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# Troop 409 News

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## GOOD WEATHER IS COMING

We all thought winter is done for the year and the good weather was here to stay, but Mother Nature had second thoughts.



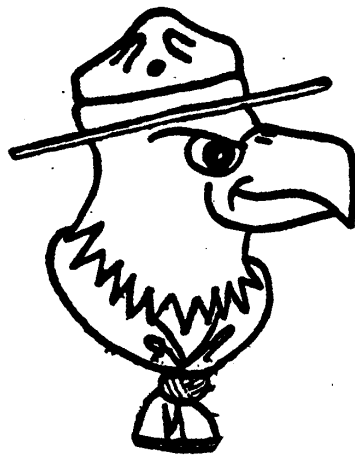
Fear not, the good weather is coming and we'll be ready.

## CANS AND BOTTLES

We had no income from cans and bottles leaving our year-to-date total at \$52.00. 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 there was no income from ink cartridges. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any of our Troop Meetings.



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

## ADDITIONAL LEADERS

Mr. Summerfield and Mr. Wilder have joined our Troop as Assistant Scoutmasters and will be a valuable asset to our adult leadership. Two of our newest Eagle Scouts who turned 18 years old, Kieran Edwards and Troy LaBranche have also agreed to continue as Assistant Scoutmasters. Welcome to all and thank you.

## SUMMER CAMP PHYSICALS

All Scouts and adults attending Summer Camp must have a physical. Only the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts

A, B, and C) will be accepted plus a copy of your Health Insurance Card (Front and back). Physicals must be signed and dated by a physician after August 1, 2016. If you are going to camp and have yet and need to do so, please make an appointment with your doctor. Nobody will be allowed to attend camp without a physical. *Please note, all information must be on the BSA Medical Form.*

## JAMESON'S EAGLE PROJECT

Jameson's Eagle Project has been approved by the Troop Committee. His project is to raise funds, purchase materials, and construct a storage shed for our sponsors, American Legion

Post 63. His next step is to present his project to the District Advancement Board for their approval. Once he receives their approval, he can start his fundraising and construction. He will need your help, please do so when asked.

## **ORIENTATION CAMPOUT**

During the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, April 1st and 2nd, we will hold an Orientation Campout to familiarize our New Scouts with our campout program and to work on their Tote 'N Chip Award. The campout will be in Lions' Den at Camp Carpenter in Manchester NH. Campers will need to bring a bag lunch and beverage. Saturday Night Dinner and Crackerbarrel and Sunday Breakfast will be provided and prepared by the Troop. The cost will be \$20.00 to pay for the food and campsite rental. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 8am on Saturday, the 1st, and returning home by lunchtime on Sunday.

*Permission Slips and money (\$20.00) are due by the Tuesday March 28th Troop Court of Honor.*

## **CHEMISTRY MERIT BADGE**

Mrs. Summerfield has made reservations for nine Scouts on Saturdays April 8th and May 13th with SubZero Ice Cream and Yogurt of Nashua to participate in their Chemistry Merit Badge Program. Participants must attend both sessions. Thank you Mrs. Summerfield.

## **2017 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our Annual Indoor "Low-Key Blood" Volleyball Championship is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 11th. It will be held in the Barron School Gym. 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 the Late Mark Van Blarcom Sr. who was a Troop Committee

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Member, a loyal supporter, a special friend, and an avid participant in past championships. This activity is open to all parents and/or older siblings. Practice starts at 6:30pm and the games begin at 7pm. *All participants are expected be there before the competition starts so teams can be formed and finalized.*

## **DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE AND O/A MEETINGS**

The Monthly Nutfield District Roundtables and Order of the Arrow Chapter Meetings will meet on Wednesday April 12th at the Windham High School at 64 London Bridge Road in Windham NH. Both meetings start at 7pm. Order of the Arrow Members are encouraged to be active and attend. If you would like to attend either of the meetings and need transportation, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Troop Committee will meet on Monday, April 17th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home at 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. As usual the meeting will start at 7pm. We will be discussing our May and June Programs and the remainder of our 2016-2017 Program. 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.*

## **APRIL PLC MEETING**

The April PLC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 19th. It will be at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to 8:30pm. We will be discussing our May and June Programs and the remainder of our 2016-2017 Program. *The meeting should be attended by the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Troop Guides, and Webmaster.*

## **SM/ASM MEETING**

On Monday, April 24th, we will hold our Monthly Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters

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Planning Meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home. The meeting starts at 7pm and should last about an hour and a half. The agenda for this meeting is to review our May and Summer Programs, and Summer Camp. *The meeting should be attended by all Assistant Scoutmasters; your input and support is important to the success of our program.*

### NO MEETING

There will be **NO** Troop Meeting on Tuesday April 25th (Salem School Vacation).

### UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

On Saturday April 29th, Daniel Webster Council will hold a University of Scouting (Scouting Extravaganza) at Sanborn Regional High School 17 Danville Road Kingston, NH from 8am to 3:30pm. This is a fun-filled, hands-on opportunity to network and learn with other Scouters. This one-day supplemental training event is for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders regardless of experience. Choose from over 75 courses with an emphasis on programs, skills, and resources to deliver high-quality opportunities to our Scouting youth. The University of Scouting is truly a learning adventure for new or experienced Scouters. Like any University, you build your own schedule when you register. The Troop has a copy of the course schedule, if you are interested in attending. The Program Midway also offers lots of exciting program resources, materials, and ideas for you to browse to help you deliver a quality, fun and exciting program to Scouts and families. The cost is \$20.00 before April 15th or \$30.00 after that date. Bring your own lunch and beverage or there is an optional lunch provided by Subway for \$7.00, which includes a sub, beverage, cookies and chips. Lunch option can be selected when submitting registration fees. *Any adult who is interested needs to contact Mr. Bohnwagner by the Tuesday April 11th Volleyball Activity.*

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

### **NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, April 17th  
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home  
18 Robie Lane, Atkinson NH  
7pm

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

### May

- 10th – Nutfield District Adult Recognition Dinner
- 13th – Chemistry Merit Badge Session 2
- 14th – Mother's Day
- 15th -- Summer Camp Payment Due
- 15th -- Troop Committee Meeting
- 17th – Patrol Leaders' Council
- 19th to 21st – O/A Ordeal/Brotherhood Weekend (Hidden Valley)
- 20th – Armed Forces Day
- 22nd– SM/ASM Meeting
- 26th and 27th – Fisher Cat Game and Campout
- 29th – Memorial Day Parade
- 30th – **NO** Troop Meeting

### June

- 3rd – Canobie Lake Park Scout Day
- 3rd – Clark's Trading Post Merit Badge Fair #1

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10th and 11th – Hobo Cooking Campout (Lone Tree Scout Reservation)

11th – Clark’s Trading Post Merit Badge Fair #2

13th -- Troop Court of Honor

13th – Last Indoor Meeting until September

14th – Flag Day

14th – Nutfield District Roundtable and O/A Chapter Meeting (Camp Carpenter)

16th – Scout Night at the Races (Lee/USA Speedway, Lee NH)

18th -- Fathers’ Day

19th – Last Day of Salem Schools (As of March 15th)

19th –Troop Committee Meeting

20th – Summer Begins

20th – Family Deep-Sea Fishing Trip (Smith & Gilmore, Hampton Beach NH)

21st – PLC Meeting

26th –SM/ASM Meeting

27th – Family Miniature Golf Pie Challenge (Jay Gee’s Fun Park, Methuen)



*“When we give it our all, we can live with ourselves – regardless of the results.”*