

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

December 2010

GENERAL NOTES:

- **Thank you to all the adult leaders** who helped out on the Junior Leadership Training Weekend and made it a great success. The scouts appreciate your efforts.
- **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. Sign up will be in January 2011 and more details will be provided next month.
- **We are looking for an Assistant Trip Coordinator** to assist with the paperwork and preparations for our trips. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mr. Jim Schwartz (xxx-xxx-xxxx).
- A reminder that there is **no meeting on December 23th or 30th**,

ACTIVITY NIGHT (December 16, 7-8:30 p.m.)

Coordinator: Mr. John Dalton, Activity Coordinator, xxx-xxx-xxxx.

An activity night is scheduled at the Westwood Municipal Pool (located at the east end of Westwood High School on Nahatan Street - see <http://local.yahoo.com/info-35163293-westwood-high-school-westwood> for map and details). **Please arrive at 7 pm to get organized –the swim will start at 7:15 pm. Please remember to bring \$5 and a towel.**

ORDER OF THE ARROW – BANQUET (January 3, 2011)

A reminder to all OA members who are interested in attending this banquet - **your registration forms need to be in to Old Colony Council by December 23, 2010.**

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. **Currently we are in need of 1 adult and 5 scouts to help on January 8th and 2 adults and 10 scouts to help on January 15th. Not all scouts have signed up! Please call Mr. Sauro at xxx-xxxx or e-mail him at xx@xx.xxx and let him know if you can help.**

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!

Scouts – you are expected to help on one or both weekends. Not all scouts have signed up. If you have not signed up or are not sure if Mr. Sauro knows that you're helping, please let Mr Sauro know as soon as possible.

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SEVEN RIVERS DISTRICT KLONDIKE DERBY (January 28-29, 2011)

Cost: -\$20, cash only please

Payment deadline: January 6, 2011

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator,

Walpole MA

For our January 2011 trip, Troop 89 will participate in the Klondike Derby, a weekend of winter and snow themed fun and games at the Walpole Sportsman's Club. This is a BSA district-wide event, bringing together troops from the Seven Rivers district of Old Colony Council. This will be a fun chance to meet Scouts from other troops, and defend Troop 89's tradition of competitive excellence in these kinds of multi-event challenges (like Apache Relay at summer camp). We arrive and camp out on Friday night, then participate in the games on Saturday and return to Medfield in the late afternoon. **Sign-up is early January 6, 2011 !!**

HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES – SUMMER 2011

Cost – Approximately \$600

Coordinator: Mr. Phil Carpino, Assistant Scoutmaster and High Adventure Coordinator

Scouts, we need your input after reviewing the following details about each option with your parents. There are **two potential high adventure trips** for the summer of 2011 as follows:

(1) Sea Kayaking the Coast of Maine.

August 15th – 21st

This adventure includes 2 days learning basic and advanced kayaking skills needed for ocean kayaking. We will then spend 3 days and two nights paddling the Maine coast in and around Muscongus Bay. For the first two days we will be camping at Pemaquid Point Camp ground, the following two nights will be spent on one of the islands on Muscongus Bay. **The trip will be from August 15th - 21st.** The estimated cost for this trip is \$600/person based on a crew of 12.

(2) Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

July 16th – 23rd

This option is an 8 day trip along the Allagash Wilderness Waterway beginning at the challenging Chase Rapids where you will have to read whitewater and will test paddling skills you've practiced prior to the trip. It is a trip of great variety, we travel lakes, rapids, and meandering quiet water. Campsites are primitive and beautiful, and we try to allow plenty of time for relaxing, swimming, and exploring, especially at Allagash Falls. Wildlife is abundant along the river, and sightings of moose are frequent in the summer months. **This trip will run from July 16th. - 23rd.** The estimated cost is \$600/person with a maximum crew size of 12. Good canoeing skills are required for this trip. You should expect to participate on 1-2 mandatory training trips per month beginning in March as part of the preparation for this trip. This will include one overnight trip.

If you are interested in high adventure next year please respond to me by e-mail, xx@xx.xxx, with your choice, Sea Kayaking or Allagash Wilderness Waterway. **Please review these trip details, dates and cost with your parents prior to responding.** If you are interested and don't have a preference one way or the other please respond as well.

To qualify for high adventure in Troop 89 you must be 14 years old by the time of the trip and first class.

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PRINT TONER RECYCLING PROGRAM – GREEN PROGRAM TO RAISE FUNDS FOR TROOP 89

Coordinator: Mr. Gus Murby, Committee Member, xxx-xxxx

The Troop 89 print toner recycling program continues. Details of this program were included in prior Newsletters. It's a pretty painless way for the troop to make money, but it probably won't last forever, so we want to act now while the program is in place.

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!***