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# Troop 409 News

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## SORRY FOR BEING LATE

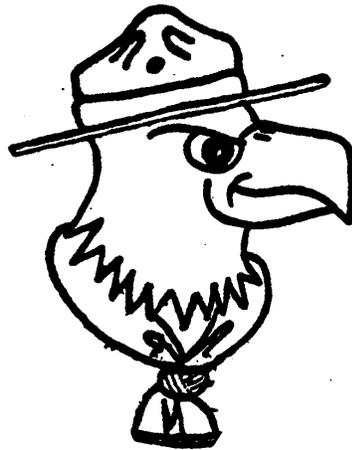
I apologize for being late issuing this newsletter. I didn't get to finalize the agreement to use the Barron until now. Mrs. Citelli, the Barron School Secretary, was not available until today. It was also my first chance to see the changes made to the school and although there is still some work to be done, it looks great. Thank you Salem Taxpayers. Our meeting area will still be the cafeteria. It is slightly smaller because of the renovations. The basketball nets are gone so there will be NO ball playing. Our games will need to be Scout oriented.

## WE ARE READY, ARE YOU READY?

We held our 2011/2012 Program Planning meeting on Thursday August 25th. While attendance was poor and disappointing, I believe we have planned an exciting program and I am looking forward to a year of advancement, camping, adventure, and fun. All that we need now is to have everyone actively participate. Our new program starts on Tuesday September 6th; we hope to see you there.

## DO WE HAVE IT?

It's time to update our Annual Health and Medical Record forms, it is required for all Troop, District, and Council activities. For



*“Character is what you do when no one is looking.”*

activities, other than summer camp or events which exceed seventy-two consecutive hours, only Parts A and C are required. Scouts who attended summer camp this year will not need to complete another form, all others need to do so before they can participate on any activity other than meetings. ***Do we have yours? If not, you will not be able to participate in any activities other than meetings until we get it.*** The form can be found on the Forms Page of our website, [www.troop409salemnh.com](http://www.troop409salemnh.com). If you have not attended summer camp, please complete Parts A and C and return it to Mr. Bohnwagner at your next activity or meeting.

## SUMMER CAMP



During the week of Sunday July 24th to Saturday July 30th, fifteen Scouts along with Mr. Bohnwagner and Assistant Scoutmasters Jim Garbenis and Dave LaBranche spent the week at Hidden Valley - Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Ironworks NH. The

Scouts under the leadership of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Tyler G earned twenty merit badges, several partials merit badges. In addition six Scouts had taken part in the First Year Camper Program, completing many Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class Requirements. We have reserved the week of Sunday July 22nd to Saturday July 28th for summer camp at Camp Bell next year. Great going guys!

## **YOUR EMAIL RESPONSE IS IMPORTANT**

Response to Email messages is very important in the planning of meetings and activities. Please respond, when required. Most campouts and activities require a reservation and deposit. If they do not happen, it usually means a financial loss to the Troop. Therefore when canceled, an activity or campout not only does not occur but the Troop loses money.

## **CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TYLER**

Congratulations to Tyler G. He has completed his Eagle Scout Requirements and Project. He is currently attending the University of New Hampshire and will be returning for his Eagle Board of Review on Wednesday October 5th. We all wish him the best of luck with his Eagle Board and Schooling.

## **CANS AND BOTTLES**

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$70.70 bringing our year-to-date total to \$296.00. Once again if you helped, thank you. If you did not and would like to help in the future, please bring your clean aluminum beverage cans and refundable plastic soda bottles to any of our weekly Troop Meetings. Please note – Not all plastic and glass bottles are refundable; please check them for the refund statement before including them.

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### **INK CARTRIDGE UPDATE**

Last month, we received \$20.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$180.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any of our weekly Troop Meetings.

### **FOOTWEAR AT INDOOR TROOP MEETINGS**

The Janitors at the Barron School have once again asked that we wear sneakers at our Troop Meetings. This would help eliminate the black scuff marks on the cafeteria and gym floors. If necessary, please change into your sneakers before the meetings.

### **BOARDS OF REVIEW**

### **UNIFORM REQUIREMENT**

Just a reminder, all Scouts who go before a Board of Review are required to wear their uniform shirt *and* neckerchief. There will be NO exception to this requirement.

### **POPCORN FUNDRAISER**

Once again this year, we will be selling Trail's End Popcorn. Denis Bryer will return as our Popcorn Kernel to coordinate the fundraiser. As we did in the past, this year the fundraiser will be conducted in three phases – a Blitz Sale, a Take Orders Sale, and a Show N' Sell Sale. The Blitz Sale started with the availability of the order forms and ended on Sunday August 20th. The second phase of the fundraiser is the Take Order Sale which runs concurrently with the Blitz Sale but ends on Tuesday October 25th. The third phase is the Show N' Sell Sale during which we will be selling popcorn at Salem's Wal-Mart on Sunday September 25th, McKinnon's Market and Super Butcher Shop on Saturday and Sunday October 1st and 2nd, and the Salem Dump on Saturday October 22nd. Our goal this year is \$6,825.00. All Scouts have received an information packet with complete details. We need the help of all Scouts and their families to make this year's fundraiser a huge success. Please sell to your families, relatives,

friends, and neighbors. Parents may also take the order form to work and sell to your co-workers. We will hold our formal Popcorn Sales Kick-Off at the Tuesday September 6th Troop Meeting.

## **POPCORN BLITZ SALE WINNERS**

Popcorn Kernel Denis Bryer has announced that Blitz Sale Total was a very disappointing \$237.00; we have a long way to go to reach our goal. Please remember 10% of individual sales go directly into Individual Scout Accounts and the Troop's share of the profits pays for campsite fees among other general operating expenses. Donald B was the Top Salesman during our Popcorn Blitz Sale with \$167.00 in sales. As Top Blitz Salesman, he will receive a \$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card to be presented at the January Troop Court of Honor. No Scout filled an order form to claim the \$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card. Please note the \$25.00 Fill-A-Sheet Prize continues until the end of the fundraiser.

## **FIRST INDOOR MEETING**

We will hold our first indoor meeting of the 2011/2012 Program Year on Tuesday, September 6th at the Barron School from 7:15pm until 8:45pm. In addition to reviewing everyone's Current Advancement Status and Partial Merit Badge Requirements, it will also be our Popcorn Fundraiser Kick-Off Meeting. Parents are invited to attend to find out more about our 2011/2012 Program and Popcorn Fundraiser. Members of the Troop Committee will be needed to conduct Boards of Review.

## **O/A FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND**

During the weekend of Friday, September 9th to Sunday, the 11th, the Passaconaway Lodge of the Order of the Arrow will hold its Fall Fellowship and Ordeal Induction Weekend at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works NH. This is the last opportunity for

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those candidates who were elected in February, (Colton B, Bryan K, and Richard W), to complete their Ordeal Membership Requirements. If they are unable to do so, they will need to be reelected next February.

## **LAKE STREET GARDEN CENTER FUNDRAISER**

Once again this year, the Lake Street Garden Center in Salem has offered us the opportunity to sell refreshments during their Harvest Festival Open House on Saturday September 10th from 9am to 3pm. We are planning to sell donuts, hotdogs, beverages, chips, and popcorn during their open house event which will also include pony rides and live music. Plus there will be lots of fabulous sales across the Garden Center. Patrols will be scheduled to help with this fundraiser. We also need adult helps. All profits will be applied to the Troop General Operating Account to help defray the cost of Advancement and Camping.

## **PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING**

The Patrol Leaders Council will meet on Thursday September 15th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to about 8:30pm. We will be reviewing our October and November programs and continue to fine-tune our 2011/2012 Program. *This is an important meeting; please plan to attend.*

## **SEPTEMBER TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Troop Committee will meet on Monday September 19th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home, 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. As usual the meeting will start at 7:30pm. We will be reviewing our Lake Street Garden Center and Popcorn Fundraisers and discuss our 2011/2012 Program. Any parent who would like to attend should contact either Troop Committee Chair Don Bohnwagner Jr. or Mr. Bohnwagner to make her or him aware of their intentions so we

will have adequate handouts. *Parents are always welcome to attend.*

## **SEPTEMBER TROOP COURT OF HONOR**

On Tuesday, September 20th, we will hold our first Troop Court of Honor of the new program year. We have many merit badges and awards to present, including those earned at summer camp. Troop 402's Scoutmaster Tom Hueber will be our special guest and will be talking about Camp Bell and its program. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. The program starts at 7:15pm. *Please wear your uniform shirt and neckerchief and ask your parent(s) to attend.*

## **SPECIAL FIELD GAMES**

Once again this year, the Service Club of Andover has teamed up with the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus to sponsor the Thirty-First Annual Special Field Games for special needs individuals of Merrimack Valley on Saturday, September 24th at the Haverhill Campus of Northern Essex Community College. The athletes who compete in the games range from eight to seventy years old. As we have done since its beginning, we will help with the overall set-up, inflate helium balloons for the morning opening ceremonies and for distribution to the contestants, and provide a Color Guard for the opening ceremonies. Please plan to attend, your help is needed. This is a rain or shine event. I promise this will be a heartwarming and rewarding experience. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 6:30am and should return home about 3pm. If you cannot make it at 6:30am, please join us at the college, as soon as you can (the closer to 7am, the better). This is an excellent opportunity to earn Service Project Hours and to help other people at the same time. The Service Club and Knights will provide donuts and beverages in the morning and a lunch for all participants. "Class A" uniform shirts and Troop Neckerchiefs are required for the opening

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parade and ceremony, after the ceremony you may change into your Troop T-shirt. If you need a replacement neckerchief and/or T-shirt, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner. Parents are also invited to participate. *Permission slip must be returned by the Tuesday, September 20th Troop Court of Honor.*

## **POPCORN FUNDRAISER SHOW AND SELL #1**

On Sunday, September 25th, we will hold the first of our three "Show N' Sell" Popcorn Sales. As mention earlier in this newsletter, it will be at the Salem Wal-Mart in Salem from 9am to 4pm. We need the help of all available Scouts, Leaders, and Parents to make this portion of our fundraiser a success. Each patrol will be assigned a time slot. All participants will be credited with an equal share of ten-percent of what is sold during their time period. *Please wear your uniform shirt; neatness counts.*

## **SM/ASM MEETING**

On Monday September 26th, we will hold our September Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters Planning Meeting at Mr. Bohnwagner's home. The meeting starts at 7pm and should last about an hour and a half. The agenda for the meeting is to review our October, November, and 2011/2012 Programs. *All Assistant Scoutmaster are asked to attend; your input is important to the success of our troop and program.*

## **REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH MUSTER AT FORT NO. 4**

During Columbus Day Weekend, Friday October 7th to Sunday October 9th, Venture Crew 343 of the Calvin Coolidge District of Vermont's Green Mountain Council will host a Revolutionary Youth Muster at Fort No. 4 in Charlestown New Hampshire. All Venture Crews, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, and 4-H Groups are invited to participate. They are hoping to have a gather of 1500 attend this weekend muster. Troop 409 has accepted their invitation and will be attending. They have an

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exciting weekend planned. Our plans are being finalized and will be announced by the September 20th Troop Court of Honor. Please save the dates and plan to be part of our group.

**PARTICIPATE  
INVITE-A-FRIEND  
AND  
RECRUIT**

**NEXT TROOP  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Monday, September 19th*  
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home  
19 Robie Lane Atkinson, NH  
7:30pm

**TROOP 409 MEETING AND  
ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

**October**

- 1st and 2nd – Popcorn Show N' Sell Sale (McKinnon's Market and Super Butcher Shop)
- 8th to 10th – Revolutionary Youth Muster (Fort No. 4, Charlestown NH)
- 10th – Columbus Day
- 12th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
- 18th -- Troop Open House (Second Year Webelos and their Leaders and Parents Will Be Invited)
- 20th – Patrol Leaders' Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 22nd – Popcorn Show N' Sell Sale (Salem Dump)
- 24th – Troop Committee and SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

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25th – Popcorn Fundraiser Ends, Orders and Prize Selections Due

31st -- Halloween

**November**

3rd -- Webelos and Scout Invitational Bowling and Pizza Night (All Saints Parish Bowling Lanes, Haverhill)

5th – Scouting for Food Distribution

9th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable

11th – Veterans' Day Ceremony (Salem Center Common)

12th – Scouting For Food Bag Pick-Up

12th – Veterans' Mass (Mary Queen of Peace Church)

17th – Patrol Leaders' Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

18th – Popcorn Take Order Distribution

19th and 20th – Survival Campout (Camp Carpenter)

21st – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

24th – Thanksgiving

28th – SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

\*\*\* – Veterans' Thanksgiving Dinner (Veterans Outreach Campus, Haverhill)



*“The best portion of a good life is the little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.” – William Wordsworth*