
Troop 409 News

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CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$14.70 bringing our year-to-date total to \$117.10. 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.

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CARTRIDGES UPDATE

Last month, we received \$20.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$75.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any Troop Meeting.

CANOE COUNT

We have begun our planning for our July Canoe Shakedown(s) and August Canoe Campout. At this point in the planning we need to know how many canoes could be available for our use. Do you have a canoe which would be available for these activities? If so, please contact either Mr. Bohnwagner or Mr. LaBranche.

MOUNT MONADNOCK HIKE AND CAMPOUT

During the weekend of May 5th and 6th, we will hold a campout and hike at Monadnock



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

State Park in Jaffrey New Hampshire. Plans are to set up a base camp upon arrival at the campgrounds. After the setup is complete those Scouts who wish to hike to the summit of Mount Monadnock will spend the afternoon on the trail along with adult leaders. Those who choose not to hike to the mountain summit can spend the afternoon at the base camp along with other Scouts and adult leaders. Mount Monadnock is 3,165 feet tall and offers and unsurpassed 100-mile views of points in all six New England states. It is said to be the second most frequently climbed mountain in the world, after Japan's Mount Fuji. The White Dot Trail which leads from the park to the summit is 1.9 miles

long and will take about two hours to ascend. Hikers will need to bring a day pack (no paper or plastic bags) with raingear, jacket or sweatshirt, bag lunch and beverage, and drinking water. Comfortable hiking boots (no low-cut sneakers) are required. After the climb, hikers will return to the base camp to join the others for dinner and the evening. All campers will need to bring their own foil dinner, prepared at home and ready to cook; the Troop will provide beverages and dessert. After breaking camp Sunday morning we will stop for breakfast at a fast-food restaurant on the way home. The Troop will pay \$5.00 to each Scout for breakfast; Scout may need to bring extra money if they want a bigger breakfast. The cost

will be \$10.00 which will include campsite fees and food for the Saturday night cracker-barrel and Sunday breakfast. Participants will be leaving from the Barron School at 7:30am on Saturday, May 5th and will be returning home before lunch on Sunday, the 6th. ***Permission slip and money (\$10.00) are due at the Tuesday, May 1st Troop Meeting.***

SUMMER CAMP BALANCE

Summer Camp Balance is due by Tuesday, the 15th. In order to have time to process it please try to bring the payment to the Tuesday May 8th Troop Meeting. To qualify for the reduced price the payment must be made at the Council Service Center in Manchester by the deadline of May 15th. If you miss the deadline the cost of camp will be an additional \$40.00. The Balance Due is \$270.00 for those attending Hidden Valley or \$295.00 for Scouts going to Camp Bell. Scout Account Monies may be used to defray some of the cost. If you are going to camp and need to know your account balance or need extra time to make the payment, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner. ***Not signed up for camp, there is still time for others to sign-up and join us at Summer Camp.***

O/A CHAPTER MEETING AND ORDEAL INFORMATION SESSION

At their Wednesday May 9th Chapter Meeting the Order of the Arrow will be holding an information session for all Ordeal Candidates to let them know what they will need for the O/A Spring Ordeal Weekend. All newly-elected candidates are encouraged to attend the meeting. The meetings are held at the same time and location of the Nutfield District Roundtables at the Armed Forces Reserve Center at 64 Harvey Road in Londonderry beginning at 7:00pm. If any candidate or O/A member needs a ride to this or any O/A Monthly Chapter Meeting, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner.

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PLC MEETING

The May PLC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 16th. It will be at Mr. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to 8:30pm. We will be discussing our May and Summer Programs and finalizing our role in Tyler's Eagle Court of Honor. The meeting should be attended by the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Troop Scribe, Troop Quartermaster, Patrol Leaders, and Assistant Patrol Leaders. ***Your attendance is important to the planning of a successful program.***

O/A SPRING ORDEAL WEEKEND

During the weekend of Friday May 18th to Sunday the 20th, the Passaconaway Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will hold their Spring Ordeal Induction Weekend at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Ironworks. All Ordeal Candidates should have received their information packets and instructions. If the candidates decide not to attend this weekend, they must attend the Fall Ordeal Weekend during the weekend of September 7th to 9th also at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation or they will need to be re-elected next February. Current Ordeal Members may also attend to complete their Brotherhood Membership.

TYLER'S EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

On Saturday May 19th, Tyler Gullbrand will receive his Eagle Award during his Eagle Court of Honor at the Barron School. The Program will start at 11am, however all Scouts should make an effort to be there at 10am 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 will be receiving a formal invitation and should register with Mr. and Mrs. Gullbrand. All Scouts and their family are invited to attend.

TROOP COMMITTEE AND

SM/ASM MEETING

Because of a scheduling conflict with Memorial Day, the Troop Committee along with the Assistant Scoutmasters will hold a combined meeting on Monday May 21st at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home, 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. As usual the meeting will start at 7:30pm. We will be discussing our Summer Programs and begin the planning process for Michael Loffredo's Eagle Court of Honor. Any parent who would like to attend the meeting should contact either Troop Committee Chair Don Bohnwagner Jr. or Scoutmaster Mr. Bohnwagner to make him aware of their intentions so we will have adequate handouts.

Parents are always welcome to attend.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On Monday May 28th, Salem will hold its Memorial Day Parade and Observance. The parade begins at 10am at Salem High School and marches to the Town Common for a brief ceremony then continues to the Veterans' Memorial at the Salem Cemetery for the closing ceremonies. We will be participated this year after a much too long absence. We will be gathering at the High School at 9:15am. This will be an excellent opportunity for community exposure and service. Please wear your uniform shirt and neckerchief; neatness counts.

Permission slip is due at the Tuesday, May 22nd Troop Meeting.

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

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 21st
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home
19 Robie Lane, Atkinson NH
7:30pm

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

June

- 2nd – 2012-2013 District Program Kick-Off
(Camp Carpenter)
- 9th -- Michael Loffredo's Eagle Court of Honor
(St. Julie's Hall at St. Joseph's Church, Salem)
- 12th – Troop Court of Honor
- 12th – Last Indoor Meeting
- 13th – Nutfield District Roundtable and O/A
Chapter Meeting
- 14th – Flag Day
- 17th – Fathers' Day
- 18th – Troop Committee Meeting
- 19th – Family Deep-Sea Fishing Trip (Smith &
Gilmore, Hampton Beach NH)
- 20th – Patrol Leaders' Council
- 23th and 24th – Mountain Overnight Backpack
Hike (Location to be determined)
- 25th – SM/ASM Meeting
- 26th – Troop Rifle Shoot (Date to be finalized)
- *** – Scout Night at the Races (Date to be
determined, Lee/USA Speedway, Lee NH)

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2nd – SPL and Troop Leaders Pre-Camp Planning Meeting (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, Gilmanton Ironworks NH)

4th – Independence Day (Happy Birthday America)

10th – Family Miniature Golf Night (JayGee's, Methuen MA)

15th to 21st – Summer Camp (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation and Camp Bell, Gilmanton Ironworks NH)

28th – Canoe Training and Shakedown

*** – Deathball Rematch (Date to be determined)

*** – Spinners Baseball Game (Date to be determined, [LeLacheur Park](#), Lowell MA)



“Yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is the only cash you have – so spend it wisely.” – Kay Lyons