
Troop 409 News

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

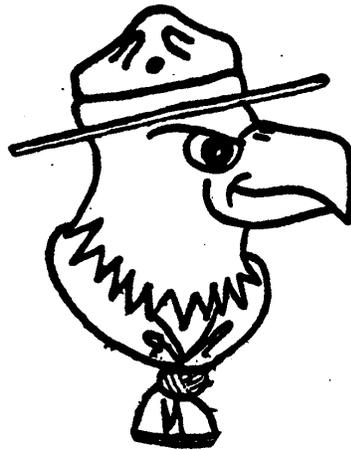
Well, 2013 is here, the beginning of a New Year. It seems like only yesterday that we were preparing to celebrate Scouting's Centennial. Our goals are the same as in the past. We need to continue to advance, serve others, support our program, participate, and recruit new Scouts. Have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

TROOP RECHARTER

We have rechartered Troop 409 for 2013. We reregistered twenty-three Scouts and fifteen Adult Leaders. As we have done in the past, all families will continue to receive Boys' Life Magazine. The cost to recharter was \$881.00. We are looking forward to yet another year of advancement, adventure, fellowship, service to others, and fun times.

THANK YOU FOR CARING

On Saturday, December 15th, we made our 26th annual Christmas Visit to the patients in the Rehabilitation Section of the Veterans' Hospital in Manchester. Forty-five gift bags containing deodorant, hand lotion, and two boxes of tissue, along with handmade Thank You for Serving Star Bookmarks by Mrs. Wildes, were presented to the patients. To those Scouts and Leaders



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

who took part in the visit and Parents who donated (\$50.00) to help defray some of the \$153.91 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 2012, Scouts and adults from Troop 409 preformed 247.5 hours of Community Service.

CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$20.20 bringing our total for 2012 to \$430.50. This along with our Ink Cartridge Recycling has helped greatly with our finances. 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 \$30.00 bringing our total for 2012 to a record high of \$264.00. 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 19th 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 \$881.00 to recharter our Troop for the 2013 Program Year. Most people are not aware that none of that money goes directly to Daniel Webster Council. If not, where does it go? \$580.00 went to the National Boy Scouts of America to pay for the use of the Boy Scout Program and their support, \$37.00 paid for accident insurance coverage, and \$264.00 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 good, no until it hurts.

DISTRICT KLONDIKE MONTH CHANGE

After many years of asking Nutfield District to move the Klondike Derby from the first weekend in January to allow Troops more time to prepare for it, along with the lack of snow in the past few years, the District has moved it to the first weekend in February. This will give us additional time to prepare our skills.

SUMMER CAMP PROMO

Members of the Order of the Arrow will be at our Tuesday January 8th Troop Meeting to talk about the Summer Camp Programs at both Hidden Valley Scout Reservation and Camp

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Bell. We have invited Second-Year Webelos and their parents, whether or not they plan to join Troop 409, and also any of our parents who are interested in finding out about Summer Camp to attend. Our Troop currently has reserved Hidden Valley Scout Reservation for the week of Sunday July 14th to Saturday July 20th and the following week at Camp Bell.

Parents are urged to attend this promotion.

PLC MEETING

The January 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 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.***

DEEP-FREEZE CAMPOUT

We will spend the weekend of January 19th and 20th 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 4442 and their Leaders and Parents will be invited to spend Saturday with us. We will be leaving from the Barron School on Saturday, January 19th at 8:00am and should arrive home before lunchtime on Sunday, the 20th. The cost will be \$20.00 for food and site rental. ***Permission Slip and payment (\$20.00) are due by the Tuesday, January 15th Troop Meeting.***

TROOP SKI TRIP

Mrs. Loffredo has finalized plans for our Annual Troop Ski Trip planned for Tuesday January 22nd (NO school in Salem) to Crotched Mountain Ski Area in Bennington New Hampshire (Route 47, 615 Franconia Road). Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Snow Sports Merit Badge. Family members are

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invited to participate; however siblings must be accompanied by at least one parent. The cost will be \$29.00 for an All Day Lift Ticket; a one hour ski lesson is available for an additional \$33.00; skis or snowboard, boots, and poles can also be rented for \$33.00. Please note helmets are required for Boy Scout ski trips; if you don't have one they are available for rental at \$10.00. Lift ticket, rental, and lesson combination is \$74.00. 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 8th.**

TROOP COMMITTEE AND SM/ASM MEETING

The Troop Committee along with the Assistant Scoutmasters will hold a combined meeting on Monday January 28th 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 February and March programs and finalize planning for our January 29th Troop Court of Honor. 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.**

COURT OF HONOR

On Tuesday, January 29th, 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 Daniel Webster 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

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Golf Night. Because the Troop sold over \$2,500.00 in popcorn, Mr. Bohnwagner will also 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.**

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AND
RECRUIT**

NEXT TROOP LEADER MEETING

Monday, January 28th
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home
19 Robie Lane, Atkinson NH
7:30pm

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

February

- 2nd – Happy Groundhog Day
- 2nd – Nutfield District Klondike Derby
- 5th – Troop Meeting (Order of the Arrow Elections)
- 8th – Scout Shabbat
- 12th – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 13th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
- 14th – St. Valentine's Day
- 18th – Presidents' Day
- 18th – Combined Troop Committee and SM/ASM Meeting (Mrs. and Mr. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 20th – Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting

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

23th and 24th – Ice Fishing Campout (Camp Carpenter)

26th – Laser Tag (LaserQuest, Danvers MA)

March

10th – Daylight Saving Time Begins

13th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable

15th – Summer Camp Deposit Due

17th – St. Patrick's Day

18th – Combined Troop Committee and SM/ASM Meeting (Mrs. and Mr. Bohnwagner's Home)

19th – 2013 "Low-Key Blood" Volleyball Championship

20th – Spring Begins

20th – Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting

26th – NO Troop Meeting (Activity to Be Determined)

29th – Good Friday

31st – Easter Sunday

*** – Spring Campout (Date and Location to Be Determined)



“If you're always a pessimist, consider just how futile that attitude can be,”
– Chinese Fortune Cookie