

# TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield,



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

January 2011

## GENERAL NOTES:

- **Thanks to all who have participated or plan to participate in the Christmas Tree pick-up. Our first weekend was very successful – picking up over 400 trees and we expect to do another 100 trees this weekend. A great effort by all!**
- **Merit Badge University** - Old Colony Council is planning a Merit Badge University (MBU) for three Saturdays in March 2011. **The dates are Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held at Southeastern Regional Voc Tech in South Easton, MA.** Mr. McKinney passed out forms to each scout at last week's meeting to be completed. **A copy of the registration form and FAQ's is also attached to this e-mail.** If you are interested in attending the MBU please complete all information and follow all instructions on this form (indicate merit badges earned to date and select 12 merit badges - rank each one). **Some scouts turned in their forms last week, however, if you have not turned in your form, please bring your completed form to the meeting on January 13, 2010.** Registration forms submitted after this date will not be accepted, since final Troop registration to Council is due shortly thereafter. **There are no exceptions. If you cannot attend the meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, please make arrangements to get your completed registration form to Mr. McKinney prior to this date. Scouts who have not paid the \$20 fee please you're your payment at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

## ADULT NOTES:

- **We are looking for Adult Volunteers.** We need an **Assistant Trip Coordinator** to assist with the paperwork and preparations for our trips. We are also looking for an **Assistant Christmas Tree Drive Coordinator** to help with the Christmas Tree Drive in the future and assist with external communications, confirm customer orders and organize tree pickup route assignments for our crews. If you are interested in helping with either of these positions, please contact Mr. Jim Schwartz (xxx-xxx-xxxx).

## ADVANCEMENT NIGHT (January 13, 2011)

Wheelock 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.

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

Walpole MA

Cost: -\$20, cash only please

Payment deadline: January 6, 2011

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator

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 was last week. All scouts should eat a hearty dinner at home on Friday before arriving at the shed for departure.**

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## SCOUT SUNDAY (February 6) and SCOUT SABBATH (February 12)

Scout Sunday is on February 6, 2011 and Scout Sabbath is on February 12<sup>th</sup>. All scouts should show their allegiance to the Scout Oath and especially the Scout Law. ***The twelfth point of the Scout Law states: A Scout is reverent.***

Please be "Reverent" and make every effort to attend your place of worship in Class A uniform on the appropriate date. Check with your place of worship to see when they will be observing this and how you can be involved.

## EAGLE COURTS OF HONOR

Coordinator: Mrs. Patti Schwartz, Advancement Chair

United Church of Christ, Medfield

Troop 89 will be holding two eagle courts of honor over the next few months. Scouts and parents please join us to honor the special achievements of our newest Eagle Scouts. – **SAVE THE DATES!**

Date of Eagle Court of Honor	Eagle Scouts Honored
Saturday, March 19, 2011	Connor Blackmon Matt Danielle Joey McKinney
Saturday, June 12, 2011	Henry D'Angelo Jason Hooker Evan Mayer

Invitations will be mailed soon, please RSVP.

## HIGH ADVENTURE

**ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAY (July 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Maine**

Cost – Approximately \$400-500

Payment Deadline: **Deposit of \$100 due January 27, 2011**

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

A final decision on a high adventure trip for Summer 2011 has been made and the Troop will be going on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. All scouts who are interested in this High Adventure Trip, should notify Mr. Carpino ASAP of their firm commitment. **In addition, scouts need to turn in their \$100 deposit by January 27, 2011.** Details of this trip were included in the December newsletter. The estimated cost is approximately \$400-500/person with a maximum crew size of 12(actual cost will be finalized in the next few months). 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.

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

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!**

## TRAINING ASSISTANCE FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS MERIT BADGE

Scouts who are interested in getting extra training assistance while working on the Personal Fitness Merit Badge, can take advantage of a special group training opportunity at the Kingsbury Club. Mr. Rogers has arranged a special group training rate at the Kingsbury Club. Tim Harrington, a staff trainer who is also an active duty marine, **will work with the scouts, educating them on fitness goals, exercises and how to develop a personal fitness plan.** The program is designed to develop lifetime fitness skills with trainer supervision and instructions, gradually decreasing trainer involvement as the scouts become more familiar with their exercise programs.

**Scouts are not required to participate in this program in order to complete the Physical Fitness Merit Badge. However, Scouts choosing to participate must still complete all the requirements of the Physical Fitness Merit Badge – which include meeting with their counselor, preparing their own individual fitness plan, having it approved by their merit badge counselor prior to commencing the plan and then execute all aspects of their physical fitness plan. The purpose of the program is to offer assistance and education in the form of a trainer to those scouts who feel they can benefit from this added help when developing their own individual fitness plans.**

For a total of 15 sessions over the course of 12 weeks, rates are as follows:

7 – 9 Scouts:

Members: \$15 x 15 = \$225

Non-members: \$20 x 15 = \$300

10+ Scouts:

Members: \$10 x 15 = \$150

Non-members: \$15 x 15 = \$225

Please contact Mr. Rogers as soon as possible if you are interested in this opportunity. There is interest in starting the schedule by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January.