

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

May 2011

GENERAL NOTES:

- **Thank you to Rick and Lisa McKinney** (chairs), Bob Ailinger, Al Bonfillio, Steve Callahan, Liana and John Dalton, Paul Danielle, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Rick Hooker, Diane Lambert, George Lester, Karen Lundstrom, Rick Mayer, Mike McGowan, Gus Murby, Rich Sauro, for organizing, cooking, serving, cleaning and everything else at the District Dinner held at our American Legion. Thanks to scouts James C., Ethan M. and Robert P. for participating in the opening flag ceremony. The event was very successful due to all the hard work of the above people. Everyone was happy, the food & the company was great. **The highlight of the evening was our very own Scoutmaster – Mr. Rick McKinney receiving the Scoutmaster of the Year award!!!**
- Adults are needed to drive to the Spring Camporee being held in Nottingham, New Hampshire. Details are listed below.

ADULT NOTES:

- **Adult Volunteers Needed.**
We are looking for two adults to serve as **Christmas Tree Drive Coordinators** 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 this position, please contact Mr. Jim Schwartz (xxx-xxx-xxxx).

We are also in need of Adults for Summer Camp this year. If you are interested please contact Mr. Rick McKinney.

- A reminder to Adults who go on trips to take the on-line BSA trainings for Safe Swim, Safety Afloat and Hazardous Weather. These on-line trainings are available on the BSA web-site. Please provide a copy of your certificate to Mr. Schwartz for the troop records when you complete these on-line courses.

TROOP ELECTIONS AND ACTIVITY NIGHT (Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 pm)

Blake Middle School Cafeteria

We will meet at Rocky Woods for Troop Elections and Activity Night. Mr. McKinney is expecting all scouts who want to run for Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader to have their prepared comments ready.

TROOP 89 SWIM TEST (May 26th, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

Westwood Community Pool at the Westwood High School
Coordinator: Mr. John Dalton, Activities Coordinator

30 Nahatan Street, Westwood, MA

On Thursday, May 26th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm the Troop will be conducting the BSA swim test at the Westwood Community Pool at the Westwood High School. **All scouts and adults who are attending summer camp in July are expected to attend this swim test.** This is the official swim test for all scouts and adults who will be attending Camp Squanto this summer.

Bring a bathing suit (no cut-offs allowed) and towel - a locker room is available for changing. Swimmers are required to shower off briefly before entering pool.

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SEVEN RIVERS DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE (May 20 – 22)

Pawtuckaway State Park

Trip fee: \$25

Nottingham, New Hampshire

Payment Deadline: Was April 28th

Coordinator: Mr. George Lester, Trip Coordinator

The Seven Rivers District Spring Camporee will offer all scouts the opportunity to participate in many activities such as free climbing activities, working on the Forestry and Pioneering Merit Badges or taking a five-mile hike to the top of Mt. Pawtuckaway. Scouts age 14 and older will be able to work on the Climbing Merit Badge. We will be leaving late Friday afternoon and returning Sunday. Adults are needed to help drive. Trip details were provided last month.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND ACTIVITIES (May 28th and May 30st)

On **May 28th** at 9:30 a.m., we will meet at the Scout Shed to **clean up** the grounds at the **American Legion**. The Legion is Troop 89's Charter Organization. They sponsor us and provide us with a place to store all of our gear. As the Memorial Day parade terminates at the Legion, it is important that the grounds are free from litter. Please come prepared with a pair of work gloves. .

On **May 30st** at 9:30 a.m., the Troop will meet behind Town Hall for the **Memorial Day parade**. The parade will proceed west on Main Street, pass through the Vine Lake Cemetery, and conclude at the American Legion where hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Please come dressed in your full "Class A" uniform including scout pants (or shorts), tan shirt, Troop 89 hat, belt, socks and hiking boots or leather shoes (no sneakers).

Attendance at both activities is mandatory. The only exceptions are if your family is traveling out of town or if you are in the high school band.

ADVANCEMENT NIGHT AND SUMMER CAMP

MERIT BADGE SIGN-UP (Thursday, June 2nd, 7:00 pm)

Wheelock School Cafeteria, Medfield, MA

This will be an advancement night. In addition, we will have the sign up for summer camp merit badges. Details on Summer Camp Merit Badge Sign Up will be sent out in May 2011

RELAY FOR LIFE (Friday, June 10th, 5:45 pm)

Medway Middle School, Medway, MA

Troop 89 has the opportunity to do the Opening Ceremony for the combined towns of Medfield, Medway, Millis and Norfolk Relay for Life. It is being held at Medway Middle School football field which is located on Holliston Street. Scouts need to be there at 5:45pm in full Class A uniform. It is an hour commitment and can be used for service. Please contact Mrs. Schwartz at xxx-xxxx if you plan on attending.

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EAGLE COURT OF HONOR (Sunday, June 12th)

Coordinator: Mrs. Patti Schwartz, Advancement Chair

American Legion Hall, Medfield

Troop 89 will be holding an **Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, June 12th at the American Legion Hall**. Scouts should **arrive no later than 12:30 pm**, so we can begin the ceremony promptly at 1:00 pm. Parents are also welcome to join us to honor the special achievements of our newest Eagle Scouts, Henry D'A., Jason H. and Evan M. **Invitations were mailed last month – if you have not RSVP'd please do so as soon as possible.**

2011 SUMMER CAMP (July 31 – August 6)

Camp Squanto Scout Reservation

Trip fee: \$330

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Coordinator: Mr. Jim Schwartz, Committee Chairman, 359-8250

It's not too late! You may still sign up for summer camp. Just let Mr. Schwartz know as soon as possible. The total fee is \$330 (the early bird discount of \$15 is no longer available). Please talk to Treasurer Barry Rollins if cost would prevent your Scout from participating. Summer camp provides the greatest opportunity for advancement all year. New Scouts can quickly jump-start their Scouting careers, while veteran Scouts, in addition to continuing their own advancement, will gain valuable leadership experience. Most of all, summer camp affords an atmosphere of camaraderie, teamwork, and fellowship. We live, work, and compete together as a troop and have a lot of fun along the way.

We hope that each Scout, along with his parents, will seriously consider the benefits of summer camp and will choose to join us at Camp Squanto this year. Troop 89 has traditionally maintained a strong presence at summer camp, and we hope this year will be no exception.

Merit badge and activity sign-up information is included as an attachment to this newsletter. Merit badge and activity sign-up, collection of medical forms, and photo reservations will be done at our June 2nd meeting. Please schedule your Scout for a checkup prior to June if he hasn't had one within 12 months of July 31st. The BSA Class 3 Medical form required for Squanto was sent out last month and can also be found on the troop website www.troop89medfield.org.

ADDITIONAL SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Coordinator: Mr. Jim Schwartz, Committee Chairman

In addition to Troop 89's week at camp, Camp Squanto offers additional opportunities available to Troop 89 Scouts. These specialty camp weeks are offered directly by Camp Squanto and **are not coordinated by the troop**. If you are interested, see Mr. McKinney for registration forms.

- Scouts may attend camp any time as part of the **Provisional Troop**. The Provisional Troop is made up of Scouts that want additional time at camp, Scouts that can't attend camp when their troop attends, and Scouts whose troops don't go to summer camp.
- **Eagle Week** offers Scouts First Class or higher an opportunity to focus on merit badges required for the Eagle rank. Since these are difficult merit badges, it is recommended that Scouts be 14 years of age and a STAR Scout by the time Eagle Week starts. This year Eagle Week will be held in August.

The cost for these specialty weeks is \$330 (there is no early bird discount). If this will be the second week (or more) of camp this summer for the Scout, then the price is discounted to \$225

HIGH ADVENTURE

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ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAY (July 16th – 24th)

Cost – Approximately \$400-500

Payment Schedule: **1st Deposit - \$100 due January 27th**
2nd Deposit - \$200 due May 12th

Coordinator: *Mr. George Lester, Assistant Scoutmaster*

The training trips are scheduled for May 1st, 14th and 29th. The calendar now includes an Allagash Crew section with dates for training and payments.

FLORIDA SEA BASE - (August 19th – 26th, 2012)

Florida Keys

Cost – Approximately \$1,500

Payment Schedule: **1st Deposit - \$100 due March 10th**

Coordinator: *Mr. Carpino, Assistant Scoutmaster High Adventure Coordinator*

The Troop is confirmed for two contingent crews at the Florida Sea Base during the week of August 19th -26th, 2012. The Scuba Diving Adventure crew is currently comprised of 5 scouts and 2 adults. **There is room for one more scout in this crew.** The Out Island Adventure crew is confirmed and is currently 4 scouts and 2 adults. **There is room for two additional scouts in this crew.** If you are interested please contact Mr. Carpino ASAP. 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*

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!