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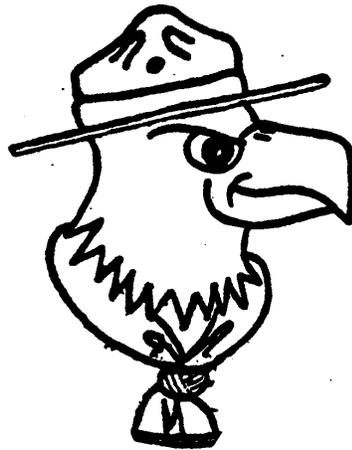
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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Well, 2012 is here, the beginning of a New Year. It seems like only yesterday that we were preparing to celebrate Scouting's Centennial. Our goals are the same as in the past. We need to continue to advance, serve others, support our program, participate, and recruit new Scouts. Have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

THANK YOU SALEM AMERICAN LEGION POST 63

As we mentioned in last month's newsletter, after nearly 35 years as our sponsor, the Salem Lions Club's Board of Directors have voted not to continue to sponsor Troop and Pack 409. As a result both units had to find another organization to sponsor us. Pack 409 will be sponsored by the Bishop Peterson Council 4442 of the Salem Knights of Columbus. Thanks to the generosity of the Ernest W. Young Post 63 of the Salem American Legion and the combined efforts of our Committee Chair, Post Commander Doug Micklon, and Legion Member and Selectman Pat Hargreaves the American Legion will be our new sponsor. We look forward to a long relationship with them. Thank you for your support and belief in us.



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

TROOP RECHARTER

We have rechartered Troop 409 for 2012. We reregistered 19 Scouts and 14 Adult Leaders. As we have done in the past, all families will continue to receive Boys' Life Magazine. The cost to recharter was \$800.00. We are looking forward to another year of advancement, adventure, fellowship, service to others, and fun times.

THANK YOU FOR CARING

On Saturday, December 17th, we made our 25th annual Christmas Visit to the patients in the Rehabilitation Section of the

Veterans' Hospital in Manchester New Hampshire. Fifty gift bags containing deodorant, hand lotion, and two boxes of tissue, along with handmade Thanks Star by Mrs. Wildes, were presented to the patients. To those Scouts, Leaders, and Parents who donated to help defray some of the \$120.00 cost of purchasing the gifts goes a big thank you. You should stand proud for living up to the Scout Oath, "Help other people at all times". During 2011, Scouts and adults from Troop 409 preformed 274.5 hours of Community Service.

CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$47.50 bringing our total for 2011 to \$436.00. Once again if you helped, thank you. If you did

not but would like to help in the future, please bring your clean aluminum beverage cans and refundable beverage bottles to any of our weekly Troop or Patrol Meetings.

INK CARTRIDGE UPDATE

Last month, we received \$20.00 bringing our total for 2011 to a record high of \$296.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any of our weekly Troop Meetings.

WEBELOS RECRUITMENT

Our final phase is to invite Second-Year Webelos to visit us during the day and to share lunch and dinner during our Deep Freeze Encampment 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.

WHAT IS FOS?

FOS is Friends of Scouting. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, it cost us \$800.00 to recharter our Troop for the 2012 Program Year. Most people are not aware that none of the money goes directly to Daniel Webster Council. If not, where does it go? \$515.00 went to the National Boy Scouts of America to pay for the use of the Boy Scout Program and their support, \$33.00 paid for accident insurance coverage, and \$252.00 for Boys' Life Magazine Subscriptions. So where does Daniel Webster Council get their funds to support our Council and District Programs? The answer is from the FOS Campaign. FOS funds are used to support and maintain our camps (Hidden Valley, Camp Bell, and Camp Carpenter), to provide training for our Leaders and Scouts, and to finance the Scout Service Center in Manchester New Hampshire and its Professional Staff. Where do FOS funds come from? The funds come from contributions by Businesses, the Community, and from pledges from Scouting Families like ours. Pledges can be paid monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually. Please donate whatever is possible when asked. Please give until it feels

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good, no until it hurts.

DISTRICT DEEP-FREEZE AND KLONDIKE DERBY

During the weekend of Friday January 6th and Saturday January 7th, Nutfield District will hold its Deep-Freeze Overnighter and Klondike Derby at Camp Carpenter in Manchester New Hampshire. The Deep-Freeze Overnighter will be on Friday, the 6th, for those who wish to sleepover and the Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, the 7th. Scouts have the option to participate in both activities or only the derby. The cost will be \$15.00 for registration, a patch, and lunch. Derby participants will leave from the Barron at 7:00am. All should return home before supertime on Saturday. Please remember this is an outdoors activity (rain, shine, and/or hopefully snow), please dress warm, wear waterproofed footwear, and bring an extra set of footwear and socks. ***Permission slip and money (\$15.00) must be returned by the activity.***

NH PRIMARY ELECTION

On Tuesday, January 10th, the State of New Hampshire will conduct their Primary Election for the Presidency of the United States. As a result the Barron School will not be available for our use. We had planned to hold our annual Scout/Webelos BIG Volleyball Challenge that evening and are currently searching for an alternate location or activity. Additional information will be available when determined.

PLC MEETING

The January PLC Meeting will be held on Thursday, the 12th. It will be at Mr. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to 8:30pm. We will be finalizing our roles in Kyle's Eagle Court of Honor and discussing our January Deep-Freeze Campout and Webelos Visit and our February Program. ***The meeting should be attended by the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Troop Scribe, and Patrol Leaders. If Patrol Leader cannot attend,***

his Assistant Patrol Leader or a designated representative should attend in his place.

KYLE'S EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

On Saturday January 14th, Kyle Mitchell will receive his Eagle Award during his Eagle Court of Honor at All Saints Parish Hall (beneath the Church) in Haverhill MA. The Program will start at 1pm, however all Scouts should be there at Noon to help set up the hall and a quick last minute walk-through. All Scouts need to wear their Class-A Uniform (uniform shirt, neckerchief, and slide); neatness counts. Scouts and their families have received a formal invitation and should have registered with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell. All family members are invited to attend. *A buffet and dessert will follow.*

TROOP SKI TRIP

Mrs. Loffredo has finalized plans for our Annual Troop Ski Trip planned for Tuesday January 17th (NO school in Salem) to Crotched Mountain Ski Area in Bennington New Hampshire (Route 47, 615 Francestown Road). Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Snow Sports Merit Badge. Family members are invited to participate; however siblings must be accompanied by at least one parent. The cost will be \$25.00 for an All Day Lift Ticket; a one hour ski lesson is available for an additional \$29.00; skis or snowboard, boots, poles, and helmets can also be rented for \$39.00. Please note helmets are now required for Boy Scout ski trips; if you don't have one they are available for rental at \$10.00. Beginners should plan on taking a lesson before working on the Snow Sports Merit Badge with Mrs. Loffredo. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 7:45am. *Reservation Slip and payment are due by Tuesday, January 10th.*

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DEEP-FREEZE CAMPOUT

We will spend the weekend of January 21st and 22nd at Lone Tree Scout Reservation in Kingston New Hampshire. Participants have the option to sleep in a cabin, Adirondack Hut, snow shelter, or tent. Please keep in mind, all cooking and activities will be outdoors. "Be Prepared" for cold weather. Second-year Webelos from Packs 160 and 409 and their Leaders and Parents will be invited to spend Saturday with us. We will be leaving from the Barron School on Saturday, January 21st at 8:00am and should arrive home before lunchtime on Sunday, the 22nd. The cost will be \$20.00 for food and site rental. *Permission Slip and payment (\$20.00) are due by the Tuesday, January 17th Troop Meeting.*

JANUARY TROOP

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Troop Committee will meet on Monday, January 23rd at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home at 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. As usual the meeting will start at 7:30pm. We will be discussing our January, February, and the remainder of our 2011-2012 Programs. 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 your intentions so we will have adequate handouts.

TROOP COURT OF HONOR

On Tuesday, January 24th, we will hold a Troop Court of Honor to recognize those Scouts who have earned awards since our September Troop Court of Honor. In addition, representatives from the Council will be present to conduct a FOS (Friends of Scouting) Presentation and to ask for our support and pledges. Popcorn sales prizes will also be presented. True to his word, Popcorn Kernel Mr. Bryer will be receiving delivery of several "cream pies" from the Scouts who sold at least \$250.00 in popcorn

and from those individuals who made holes-in-one at our Family Miniature Golf Night. Because the Troop sold over \$5,000.00 in popcorn, both Mr. Bohnwagner and Mrs. Bohnwagner Jr. will each be the recipient of a pie. The program starts at 7:15pm. Parents are urged to attend; as in the past refreshments will be served after the program.

SM/ASM MEETING

On Monday, January 30th, we will hold our January Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters Planning Meeting at Mr. Bohnwagner's home. The meeting starts at 7:30pm and should last about an hour and a half. The agenda for this meeting is to review our February and March Programs.

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

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 20th
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home
19 Robie Lane, Atkinson NH
7:30pm

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

February

2nd – Happy Groundhog Day
8th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
12th – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
14th – St. Valentine's Day

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14th – Troop Meeting (Order of the Arrow Elections)
16th – Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
20th – Presidents' Day
20th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mrs. and Mr. Bohnwagner's Home)
22nd – George Washington and Lord and Lady Baden-Powell's Birthdays
27th – SM/ASM Meeting
28th – Family Sleighride (Location to be Determined)
*** – Sledding Campout (Date and Location to be Determined)

March

11th – Daylight Saving Time Begins
14th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
15th – 2011 "Low-Key Blood" Volleyball Championship
15th – Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
17th – St. Patrick's Day
19th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
20th – Spring Begins
26th – SM/ASM Meeting
*** – Spring Campout (Date and Location to Be Determined)



"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." -- Hal Borland