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# Troop 409 News

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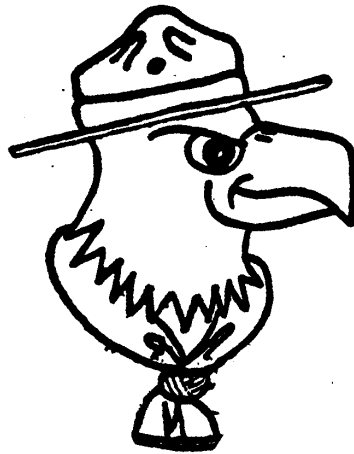
## REST IN PEACE, OUR FAITHFUL FRIEND

On Sunday March 3rd Committee Member Joanne Foley passed away. Mrs. Foley had been a volunteer Scouter since joining Pelham Cub Scouts along with her son, Eagle Scout Tim Foley, in the fall of 1986; she also served for many years as a Girl Leader for her daughter Barbara. In 1990, she and Tim joined our Troop where she served as a Troop Committee Member and Merit Badge Counselor until her death. Tim earned his Eagle Scout Award in April of 1996.

She also served our District in many roles including Unit Commissioner and provided refreshments for the District Roundtables; all those who attended looked forward to her home-baked cookies. All of us who had the pleasure of knowing and scouting with Joanne will miss her. Troop 409 will add a Memorial Star on our Troop Flag in her memory. Thank you FRIEND, Rest in Peace.

## WELCOME TO TROOP 409

Welcome to our new Scouts Ryann B., Codey F. and Joseph G. from Pack 409 and Alex D., Tristan L., Joshua L., Zachary M., Joshua P., and Jameson S. from Pack 160 as they begin their journey along their trail to Eagle. Ryann's mother, Stacy Burns, has joined as a Troop



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

Committee Member and Tristan's dad, Dan LeSaux, will be an Assistant Scoutmaster.

## CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$36.80 bringing our year-to-date total to \$36.80. 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

Last month, we received \$40.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$55.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any of our Troop Meetings.

## 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 will be committed to any cost, unless the activity is canceled. *Please note, rarely will we accept any participants after the stated deadline.*

## ORDER OF THE ARROW MEMBERSHIP ELECTION

At the Tuesday February 5th Troop Meeting, we held our annual election for membership into

the Order of the Arrow. Congratulations to Erik G. and Bryan K. who were elected. Mr. Garbenis was also nominated for Adult Membership. They will be invited to attend the May 17th to 19th Order of the Arrow Spring Fellowship Weekend at Camp Carpenter to complete their Ordeal Membership. Current Ordeal Members, who have completed the ten month membership tenure, will also have the opportunity to complete their Brotherhood Membership during that weekend.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE BREAKFASTS**

Beginning on Sunday March 3rd, the Salem Knights of Columbus will hold a series of pancake breakfasts at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Main Street in Salem from 8am to 10:30am. The breakfasts, which will be held on the first Sunday of each month through June, are fundraisers for the Knights' Relay for Life Team which they are organizing jointly with the Kiwanis Club of Salem. Breakfast is just \$5 per adult, \$3 per child, or \$12 for a family. The team is also raffling off a Microsoft Surface Tablet. The drawing will take place at the Salem Relay for Life event which starts on Saturday June 22nd. More information about the Salem Relay for Life can be found at [www.facebook.com/relayforlifesaalem](http://www.facebook.com/relayforlifesaalem) or [www.relayforlife.org/salemnh](http://www.relayforlife.org/salemnh).

## **TROOP SKI TRIP II**

Troop Committee Member Kathy Loffredo led the Troop's second ski trip of the winter on Sunday, March 3rd to Pat's Peak Ski Area in Henniker NH. The trip included lessons and/or rentals for those who wanted to learn how to ski or snowboard and/or need equipment. Scouts had the opportunity to earn the Snow Sports Merit Badge. Family members were invited to participate; however siblings must be accompanied by at least one parent.

## **EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW**

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On Wednesday evening March 6th, the Nutfield District Eagle Advancement Committee will hold an Eagle Scout Board of Review for Joey Ferraro. Congratulations Joey and good luck.

## **SCOUT SHABBAT SERVICES RESCHEDULED**

Because of the blizzard the Scout Shabbat originally scheduled for Friday February 8th has been rescheduled to Friday March 8th. The Service will still be held at Temple Emanu-El at 514 Main Street (Route 125) in Haverhill. Area Cub, Boy, Venture, Daisy, Brownie, and Girl Scouts and their Leaders have been invited to participate at their Annual Scout Shabbat Jewish Service from 7:30pm to 9pm (Scouts are asked to arrive by 7:15pm). This service is open to Scouts of all religions and their family members. Refreshments will be provided after the service and Scouts will receive a patch. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner for details. ***Please wear your uniform and neckerchief (neatness counts) and remember this is a traditional Jewish Religious Service, but all are welcome to attend.***

## **LET THERE BE LIGHT**

And there will be an extra hour of daylight. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th. Don't forget to "spring" your clocks ahead one hour.

## **SALEM ELECTION NIGHT**

Tuesday March 12th is Salem Election Day; please encourage your parents to vote. The Barron School is no longer a polling site, 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. Members of the Troop will be

attending Summer Camp at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation (Sunday July 14th to Saturday July 20th) and/or Camp Bell (Sunday July 21st to Saturday July 27th). Scouts have their choice of either or both weeks. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit for each week is due at our March 12th Troop Meeting to qualify for the Early-Bird Discount. Payment 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.***

### **FIRE TOWER CAMPOUT**

During the weekend of Saturday March 16th and Sunday, the 17th we will hold a campout at a location to be announced. The campout will include a hike to a fire tower to satisfy part of the requirements for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands' Fire Tower Quest Program. We will be leaving from the Barron School on Saturday, March 16th, at 8am and should return home before lunch on Sunday, the 17th. To complete the Fire Tower Quest and earn the patch, Scouts must visit five NH Fire Towers. The Troop will be visiting additional towers during the spring and summer months. Additional campout information and details will be available during the next week. ***Permission slip and money (\$15.00) are due at the March 12th Troop Meeting.***

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Troop Committee will meet on Monday, March 18th 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, our roles in Joey Ferraro's Eagle Court of Honor, and the remainder of our 2012-2013 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

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intentions so we will have adequate handouts.

***Parents are always welcome to attend.***

### **2013 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our Annual Indoor "Low-Key Blood" Volleyball Championship is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 19th. Currently the location has yet to be finalized. 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 Mr. Van Blarcom Sr. who was a Troop Committee Member, a loyal supporter, a special friend, and an avid participant in many past championships. The trophy will be on display at the Tuesday, March 12th 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.***

### **MARCH PLC MEETING**

The March PLC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 20th. It will be at Mr. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to 8:30pm. We will be discussing our March and April Programs and our role in Joey Ferraro's Eagle Court of Honor. ***The meeting should be attended by the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Troop Scribe, Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders, and Webmaster.***

### **SM/ASM MEETING**

On Monday, March 25th, we will hold our March 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

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meeting is to review our April and May Programs and our role in Joey Ferraro's Eagle Court of Honor. *The meeting should be attended by Assistant Scoutmasters; your input and support is important to the success of our program.*

### **MONSTER MINI GOLF**

On Tuesday March 26th (Salem School Teachers Workshop), we will hold an evening of indoor miniature golf at Monster Mini Golf in Danvers Massachusetts. The cost will be \$10.00 for 18 holes of golf and selected arcade games. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 5:30pm and will return home about 10pm. Participants can either eat supper at home or bring a bag lunch and beverage to eat between games. Monster Mini Golf is an exciting indoor monster themed glow in the dark 18-hole miniature golf course that offers a host of fun activities at every turn. *Permission slip and money are due at the Tuesday March 19th Volleyball Activity.*

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

### ***NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING***

Monday, March 18th  
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home  
19 Robie Lane, Atkinson NH  
7:30pm

## **TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

### ***April***

1st – April Fools' Day

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- 8th – Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 10th – Nutfield District 8th Annual Recognition Dinner (Camp Carpenter)
- 15th – Patriots' Day
- 15th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 16th – Troop Court of Honor
- 17th – Patrol Leaders' Council
- 20th and 21st – Mt. Shannon Backpack Campout (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, Gilmanton Ironworks NH)
- 22nd – Earth Day
- 22nd – SM/ASM Meeting
- 24th – April Vacation Ten-Pin Bowling (Strikers East Bowling Lanes, Raymond NH)
- 27th – Nutfield District Hike-A-Thon (Raymond Scout Park, Hudson NH)

### ***May***

- 8th – Nutfield District Roundtable and O/A Chapter Meeting
- 12th – Mother's Day
- 15th -- Summer Camp Balance Due
- 15th – Patrol Leaders' Council
- 17th to 19th – O/A Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend (Camp Carpenter)
- 18th – Armed Forces Day
- 18th and 19th – Mountain Hike Campout (Location to Be Determined)
- 20th – Combined Troop Committee and SM/ASM Meeting
- 27th – Memorial Day Parade



*“You must do the things you think you cannot do.” – Eleanor Roosevelt*