
Troop 409 News

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CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$28.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$172.90. 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 (refundable or not) and refundable plastic soda bottles to any of our weekly Troop Meetings.

INK CARTRIDGES UPDATE

Last month, we received \$55.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$195.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any Troop Meeting.

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.



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

SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM INGREDIENTS

There are many ingredients for a successful program; some of which are active participation by Scouts, adequate adult coverage, and sufficient transportation. We will have a very active program planned for 2016/2017. We will need participation from as many Scouts as possible to make it successful. We also need to satisfy the BSA requirement for “two-deep” adult coverage. Most important we need the ability to provide transportation to and from our activities for participants and needed equipment. Parents play an important role in our transportation plans; please help if possible.

SUMMER CAMP

During the week of Sunday July 17th to Saturday July 23rd, fourteen Scouts along with Assistant Scoutmaster Shawn O'Dwyer, Unit Commissioner Patrick Sharkey, and Parent Joe Latino spent the week at Hidden Valley at Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Ironworks NH. The Scouts under the leadership of SPL Kieran spent the week in camp earning thirty-six merit badges. In addition Luke earned the BSA Snorkeling Award and Jack earned the BSA Kayaking Award. Twelve Scouts, Mr. Latino, Mr. O'Dwyer, and Mr. Sharkey braved the early morning waters of Lake Eileen to earn

the Polar Bear Swim Award. Camron, Patrick, and Wyatt took part in the First Year Camper Program, completing many Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class Requirements. Great going guys!

WHITE MOUNTAIN VALLEY VOYAGEUR PROGRAM

Kieran returned to Hidden Valley the week of July 25th to participate in the White Mountain Valley Voyageur Program. He spent the week backpacking in the White Mountains and earned his Hiking and Backpacking Merit Badges. It was his second year participating in the High Adventure Program. This year they hiked thirty miles in the Sandwich Range Wilderness, hiking nine peaks, including four 4,000 footers. Some of the peaks include: Mt. Chocorua, Mt. Passaconaway, Mt. Whiteface, and the Tripyramid Peaks. Way to go Kieran.

LUKAS' EAGLE PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Lukas has scheduled his Eagle Project Fundraiser Carwash for Saturday August 6th from 8am to 1pm at the BP Gas Station (formerly R&J Getty) on Main Street in Salem. Your help is essential and will be needed to make it a success. We will be setting up at 7:30am. A reminder carwashes tend to be wet fun, please bring a towel to dry yourself off with. Lukas will be contacting the members of the Troop with details and a work schedule. Lukas' Eagle Project is to erect an information kiosk on the Salem Rail Trail.

DISTRICT POPCORN KICK-OFF

On Tuesday August 9th, the Troop Popcorn Kernel Denis Bryer and other Adult Leaders will be attending the Nutfield District 2016 Popcorn Kick-Off at Camp Carpenter starting at 7pm. Popcorn Sales Information and Order Forms

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will be available for distribution to Scouts and their families shortly after the meeting.

LOWELL SPINNERS BASEBALL NIGHT

Once again this year, the Troop has purchased 20 Premium Box Seats for the Wednesday August 10th Lowell Spinners vs. the Houston Astros affiliated Troy New York based Tri-City Cats Baseball Game at Lowell's LeLacheur Park. The cost is \$10.50 per person. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis; reserve your tickets early. It is 20th Anniversary Ring Giveaway Night celebrating 20 years of Spinners baseball with a 20th Anniversary ring! Available for the first 1,000 fans in the park. It is also \$1,000 Hot Dog Night. They giving away \$1,000 in cash through their hot dogs! Buy a hot dog and you could win \$1, \$5, \$10, maybe even \$100! It will be a fun night. Our seats are in Section 104 along the First Base Line.

Permission Slip and money (\$10.50) are due at the activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner at (603) 362-4516 or DRBOHNSR@aol.com by Wednesday August 3rd.

OUTDOOR LASER TAG

On Saturday August 13th, we will hold our annual 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. 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 many times 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 and money are due at the

activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner by the Friday August 5th.

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 15th 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 2016/2017 proposed program, fundraisers, future Eagle Scout Projects and Courts of Honor. 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.*

FAMILY POTLUCK LAKE SWIM PARTY

On Tuesday August 16th from 6pm to 9pm we will hold our Annual Family Potluck Swim Party at Mr. and Mrs. Beutler's Home at 53 Grove Avenue on Millville Lake in Salem. It will be a Potluck Dinner, 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*

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(603) 362-4516 or DRBOHNSR@aol.com by Sunday August 14th.

2016/2017 PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

The August Patrol Leaders Council will meet on Wednesday, August 17th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to about 9pm. This is an important meeting to outline our 2016/2017 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.*

PERSONAL FITNESS MERIT BADGE EIGHT WEEK CHECKPOINT

On Tuesday August 18th, those Scouts who are participating in the Personal Fitness Merit Badge will need to attend the Eight Week Checkpoint Meeting at the Pelham Fish and Game Club. *The meeting begins at 6pm, please remember to bring all required worksheets.*

MILLVILLE PUBLIC BEACH CONSERVATION SERVICE PROJECT

Chris Dillon of the Salem Recreation Department has asked for our help to make improvements to the town's Public Beach at Millville Lake. This will provide an opportunity to satisfy the Life Scout 3-Hour Conservation Service Project Requirement and also satisfy Service Project Requirements for the lower ranks. On Saturday August 20th we will be meeting at the beach at 8:30am to do the project. The beach is located on Millville Street in Salem. Depending on the turnout the project should take about 5 hours. We will provide lunch and beverages. Please bring a rake and work gloves. There will be an opportunity to swim after the project is done. If you wish to swim, you will need to wear a bathing suit and

bring a towel. *Permission slip is due at the activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner at (603) 362-4516 or DRBOHNSR@aol.com by Wednesday August 17th.*

CANOE SHAKEDOWN TRAINING

On Saturday August 27th, Mr. LaBranche will hold a canoe shakedown at Mr. and Mrs. Harris' Home at 158 North Main Street in Salem, in preparation of the September Canoe Campout. Scouts who do not have the Canoeing Merit Badge or who did not attend previous Canoe Training or Campout must take part in the shakedown to participate in the campout. Even if you are not planning to participate in the campout come on down, it will be an opportunity to evaluate and/or refresh our canoe skills. We will be meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Harris' home at 8:30am and should be returning home about 2pm. We will provide lunch and beverages. You will need to wear a bathing suit and bring a towel and change of clothes. If you have a canoe, please bring it along with paddles and PFDs. *Permission Slips are due at the activity but participants must contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Wednesday August 17th.*

2016 SCHOOL OPENING

Salem Schools and the Birches Academy in Salem start on Tuesday August 30th. Central High in Lawrence and The Presentation of Mary Academy in Methuen start on Wednesday September 8th.

CANOE CAMPOUT

During the weekend of Friday September 9th to Sunday September 11th, we will hold a canoe 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 go on the Pemigewasset River for a day of paddling and exploring. Depending on the water level we may transport the canoes

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upriver for a 10-mile trip back to our waterfront campsites or, in the case of low river levels, canoers will paddle around the islands and dam directly from our campsites. Scouts and adults have two options. The Friday Group will be leaving from Mr. LaBranche's home, 13 Beverly Avenue in Salem, at Noon on Friday, the 9th. 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, raingear, 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 \$30.00 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 11th. *Sign-up Deadline is Friday August 19th Permission Slip and Money (\$30.00) is due at the activity.*

DISTRICT ROUNDTABLES AND O/A MEETINGS

Good news! The Nutfield District Roundtables and Order of the Arrow Chapter Meetings will return to the Second Wednesday of each month at a location yet to be named. This change from the Second Tuesday will allow our Leaders and O/A Members to attend the meetings.

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

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, August 15th
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home
19 Robie Lane, Atkinson NH
7:30pm

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

September

- 5th – Labor Day (Don't work too hard)
- 6th – NO Troop Meeting
- 8th – First Day of School (Central Catholic Lawrence and Presentation of Mary Academy Methuen)
- 9th to 11th -- Canoe Campout (Davidsons' Campground, Bristol NH)
- 9th to 11th – O/A Ordeal and Brotherhood Fellowship Weekend (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation)
- 10th – Troop Fundraiser (Lake Street Garden Center Salem)
- 13th– Town and State Primary Elections
- 13th – First 2016/2017 Indoor Troop Meeting (Barron School)
- 13th – Fall Troop Court of Honor (Barron School)
- 14th – District Roundtable and O/A Chapter Meetings
- 15th – Personal Fitness Merit Badge 12-Week Checkpoint Meeting (Pelham Fish and Game Club)
- 17th – Special Needs Field Games (Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill)

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- 19th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 20th–Troop Meeting (Barron School)
- 21st – Patrol Leaders' Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 22nd – Autumn Begins
- 22nd – Statewide School Night for Scouting
- 24th and 25th – Popcorn Show N' Sell (McKinnon's Market, Salem NH)
- 25th – Lukas Blythe's 18th Birthday
- 26th – SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 27th–Troop Meeting (Barron School)

October

- 2nd – Rosh Hashanah Begins
- 4th –Troop Meeting (Barron School)
- 7th – Luke Latino's 18th Birthday
- 10th – Columbus Day
- 11th – Yom Kippur Begins
- 11th –Troop Meeting (Barron School)
- 12th – District Roundtable and O/A Chapter Meetings
- 15th – Popcorn Show and Sell (Salem Dump)
- 16th – Popcorn Shown and Sell (Wal-Mart)
- 17th –Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 18th – Troop Open House
- 19th – Patrol Leaders' Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 24th –SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 25th –Troop Meeting (Barron School)
- 31st -- Halloween

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*** -- Additional activities will be determined at the August 19th 2016/2017 Program Planning PLC Meeting



“If ever there is tomorrow when we are not together... there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. -- Winnie the Pooh