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# Troop 409 News

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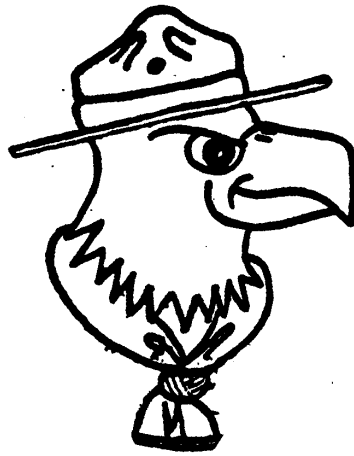
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## LIONS TO NO LONGER SPONSOR SCOUTING

Salem Lions Club President Sheryl Parsons and the Board of Directors have voted not to continue to sponsor Scouting, Troop and Pack 409. The Lions have sponsored our Troop since March of 1977 and the former Troop 160 long before that, we thank them for their past support and especially Lorna and Bill Kimball, Anne Priestley, Yogi Fregeau, and Annette Cooke for the many years of support and friendship. Their sponsorship will end at the end of this month, by which time we will need to get a new Sponsor to continue to bring Scouting to the youth of Salem. **We will survive!**

## A SPONSOR

This question was asked by one of our Troop Committee Members. The answer is. Approximately 115,000 Scouting units (Packs, Troops, and Venture Crews) are owned and operated by Chartered Organizations, such as the Salem Lions Club. Of these 68.4 percent are chartered to faith-based organizations, 26.5 percent to civic organizations, and 8.2 percent to educational organizations. The responsibilities of a Chartered Organization are to provide



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

adequate meeting facilities, to provide and approve quality leadership for the unit, and appoint a Chartered Organization Representative to serve as liaison between the organization and the unit. Currently, we can provide everything except a Chartered Organization Representative, who must be a member of the Chartered Organization. Chartered Organizations do not have any financial obligation to the unit.

**Please know that we are currently pursuing a new sponsor.**

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Troop 409 wishes our Jewish friends a Happy Chanukah, our African-American friends a Happy Kwanzaa, and our Christian

friends a Merry Christmas and to everyone and their families a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous 2012, also a great big THANK YOU for your friendship, support, and help this past year. ENJOY!!!

## CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$12.40 bringing our year-to-date total to \$388.50. 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.

## INK CARTRIDGES

## UPDATE

Last month, we received \$20.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$276.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any Troop Meeting.

## **LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFT**

Are you looking for a last minute Christmas gift for a relative, friend, teacher, or stocking stuffer? How about a spiral-bound First Edition Copy of "You Can Do It"; Troop 409's very own cookbook? We have a limited number of copies remaining and you can purchase one for only \$5.00. The book is "*user friendly*" for new or experienced cooks. It makes a great gift for those relatives or friends who are at college living on their own. If you would like one, two, or even several copies, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner.

## **WEBELOS RECRUITMENT**

On Thursday November 3rd, we held the second phase of this year's effort to recruit Webelos into our Troop. We had seven Second-Year Webelos to join us during our Fifth Annual Scout/Webelos Invitational Bowling and Pizza Night at All Saints Bowling Lanes in Haverhill. Our final two phases are to invite Second-Year Webelos to participate in our Second Annual Webelos/Scout BIG Volleyball Challenge tentatively scheduled for Tuesday January 10th and to visit us during the day and be our guests for dinner during our Deep Freeze Campout on Saturday January 21st at Lone Tree Scout Reservation in Kingston New Hampshire. The recruiting of Webelos is vital to the success of our Troop Program.

## **DECEMBER MEETINGS**

During our December Troop Meetings we will review our skills in preparation for the Saturday January 7th District Klondike Derby.

## **TROOP RECHARTERING**

Rechartering for 2012 is scheduled for Saturday December 3rd, we were to recharter the Troop

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at that time but because of our current lack of sponsorship we will not recharter at that time. However, we need to do it before the current charter ends, December 31st. At that time we are hoping to recharter 20 active Scouts and 16 Leaders and will drop any inactive ones. It is important that we collect our 2012 Dues to meet this expense and only recharter active individuals. If you have not paid your Dues or made other arrangements to pay, you will be dropped from the Troop at the end of December.

## **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Donations are needed to help defray some of the cost of our annual Christmas visit to the Veterans' Hospital. Each of the patients will receive a gift bag containing two boxes of tissues, a deodorant stick, and a bottle of body lotion. We are asking our families to make a \$5.00 donation. If your family would like to make a donation, please bring it to the December 13th Troop Meeting.

## **VETERANS' HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS VISIT**

On Saturday afternoon, December 17th, we will make our 25th Annual Christmas Visit to the patients at Veterans Administration Hospital's Nursing Home Section in Manchester New Hampshire. We will be leaving from the Barron School at Noon and should return home about 3pm. If all is well at the North Pole, Santa Claus will be joining us for the visit. Because it is a hospital and the closeness of the halls, we are limited to five Scouts. Those Scouts who need Service Project Hours will be given "first preference"; others will be taken on a "first come, first served" basis. Please wear your uniform shirt and troop neckerchief along with a cheery smile and your holiday spirit.

*Permission slips must be returned by Tuesday, December 6th Troop Meeting.*

## **TROOP COMMITTEE AND SM/ASM MEETING**

Because of scheduling conflicts with the

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Christmas Season and the Veterans Outreach Campus' Christmas Dinner and Party, the Troop Committee along with the Assistant Scoutmasters will hold a combined meeting on Monday December 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 December and January activities and finalize planning for Kyle's Eagle Court of Honor (January 14th). Any parent who would like to attend should contact either Troop Committee Chair Don Jr. or Mr. Bohnwagner to make her or him aware of your intentions so we will have adequate handouts. *Parents are always welcome to attend.*

## VETERANS' OUTREACH CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Wednesday evening December 21st, the Veterans' Outreach Campus in Haverhill will hold their annual Christmas Dinner and Party for their residents. Campus Director John Ratka has asked for our help serving dinner and distributing the gifts and sharing the Christmas Spirit as we had done over the last several years. Scouts and family members are invited to help serve dinner to and eat with the residents as we did during their Thanksgiving Dinner. Setup is at 5pm and dinner will be served at 5:30pm. After dinner Santa will distribute gifts to the residents and lead us all in a few holiday songs. If you and/or your family would like to help, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner. *Scouts and Leaders should wear their uniform shirt and neckerchief.*

## PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

The Patrol Leaders Council will meet on Thursday December 22nd at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to about 8:30pm. We will be reviewing our January Program, finalizing our roles in Kyle's Eagle Court of Honor, and discuss future Troop

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reorganization plans. *All PLC members and Assistant Patrol Leaders should plan to attend.*

## PINBALL WIZARD

### ARCADE ACTIVITY

On Tuesday December 27th, during Christmas Vacation, we have planned a game night at the Pinball Wizard Arcade in Pelham New Hampshire. The arcade features many classic and state-of-the-art pinball machines and video games, air hockey and pool tables, and even Skee-ball. We have reserved their party room from 6:30pm to 8:30pm so that those who wish may bring a sandwich and beverage for dinner. The games require one, two, or three tokens to play. Participants will need to bring their own money. Mr. LaBranche estimates that individuals can play for the two hours for about \$10.00. All tokens will be purchased individually. If you plan to participate, we will be meeting at the Barron School at 5:45pm. *Permission Slips must be returned by the Tuesday December 20th Troop Meeting.*

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

## NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

## TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

### January

1st – New Year's Day (Happy New Year)

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6th and 7th – Nutfield District Deep Freeze and Klondike Derby (Camp Carpenter)

11th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable

12th – Patrol Leaders' Council

14th – Kyle Mitchell's Eagle Court of Honor (All Saints Parish, Haverhill MA)

16th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

17th – Family Ski Trip (Location to be Determined)

20th and 21st – Deep Freeze Campout (Lone Tree Scout Reservation)

23rd – SM/ASM Meeting

24th -- Troop Court of Honor (FOS and Pie Presentation)

### February

2nd – Happy Groundhog Day

7th – Troop Meeting (O/A Elections)

8th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable

12th – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

14th – St. Valentine's Day

16th – Patrol Leaders' Council

20th – Presidents' Day

20th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

21st – Family Sleighride (Location to be Determined)

22nd – George Washington and Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's Birthdays

27th – SM/ASM Meeting

\*\*\* – Sledding Campout (Colton's Uncle Randy's Home, Temple NH)

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*“Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself. I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it.”*

*– Groucho Marx*