
Troop 409 News

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CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$21.50 bringing our year-to-date total to \$246.35. 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 \$10.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$115.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any Troop Meeting.

ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD UPDATE

An Annual Health and Medical Record Form is required for all Troop, District, and Council activities. For activities other than summer camp or events which exceed 72 consecutive hours, only Parts A and C are required. We need to update our Medical Records for the upcoming 2012/2013 Program Year. Scouts who attended summer camp this year will not need to complete another form, all others need to do so



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

before they can participate on any activity other than meetings. The form can be found on the Forms Page of our website, www.troop409salemnh.com. If you have not attended summer camp, please complete Parts A and C and return it to Mr. Bohnwagner at our first Troop Meeting for the 2012/2013 Program Year, Tuesday September 11th.

DISTRICT POPCORN KICK-OFF

On Wednesday August 1st, the Troop Popcorn Kernel Denis Bryer and other Leaders will be attending the Nutfield District Popcorn Kick-Off at Camp

Carpenter starting at 5:30pm. Popcorn Sales Information and Order Forms will be available for distribution to Scouts shortly after the kick-off.

CANOE CAMPOUT

During the weekend of Friday August 3th to Sunday August 5th, 12 Scouts and 9 adults will participate in a campout at Davidson's Countryside Campground in Bristol New Hampshire. Plans are to set up a base camp upon our arrival at the campground on Friday. Saturday morning about 10:30am we will transport our canoes upriver, where participants will have lunch after which they will launch the canoes for a ten mile plus trip afloat on the Pemigewasset River, returning to our campsite.

Scouts and adults have two options. The main group will be leaving from Mr. LaBranche's home, 13 Beverly Avenue in Salem, at 10:30am on Friday, the 3rd. Those who cannot or do not desire to participate on Friday will be leaving from the Barron School at 7:30am Saturday morning. Friday participants will need to bring a bag lunch and beverage; all participants will need to bring a day pack (no paper or plastic bags) with a hat, sunglasses, poncho, jacket or sweatshirt, drinking water, and a change of clothes in addition to their regular camping gear. There will also be time for swimming and fishing so attendees may want to bring their swimsuit, towels and/or fishing gear. The cost will be \$25.00 which will include campsite fees, food, and Saturday evening dinner, cracker-barrel, and Sunday morning breakfast. We will be returning home before lunch on Sunday, the 5th. ***Permission slip and money (\$25.00) due at the activity.***

NO MEETING AUGUST 7th

There will be **NO** Troop Meeting on Tuesday, August 7th.

ZIPLINE ADVENTURE

On Wednesday August 15th, we will hold a zipline activity at Liquid Planet Water Park in Candia New Hampshire. Their zipline is 1,000 feet long and takes you over the entire park, a lake, and woods from up over 35 feet in the air. Mr. and Mrs. Gould, parents of a former Scout Anthony Gould, have generously offered to pay for the initial ride (\$10.00) for everyone who participates. Additional rides will cost \$5.00 each. The ziplines open from 11am to 4:30pm; it is closed for lunch from 12:45pm to 1:30pm. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 10am and should return by 5:30pm. We will only be using the ziplines, not the rest of the facilities so park admission is not needed. Participants will need a bag lunch and beverage which we will eat while the zipline is closed. Please note – Since this is a weekday morning and afternoon activity most of our leaders will

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be working, as a result transportation and adult coverage is needed, without that this activity may be canceled. Parent help is needed. Participation will be limited to our transportation capability; first come -- first served. ***Permission Slip and money for additional zipline rides are due at the activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Tuesday August 7th.***

2012/2013 PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

The August Patrol Leaders Council will meet on Thursday, August 16th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to about 9pm. This is an important meeting to outline our 2012/2013 Program Planning Meeting. ***ALL*** PLC Members and Assistant Scoutmasters are encouraged to attend. ***This is a very important meeting; PLC members need to contact their members for ideas and input.***

TROOP COMMITTEE AND SM/ASM MEETING

Because of scheduling conflicts with summer family plans, the Troop Committee along with the Assistant Scoutmasters will hold a combined meeting on Monday August 20th 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 2012/2013 proposed program. 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.***

SHOTGUN SHOOT

Our annual Troop Shotgun Shoot is planned for Thursday, August 23rd at the Country Pond Fish and Game Club in Newton New Hampshire. The cost will be \$10.00 for ammunition, clay pigeons, the use of the shotguns and range, and cold soda. Space is limited to 10 Scouts; adults

will have the opportunity shoot after Scouts have shot, if time permits. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 5:15pm and plan to return home by 9pm. Parents must sign the Liability Release Form which will be available the day of the activity. Please remember, this is an outdoor activity and you will need to bring bug repellent. Also please note, we will be using 12GA shotguns and it is not recommended for smaller Scouts; kickback may result in shoulder bruising. Eye and ear protection is mandatory and is available. *Permission Slip and money (\$10.00) are due at the activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Sunday August 19th.*

STRATEGY ZONE

OUTDOOR FUN DAY

On Saturday August 25th, we will hold an Outdoor Fun Day at the Strategy Zone in Goshen New Hampshire. The cost for the 3-hour multi-game session is \$25.00 for adults (18+) and \$20.00 for all others. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 8am and should return home by 5pm. Participants will need to bring a bag lunch and beverage, drinking water, raingear, bug repellent. Please note – Uniforms, Troop T-shirts, or brightly colored clothing should not be worn; outdoor clothing which blends into the woodland is highly recommended. *Permission slip is due at the activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner at (603) 362-4516 or MrB@troop409salemnh.com by Friday August 17th.*

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

**NEXT TROOP
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**TROOP 409 MEETING AND
ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

September

- 3rd – Labor Day (Don’t work too hard)
- 7th to 9th – O/A Ordeal and Brotherhood Weekend (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation)
- 11th – First 2012/2013 Indoor Troop Meeting (Barron School)
- 12th – District Roundtable and O/A Chapter Meetings
- 15th – Fundraiser (Lake Street Garden Center Salem)
- 17th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)
- 20th – Patrol Leaders’ Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)
- 22nd – Special Needs Field Games (Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill)
- 24th – SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)
- 25th – Troop Court of Honor
- 29th and 30th -- Fall Campout (Theme, and Location to Be Determined)

October

- 8th – Columbus Day (Sail on, he said)
- 10th – District Roundtable and O/A Chapter Meetings

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18th – Patrol Leaders’ Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)

22nd – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)

*** -- Additional activities will be determined at the August 16th 2012/2013 Program Planning PLC Meeting



“Whatever happens, do not lose hold of the two main ropes of life – hope and faith.”