

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield,



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

February 2011

GENERAL NOTES:

- A reminder that all scouts who take troop equipment home need to return the equipment **at the beginning of the next regular Troop meeting**. It is important to return equipment at the beginning of meetings to allow the Troop quartermaster time to properly check it in and store it in the shed.
- **Merit Badge University** – We have registered 19 scouts for the Merit Badge University (MBU). (Registration is now closed). The dates are Saturday March 5th, 12th and 26th. Classes will be held at Southeastern Regional Voc Tech in South Easton, MA. Scouts will be notified at the regular meeting on March 3rd regarding the three merit badges classes that have been confirmed by the MBU. Mr. McKinney will also provide to each scout the appropriate Merit Badge books at that time. Scouts are encouraged to bring a bag lunch each Saturday.

ADULT NOTES:

- Mr. Rick McKinney needs some parent volunteers to help in the kitchen, serve food, etc. for the **District Dinner being hosted on Saturday, May 7** at the Legion. By hosting the annual district adult recognition dinner, our Troop gets to put a little extra money back into our budget. Please email Mr. McKinney to sign up.
- **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).

COURT OF HONOR (February 10th)

Wheelock School Cafeteria

Parents are encouraged to attend this court of honor and celebrate the achievements of Scouts. Scout assignments for food and drinks have been made by patrol leaders. If you have been assigned something please remember to bring it.

SKI TRIP (February 24-27)

Mt. Abram, Lock Mills, Maine

Trip fee: \$150 per Scout and non-drivers / \$125 drivers, Payment deadline: February 10th
Cash or check (price does not include rentals) Release and rental forms/payment also due that day
Coordinator: Mr. Todd Honan, Ski Trip Coordinator, xxx-xxxx

**WE LEAVE FROM SHAW'S PARKING LOT TO DRIVE TO MAINE ON THURSDAY EVENING,
FEB 12th, AT 6:00 PM.
BE AT SHAW'S BY 5:30 PM SHARP THURSDAY EVENING**

**WE ARRIVE HOME IN MEDFIELD SUNDAY, FEB 27, BETWEEN 2:00PM AND 8:00 PM,
DEPENDING UPON DRIVER.**

TRIP DETAILS WERE SENT OUT LAST WEEK

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD (March 3, 10)

Your neighborhood

Coordinator: Mrs. Patti Schwartz, *Good Turn and Service Coordinator xxx-xxxx*

Scouting for Food bags will be handed out at the March 3 meeting and collected on March 10. During this period, each scout is expected to distribute bags to family, friends, and neighbors and ask them to fill the bag with non-perishable food.

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB TRIP (March 12-13)

Medfield, MA

Trip fee: \$10

Payment deadline: February 17th

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator

Trip details will be sent at a later time. This trip will start on Saturday, March 12th – in the afternoon after the Merit Badge University. Sign up for this trip will be at the regular meeting on February 17th.

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 B. Matt D. Joey M.
Sunday, June 12, 2011	Henry D. Jason H. Evan M.

Invitations will be mailed soon, please RSVP.

HIGH ADVENTURE

ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAY (July 16th – 24th)

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*

We currently have six scouts and two adults confirmed for this trip. **There is still room for three more scouts and one adult.** All scouts who are interested in this High Adventure Trip, should notify Mr. Carpino or Mr. Lester ASAP of their firm commitment. **In addition, scouts need to turn in their \$100 deposit as soon as possible.** 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

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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.

HIGH ADVENTURE SEA BASE - Summer 2012

Florida Keys

The Troop will hear shortly in the next few weeks about our final lottery selections for the Sea Base high adventure trip during August 2012. The dates submitted are the weeks of August 8th -15th and Aug 15th -22nd. As soon as final dates and trip details are known, interested scouts will be required to commit to one of the contingents with a \$100 deposit by March 10, 2011. The two choices available are (1) Out Island Adventure or (2) Scuba Diving Adventure. Total estimated cost for this trip is expected to be approximately \$1,500.

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

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.

Here's how you can help –

1. If you have used ink jet or laser jet toners, let Mr. Murby know or drop them off to him. He will turn them in to Staples for \$2 credit per toner. The credit gets issued in the form of a Staples Reward check, the value of which will be credited to the scout turning in the toners for application to troop trip fees.
2. If you have a Staples or Office Max Rewards account that you can use to turn in toners, let Mr. Murby know and he will give you toners to turn in on behalf of the troop. So far we have only been using the Staples recycling program, but Office Max has a similar program in place if you have a card with them.
3. If you need office supplies, check with Mr. Murby to find out if any rewards checks are available. If we have some unexpended rewards checks on hand, he can order the supplies you need and pay for them with the rewards check. You then reimburse the troop for the value of the purchase. The advantage to you is that there is no sales tax applied to the amount covered by the rewards check, so you save money over what it would cost to buy the supplies on your own.

To date, Troop 89 has earned almost \$2,000 through this program. It's good for the environment, good for Troop 89, and good for the people who use the rewards checks to buy office supplies! Try it!