

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF

AMERICA

October 2011

GENERAL NOTES:

ADULTS – TROOP 89 NEEDS YOU!

Troop 89 has a long tradition of providing a great Scouting program and an opportunity for Scouts to experience all that Scouting has to offer. **This is only possible due to the outstanding support that Troop 89 receives from Adults volunteering to help.** We have been blessed to have Adults who give their time and talent to Troop 89 (some even continue long after their sons have moved on from Scouting). **Nevertheless, every year we have Scouts who move on from Scouting and in some cases their parents, also move on.**

The Troop 89 Committee “Ask” of all Adults, is to consider ways in which you may be able to volunteer. There are plenty of different ways Moms and Dads can assist. No prior experience is required, only a desire to help. **Currently, the Troop’s greatest needs are for Adults to attend trips as Assistant Scoutmasters** or assist individuals currently serving as Adult Chaplain, Adult Quartermaster, Trip Coordinator, etc. If camping trips are not your thing, you can help out in other ways, such as assisting on the Troop Committee (recording secretary, coordinating with the press, website coordinator, activity night coordinator). Merit Badge Counselors for the troop and instructors at Merit Badge University are always needed. Parents are encouraged to attend a Troop Committee meeting and learn more about the many ways they can contribute to the overall quality of Troop 89’s scouting program.

Please see Jim Schwartz- Committee Chair, Rick McKinney- Scoutmaster, or Rick Hooker – Committee member, to learn more about or volunteer for any of these opportunities.

- **CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE COORDINATOR**

A very big thank you to Mr. Larry Heaney for agreeing to be the next Troop 89 Christmas Tree Drive Coordinator. Mr. Heaney will be working with Mr. Thole this holiday season to transition this important Troop responsibility. This is the troop’s BIG fund raiser of the year and provides us with over 80% of our annual operating budget.

SEVEN RIVERS DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE – “SURVIVOR THEME” (October 21-23)

Camp Norse, Kingston

MA

Trip fee: \$30

Payment deadline: extended to Oct 13th

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

It is not too late to sign up for this trip. The deadline has been extended to Thursday, October 13th. This will be a fun District Fall Camporee, where troops from our district will come together at Camp Norse and compete in a series of events. Scouts working in patrols and as a troop will have an opportunity to compete for the ultimate Camp Norse Fall Camporee Survivor Title. Trip details were e-mailed last week and are available on the Troop 89 website - www.troop89medfield.org

WEBELOS WEEKEND (November 12-13)

Location To Be Confirmed, MA

Trip fee: TBD

Payment deadline: October 27th

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

We will be sending out an information sheet with details of this trip before sign up. Please plan on attending to show the Webelos what Boy Scouting and our Troop are all about.

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JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING (December 10-11)

Hale Reservation, Westwood, MA

Coordinator: Mr. Gus Murby, JLT Training Coordinator

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. Mr. Murby is looking for adult or Eagle Scout volunteers to help on this weekend. If you can assist, please contact Mr. Murby directly

CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE (January 7 & 14)

Coordinator: Mr. Dave Thole; Assistant Mr. Rich Sauro, Assistant Mr. Larry Heaney.

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.

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!

ADULT NOTES:

- Old Colony Council will hold a Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner to benefit the Scouting Program on the evening of Thursday, October 27th. This year they will honor Shonda Schilling. The reception starts at 5:30 pm and dinner is at 6:15 pm. The dinner will be held at the Boston Marriott, Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, MA. RSVP by October 20th. See the attached flyer for further details.
- Save the date - Old Colony Council will hold their annual auction on November 5th. Further details will be sent at a later time.
- A reminder to Adults who assist with any Troop activities to take the on-line BSA training for Youth Protection. In addition, adults who go on trips are strongly encouraged to also take the Safe Swim, Safety Afloat and Hazardous Weather modules. These on-line trainings are available through www.myscouting.org Please provide a copy of your certificate to Mr. Schwartz for the troop records when you complete these on-line courses.
- **Adult training opportunities.** There are training opportunities for Adult leaders and volunteers available this fall. If you are interested please see Mr. Schwartz. Hold the Dates - Fall 2011 Old Colony Council training opportunities include:

Scoutmaster Basics 123 Training (indoor): Tuesday evenings: Sept 27th, Oct. 11th, Oct 25th

Outdoor Leader Skills:

October 15th and 16th (Camp Squanto, Plymouth) **or**
November 5th and 6th (Camp St. Augustine, Foxboro)