

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield,



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

November 2010

GENERAL NOTES:

- Save the dates – the 2011 **Summer Camp has been confirmed as July 31st - August 6th 2011.**
- **Merit Badge University** – Old Colony Council will be organizing the Merit Badge University again this year. The Merit Badge University will occur over three Saturdays in March 2011. The dates are Saturday March 5th, 12th and 26th. More details will be provided in later newsletters.
- A big thank you to Mr. Kevin McCahill for his service as Troop Treasurer. Thank you to Mr. Barry Rollins for volunteering to be the new Troop Treasurer.

WEBELOS WEEKEND (November 13-14)

Dover Scout Cabin, Dover, MA

Trip fee: \$15, cash only please

Payment deadline: October 28

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator, tripcoordinator@troop89medfield.org

Trip details were provided earlier. **All scouts should eat a hearty breakfast prior to arriving at the Scout Shed on Saturday morning. Patrol leaders and grub masters should report to the Scout Shed on Saturday morning at 7:30 am and all other scouts should report no later than 8:00 am. On Sunday, we are planning on arriving at the Scout Shed at 10:30 am.**

Let's show the Webelos a great time!!!

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

United Church of Christ, Medfield

Coordinator: Mrs. Patti Schwartz, Advancement Chair,

Invitations were mailed to scouts and parents. If you have not already RSVP to Patti Schwartz, please do so ASAP. We are looking forward to honoring the special achievements of newest Eagle Scouts Joe Marto and Sasha Nowak.

REGULAR MEETING (Thursday, December 2, 7:00 pm)

Wheelock School Cafeteria, Medfield, MA

Troop elections will be held this evening. Mr. McKinney is expecting all scouts who want to run for Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader to have their prepared comments ready. All scouts who participated in the Carpentry Merit Badge please bring your finished stool to this meeting. Mr. Sauro will be coordinating a group photograph.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY - TOY DRIVE

Coordinator: Mrs. Patti Schwatz – Good Turn Coordinator

This fall Seven Rivers District is coordinating a Toy Drive for Christmas in the City. They are asking Troops, Packs & Crews to collect new unopened toys to make Christmas special to homeless & very low income kids. We would like Troop 89 to be part of this and to help others. **All toys are due at the December 2nd Troop Meeting**, so Mr. McKinney can bring them to the District Roundtable on the December 7th. This is a great time for all of us to think about others, and do something to help.

Below is a list of the most requested gifts

- Gift Cards (Target, Old Navy & Marshall's are Best)
- Infant/Toddler Activity Gyms or Tables
- Play Sets for Toddlers (Fisher Price, Rescue Heroes)
- Electronic Activity (Leapad, Imagination Desk)
- Lego or K'Nex Building Sets
- Barbie / Hot Wheels Boombox
- Remote Control Cars
- Dolls / Barbies with Accessories
- Tonka Trucks

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.

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. **Since the Christmas and New Year holidays fall on weekends this year, we are expecting a high volume of trees will need to be picked up on January 8th – (please consider volunteering to help in some way on this day).**

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!

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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 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.