate in upcoming Troop trips. – including this weekend's Mt. Cardigan, New Hampshire Hiking Trip. Please turn in the required forms or complete the required training ASAP.**
- **The Troop 89 Committee would like to remind scouts and adults to try to adhere to our registration sign up deadlines for Troop trips and events.** These deadlines are set with certain lead times to allow for proper planning of trips and events and to guarantee spaces for District or Council events. If you are unable to make a deadline please notify the Scoutmaster – Mr. McKinney as soon as possible. If you owe the Troop money for a trip or event please promptly remit your payment to the Troop Treasurer – Mr. McCahill. If you would like to take advantage of Troop 89 financial support, please speak to Mr. Schwartz for further details.

ACTIVITY NIGHT (September 16, 7:00 – 8:30)

Rocky Woods, Medfield

This is an activity night and will be held at Rocky Woods. Please dress appropriately for the weather and remember to bring a flashlight.

MT. CARDIGAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE HIKING CAMPOUT (September 18-19)

Canaan, New Hampshire

Trip fee: estimated \$30, cash

Payment deadline: September 9th

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator

Join the troop for hiking in the Mt. Cardigan, New Hampshire area. We will all have a day hike to the top of Mt. Cardigan and return to base camp for overnight camping. Details on this trip were e-mailed two weeks ago. **Please note that there is a 500 meter (approx ¼ to ½ mile) hike-in from the cars to the campsite. Utilizing backpacks is strongly suggested and use of troop cooking equipment for menus should be carefully planned – since we will not be taking patrol boxes.**

This is a low-impact trip, so please also familiarize yourself with the Leave No Trace principles that were distributed along with trip details.

ADVANCEMENT NIGHT (September 23)

Blake Middle School Cafeteria

All Scouts are asked to bring their books so that Mrs. Schwartz can update the troop advancement records. If you need a scoutmaster conference or board of review please arrive in full Class A uniform.

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COURT OF HONOR MEETING (September 30)

Families are encouraged to attend this meeting (regular time and place) as we present the many awards and badges earned over the summer.

CARPENTRY MERIT BADGE (October 2)

47A Pound Street, Medfield MA

Coordinator: Mr. Rich Sauro, Assistant Scoutmaster

It is not too late to sign up for the carpentry merit badge. If you have not signed up you can do so this Thursday at the meeting in Rocky Woods. The merit badge will be offered at Mr. Rich Sauro's house (xxxxxx). Please be at Mr. Sauro's house at 7:30 am and plan on being picked up at 4:00 pm. All questions should be directed to Mr. Rich Sauro.

DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE (October 15-17)

Wrentham Development Center, Wrentham MA

This will be a fun District wide Fall Camporee, where scouts will have an opportunity to earn the historic merit badges only available on this historic centennial year for Scouting. In addition, scouts will be able to compete as a Troop against other District Troops in fun activities including Geo-caching. Further details on this trip will be mailed to scouts in the near future and sign up will be at the September 30th meeting.

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.

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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)

Saturday, November 6th and Sunday, November 7th, 2010

Wrentham Development Center

Pre-registration deadline is October 21, 2010 NO exceptions