
Troop 409 News

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CANS AND BOTTLES

There were no cans or bottles recycled last month keeping our year-to-date total at \$124.90. 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.

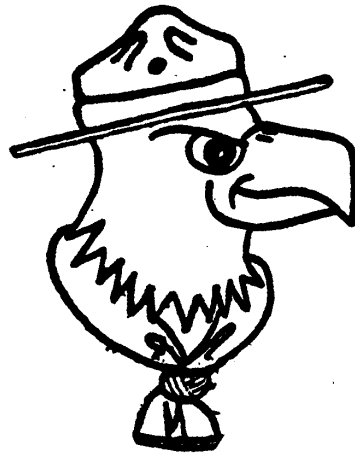
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CARTRIDGES UPDATE

Last month, we received \$10.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$120.00. 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

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 B are required. We need to update our Medical Records for the upcoming 2014/2015 Program Year. Scouts who attended summer camp this year will not need to complete another form, all others need



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

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to do so before they can participate on any activity other than meetings. The form can be found on the Forms Page of Council Website, www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx If you have not attended summer camp, please complete Parts A and B and return it to Mr. Bohnwagner at our first Troop Meeting for the 2014/2015 Program Year, Tuesday September 9th.

IT'S YOUR PROGRAM

Boy Scout Troops are boy-led and the program is planned by the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) under the guidance for the Scoutmaster, his Assistants, and the Troop Committee. Everyone

needs to do their part to make our program a success. PLC Members, please contact your Scouts for their input and make an effort to attend all meetings to help plan our program and activities.

SUMMER CAMP

During the week of Sunday July 13th to Saturday July 19th, thirteen Scouts along with Scoutmaster Don Bohnwagner, Assistant Scoutmaster Shawn O'Dwyer and Unit Commissioner Patrick Sharkey spent the week at Hidden Valley at Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Ironworks NH. The thirteen Scouts under the leadership of Acting SPL Kieran earned thirty-six merit badges and four partial merit badges. Seven Scouts, Mr.

O'Dwyer, and Mr. Sharkey braved the early morning waters of Lake Eileen to earn Polar Bear Swim Award. In addition Billy, Chase, and Jack took part in the First Year Camper Program, completing many Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class Requirements. Mr. O'Dwyer and Mr. Sharkey took several training courses, including Advanced First Aid and CPR. FYI -- We have reserved Week 4 at Hidden Valley for summer camp next year. Great going guys!

CANOE CAMPOUT

During the weekend of Friday August 1st to Sunday August 3rd, we will hold our Annual Canoe Campout at Troop 160 Memorial Scout Camp in Osborn Maine. The camp is approximately a 4 1/2 hour drive from Salem. Plans are to leave from the Barron School at 10:30am Friday morning, the 1st. On Saturday, after breakfast, we will spend the afternoon canoeing and exploring the waters of Spectacle Pond. 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, sunscreen, insect repellent, 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 so attendees may want to bring their swimsuit and towels. The cost will be \$30.00 which will include campsite fees and food. We will be returning home before dinnertime on Sunday, the 3rd. **Permission slip and money (\$30.00) due at the activity.**

DISTRICT POPCORN

KICK-OFF

On Wednesday August 6th, the Troop Popcorn Kernel Denis Bryer and other Leaders will be attending the Nutfield District Popcorn Kick-Off at Camp Carpenter starting at 6:15pm. Popcorn Sales Information and Order Forms will be available for distribution to Scouts and their families shortly after the meeting.

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SHOOTING SPORTS THURSDAYS CONTINUES

Again this month, we will be conducting Shooting Sports Thursdays at the Pelham Fish and Game Club at 100 Simpson Mill Road in Pelham. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Archery, Rifle Shooting, and Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges in addition to learning safe handling and shooting of weapons.

FAMILY POOL PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Wildes, Richard's parents, will host our family pool party at their home at 700 Hilldale Avenue in Haverhill on Tuesday August 12th from 6pm to 9pm. It will be a potluck supper. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to satisfy the "cooking a meal for your family" requirement of the Cooking Merit Badge. The Troop will provide beverages, watermelon, eating utensils, and paper products. Members of the Flaming Arrow Patrol and their family are asked to bring a salad (garden, pasta, potato, etc.) and Adult Leaders and members of the other patrols should bring a one-dish potluck meal enough to at least feed their family plus three other persons; please provide any serving utensils needed. Parents and family members are invited to join the fun (*At least one parent must accompany Non-Scouts*). Please bring your own towel(s). Participants will need to provide their own transportation to and from the pool party. **Permission slip is due at the activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner at (603) 553-4973 or DRBOHNSR@aol.com by Sunday August 10th.**

OUTDOOR LASER TAG

On Saturday August 16th, we will hold an Outdoor Laser Tag Activity at the Strategy Zone in Goshen NH. The cost for the four-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 7:30am and should return home about 5pm. Participants will need to bring a bag lunch and beverage to eat before or between games and bottled water.

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Please note – Uniforms, Troop T-shirts, and other brightly colored clothing should not be worn; outdoor clothing which blends into the woodland is highly recommended. If you played indoor laser tag, believe me this experience is twice the challenge and fun. It's paintball without the welts, aches, and pains. We need a minimum of ten players, however more is better. *Permission slip is due at the activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner by the Thursday August 7th.*

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 18th 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 2014/2015 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.*

2014/2015 PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

The August Patrol Leaders Council will meet on Wednesday, August 20th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to about 9pm. This is an important meeting to outline our 2014/2015 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.*

PARTICIPATE

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INVITE-A-FRIEND AND RECRUIT

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

September

- 1st – Labor Day (Don't work too hard)
- 2nd – NO Meeting
- 5th to 7th – O/A Ordeal and Brotherhood Weekend (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation)
- 9th – First 2014/2015 Indoor Troop Meeting (Barron School)
- 10th – District Roundtable and O/A Chapter Meetings
- 13th – Troop Fundraiser (Lake Street Garden Center Salem)
- 15th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 16th – Troop Meeting (Barron School)
- 17th – Patrol Leaders' Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 20th – Special Needs Field Games (Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill)
- 21st – Autumn Begins
- 22nd – SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 23rd – Troop Court of Honor (Barron School)

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24th – Rosh Hashanah

27th and 28th – Popcorn Show N’ Sell
(McKinnon’s Market, Salem NH)

30th –Troop Meeting (Barron School)

October

4th – Yom Kippur

5th and 6th – Popcorn Show N’ Sell (Wal-Mart,
Salem NH)

7th –Troop Meeting (Barron School)

8th – District Roundtable and O/A Chapter
Meetings

13th – Columbus Day

14th –Troop Meeting (Barron School)

14th – Popcorn Sale Ends (orders and Prize
Selection Due)

15th – Patrol Leaders’ Council (Mr. and Mrs.
Bohnwagner’s Home)

15th to 19th – Traveling Veterans’ Wall Display
(Grant Field, Salem High School)

18th – Popcorn Show N’ Sell (Salem Dump)

21st – Troop Open House

27th – Troop Committee and SM/ASM Meeting
(Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)

28th –Troop Meeting (Barron School)

*** -- Additional activities will be determined
at the August 20th 2014/2015 Program Planning
PLC Meeting



*“Real leaders are ordinary people with
extraordinary determination.”*