

# TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

October 2010

## GENERAL NOTES:

- A reminder that there are some adults who have not completed (or sent in evidence of completion) the Youth Protection Training which is now required for all registered adults plus all adults who participate in Troop trips and events. (See details on new Council and Troop policy below). **Adults who do not have the above completed are unable to participate in upcoming Troop activities and trips. Please turn in evidence of your training completion to Mr. Schwartz ASAP.**

### ADVANCEMENT NIGHT (October 14, 7:00 – 8:30)

Wheelock School Cafeteria, Medfield

All Scouts are asked to bring their books. If you need a scoutmaster conference or board of review please arrive in full Class A uniform.

### DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE (October 15-17)

Wrentham Development Center, Wrentham MA

*Trip Fee: \$25*

*Payment deadline: September 30*

*Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator*

For our October 2010 trip, Troop 89 will participate in the Old Colony Council 7 Rivers District Camporee held at the Cracker Barrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham, Massachusetts, with other troops from our area. The exciting agenda of activities includes geocaching, orienteering, Jamboree On The Air radio broadcasting, special merit badge classes such as carpentry, signaling and tracking, and a Saturday night campfire. We arrive and camp out on Friday night, then participate in the events on Saturday and return to Medfield Sunday morning. **All scouts should eat dinner prior to arriving at the Scout Shed on Friday evening. Patrol leaders and grub masters should report to the Scout Shed on Friday evening at 6:30pm and all other scouts should report at 7:00 pm. On Sunday, we are planning on arriving at the Scout Shed at 10:30 am.**

### WEBELOS WEEKEND (November 13-14)

*Location To Be Confirmed, MA*

*Trip fee: TBD, cash only please*

*Payment deadline: October 28*

*Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator*

We will be sending out an information sheet with details of this trip before sign up. Please plan on attending to show the Webelos what Boy Scouting and our Troop are all about.

### EAGLE COURT OF HONOR (Saturday, November 20, 10:00 am)

United Church of Christ, Medfield

*Coordinator: Mrs. Patti Schwartz, Advancement Chair*

Scouts and parents please join us to honor the special achievements of our newest Eagle Scouts Joe Marto and Sasha Nowak. Invitations will be mailed soon, please RSVP.

### JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING (December 4-5)

Hale Reservation, Westwood, MA

We will be conducting our annual Junior Leader Training Session as part of an overnight campout at Hale Reservation. Scouts who are eligible (First Class and higher) to attend will be given additional information concerning the trip. Also, the December PLC will be held during the JLT.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE (January 8 & 15)

*Coordinator:* Mr. Dave Thole, xxx-xxxx; Assistant Mr. Rich Sauro, xxx-xxxx.

The **Christmas Tree Drive** is upon us again. This is our one BIG fundraiser that supports the troop for the whole year! We need drivers with **Class 2 hitches and/or trucks** to help on these days. Every parent who has a pick-up truck or hitch helps the Troop make a bigger profit, instead of our paying U-Haul. (FYI – U-Haul will not let you tow a trailer behind a Ford Explorer.) Please call Mr. Sauro if you can help by driving one of those days.

Parents we need your assistance to help make phone calls to confirm and schedule tree pickups. As long as you have access to a phone we could use your help. Call lists of prior year families requesting pickups are provided and calls are generally made the last week of December. Please call Mr. Thole if you can help with the phone calls.

If you want to help, but don't have a truck/hitch, or can't make phone calls there are opportunities to help with publicity, or accompanying a driver – Mr. Thole will be happy to find a job for you. Thanks!

## 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 and all adults who participate in Troop trips.
- 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:

### **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