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WELCOME TO NUTFIELD DISTRICT

Daniel Webster Council has announced that Krystal Minnicucci has been hired as the Nutfield District Executive. Please welcome her to our District and Scouting. She is a very pleasant young lady with a challenging career ahead of her and I'm sure she will succeed. Please make her feel welcome and give any help and cooperation which she needs.

WELCOME TO TROOP 409

Welcome to our new Scouts Jacob B., Quinton B., Daniel B., Cameron R., and Adrian S. from Pack 409 and Rhys E. from Pack 160 as they begin their journey along their trail to Eagle. Welcome to Troop 409.

CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$52.90 bringing our year-to-date total to \$84.20. 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



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

Last month, we received \$15.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$35.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any Troop Meeting.

PERMISSION SLIPS

Permission Slips and their deadlines play an important part in the planning of a successful activity. Please adhere to the deadline. Once you have signed up for an activity you may be committed to any cost, unless the activity is canceled. *Please note, rarely will we accept any participants after the stated deadline.*

NEW MERIT

BADGE ADDED

The Boy Scouts of America in collaboration with the American Welding Society (AWS), BSA Health and Safety Committee, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration Members (OSHA) have announced the creation of the Welding Merit Badge. This new badge offers

hands-on skill development with a career focus. This badge was added because youth showed significant interest in this topic and the subject fits well with the merit badge portfolio. It becomes the BSA's 128th current merit badge, joining fellow newcomer Chess Merit Badge, which made its move onto the list during the

summer. Pamphlets are now available in Scout Shops. Requirements are available at www.meritbadge.org.

ORDER OF THE ARROW MEMBERSHIP ELECTION

At the Tuesday February 21st Troop Meeting, we held our annual election for membership into the Order of the Arrow. Congratulations to Lukas B. and Kieran E. who were elected. They will be invited to attend the May 18th to 20th Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship Weekend at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation to complete their Ordeal Membership. Current Ordeal Members also have the opportunity to complete their Brotherhood Membership during that weekend.

TROOP SKI TRIP II

Troop Committee Member Kathy Loffredo will be leading the Troop's second ski trip of the winter on Sunday, March 4th to Pat's Peak Ski Area in Henniker NH. All Scout families have received details and cost information. The trip will include lessons and/or rentals for those who would like to learn how to ski or snowboard and/or need equipment. 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.

CAMPOUT CHANGE

Because of a change in the availability of Colton Burnham's uncle Randy's property in Temple NH and the lack of ample snow coverage, the Sledding Campout location and program has been changed to Camp Carpenter during the weekend of March 10th and 11th. The program has been changed to include advancement opportunities for the new Scouts and will also include a short hike to Rattlesnake Hills, the first of three shakedown hikes in preparation for our June Mountain Backpack Overnighter. We will be leaving from the Barron School on Saturday, March 10th, at 8am and should return home before lunch on

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Sunday, the 11th. In addition to their regular camping gear, participants will need to bring a daypack, raingear, a bag lunch and beverage, and water bottle(s) for the hike and will also need to wear comfortable hiking footwear. Menus will be determined at the Tuesday March 6th Troop Meeting. The cost will be \$15.00. This is an excellent opportunity for new Scout to participate in their first campout with the Troop in a familiar venue, Sunapee Campsite at Camp Carpenter. ***Permission slip and money (\$15.00) are due at the March 6th Troop Meeting.***

SALEM ELECTION NIGHT

Tuesday March 13th is Salem Election Day; please encourage your parents to vote. While the Barron School is a voting site the elections are held in the new gym, so unlike past years the school is available for our use. ***We will have a Troop Meeting during the voting.***

SUMMER CAMP EARLY BIRD DEPOSIT DUE

It's that time of year to decide if you are going to Summer Camp with the other members of our Troop. A \$50.00 deposit is due at the March 13th Troop Meeting to qualify for the Early-Bird Discount. Deposit may be applied from your Scout Account, if you have sufficient funds. ***If you are planning to go to camp, you will need to have a camp physical and should make your doctor appointment as soon as possible. Please note -- All medical information must be on the BSA Medical Form, attachments will not be accepted.***

LET THERE BE LIGHT

And there will be an extra hour of daylight. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th. Don't forget to "spring" your clock ahead one hour.

MARCH PLC MEETING

The March PLC Meeting will be held on Thursday, the 15th. It will be at Mr. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to 8:30pm. We

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will be discussing our March and April Programs. *The meeting should be attended by the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Troop Scribe, Patrol Leaders, and Assistant Patrol Leaders.*

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Troop Committee will meet on Monday, March 19th 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 March and April programs 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 Scoutmaster Mr. Bohnwagner to make him aware of your intentions so we will have adequate handouts. *Parents are always welcome to attend.*

2012 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Annual Indoor "Low-Key Blood" Volleyball Championship is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 20th. Currently the location has yet to be determined. The Championship is a friendly, but highly competitive, opportunity to get your name engraved on our "fantastic" trophy for prosperity. The trophy is the "Mark Van Blarcom, The Elder, Memorial Trophy" dedicated to the memory of Late Mark Van Blarcom Sr. who was a Troop Committee Member, a loyal supporter, a special friend, and an avid participant in past championships. The trophy will be on display at the Tuesday, March 13th Troop Meeting. This activity is open to all parents and/or **older** siblings. Practice starts at 6:30pm and the games begin at 7pm. Scouts should wear their Troop T-shirt. *All participants must be there before the competition starts so teams can be formed.*

SM/ASM MEETING

On Monday, March 26th, we will hold our February Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters Planning Meeting at Mr. Bohnwagner's home.

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The meeting starts at 7:30pm and should last about an hour and a half. The agenda for this meeting is to review our April and May Programs. *The meeting should be attended by Assistant Scoutmasters; your input and support is important to the success of our program.*

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

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

April

- 1st – Palm Sunday
- 6th – Good Friday
- 7th – Passover
- 8th – Easter Sunday
- 11th – Nutfield District 7th Annual Recognition Dinner (Camp Carpenter)
- 16th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 17th – Troop Court of Honor
- 19th – Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 19th – Patrol Leaders' Council

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21st and 22nd – Backpack Campout (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, Gilmanton Ironworks NH)

22nd – Earth Day

23th – SM/ASM Meeting

24th – April Vacation Rock Gym (Location to be Determined)

*** – Nutfield District Hike-A-Thon (Raymond Scout Park, Hudson NH)

May

13th – Mothers' Day

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

17th – Patrol Leaders' Council

18th to 20th – O/A Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation)

19th – Armed Forces Day

21st – Troop Committee Meeting

28th – SM/ASM Meeting

28th – Memorial Day Parade

*** – Backpack Shakedown Campout (Zion's Camp, Raymond NH)



“Failure is not defeat until you stop trying.”
– *Chinese Proverb*