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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Troop 409 wishes our Jewish friends a Happy Chanukah, our Afro-American friends a Happy Kwanzaa, and our Christian friends a Merry Christmas and to everyone and their families a Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous 2015, also a great big THANK YOU for your friendship, support, and help this past year. ENJOY!!!

CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$30.50 bringing our year-to-date total to \$221.40. 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 \$16.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$251.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any Troop Meeting.

WEBELOS RECRUITMENT

On Wednesday November 5th, we held the second phase of this year's effort to recruit new



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

Scouts into our Troop. We had two Second Year Webelos from Packs 160 and two friends join us during our Eighth Annual Scout/Webelos Invitational Bowling and Pizza Night at All Saints Bowling Center in Haverhill. Our final two phases are to invite Second-Year Webelos and non-Scout friends to visit us during the day and be our guests for dinner during our Deep Freeze Campout on Saturday January 10th at Lone Tree Scout Reservation in Kingston NH and to visit our Tuesday January 27th Troop Meeting during which members of the Order of the Arrow will conduct their Summer Camp Promotion. The recruiting of new Scouts is vital to the success of our Troop and Program.

NEED A LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Are you looking for a last minute Christmas gift for a relative, friend, teacher, or a stocking stuffer? How about a spiral-bound First Edition Copy of “You Can Do It”; Troop 409's very own cookbook? We have a limited number of copies remaining and you can purchase one for only \$5.00. The book is “*user friendly*” for new or experienced cooks. It makes a great gift for those relatives or friends who are at college living on their own. If you would like one, two, or even several copies, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner. We also have available three tins of Red Sox Popcorn (\$25.00).

2015 TROOP DUES

Troop Dues for 2015 are due this month. Dues are \$50.00 per Scout or \$75.00 per family. Individual Scout Account Funds may be used to pay all or part of it.

PLC MEETING

Because of the busy holiday season, there will be **NO** Patrol Leaders' Council in December.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

During our December and January Troop Meetings we will review our skills in preparation for the Saturday January 31st Nutfield District Klondike Derby.

EAGLE FOLDING PARTY OUR HELP IS NEEDED

No, we will not be folding Eagles. On Friday, December 5th, Bryan needs our help with the next step of his Eagle Project. We will be folding approximately 250 letters to local businesses asking if they have an "on-premises" AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and if so, is it registered with the State. This activity will be at Bryan's home (81 Old Rockingham Road in Salem) starting at 5pm until about 8pm. Pizza and beverage will be provided. If you can help for all or part of the time, please contact Bryan by email at bjkjunior@comcast.net or by calling him at (603) 898-3519. Our help is needed.

TROOP RECHARTERING

At the Saturday December 6th Nutfield District 2015 Rechartering we will recharter 16 Scouts and 10 Leaders for the coming year. The cost will be \$883.00. As in the past, each family will continue to receive Boys' Life Magazine. We are looking forward to a great program year.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are needed to help defray some of the cost of our annual Christmas visit to the Veterans' Hospital in Manchester. Each of the patients will receive a gift bag containing two boxes of tissues, a deodorant stick, a bottle of

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body lotion and "Thank You for Serving" trinket handmade by Mrs. Wildes. We are asking our families to make a \$5.00 donation. If your family would like to make a donation, please bring it to the December 9th Troop Activity.

SALEM SCOUTS LOCK-IN

Fun, fun, fun! During the weekend of December 13th and 14th, Salem Boy Scout Troops will hold an overnight lock-in at the Salem Boys and Girls Club. It will begin at 4:30pm on Saturday and end Sunday morning, after cleanup. The cost will be \$10.00. Dinner will be pizza and breakfast will be donuts. We will have the use of the pool; plan on wearing your swimsuit and bring a towel when you arrive. The gym will also be available for games. The Troops will compete in a friendly game, to be determined, with the winners playing the Leaders, There will also be a PG-13 Action Movie at the end of Saturday night. Scouts will have the option of leaving at the end of the activities or sleeping over. Invite a friend; this is a great opportunity to recruit Scouts. ***Permission slips must be returned by Tuesday, December 9th Troop Meeting.***

VETERANS' HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS VISIT

On Sunday afternoon, December 14th, we will make our 29th Annual Christmas Visit to the patients at Veterans Administration Hospital's Rehabilitation Section in Manchester. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 12:30pm and should return home about 4pm. If all is well at the North Pole, Santa Claus will be joining us for the visit. Because it is a hospital and the closeness of the halls, we are limited to five Scouts. Those Scouts who need Service Project Hours will be given "first preference"; others will be taken on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please wear your uniform shirt and troop neckerchief along with a cheery smile and your holiday spirit. ***Permission slips must be***

returned by Tuesday, December 9th Troop Meeting.

TROOP COMMITTEE AND SM/ASM MEETING

The Troop Committee along with the Assistant Scoutmasters will hold a combined meeting on Monday December 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 reviewing our December and January programs and start planning for our January 13th Troop Court of Honor. Any parent who would like to attend should contact either Troop Committee Chair Don Jr. or Mr. Bohnwagner to make either of them aware of your intentions so we will have adequate handouts. *Parents are always welcome to attend.*

VETERANS' OUTREACH CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Wednesday evening December 17th, the Northeast Veterans' Outreach Campus in Haverhill will hold their annual Christmas Dinner and Party for their residents. Campus Director John Ratka has asked for our help serving dinner and distributing the gifts and sharing the Christmas Spirit as we had done over the last several years. Scouts and family members are invited to help serve dinner to and eat with the residents as we did during their Thanksgiving Dinner. Setup is at 5pm and dinner will be served at 5:30pm. After dinner Santa will distribute gifts to the residents and lead us all in a few holiday songs. The dinner will be held at Amvets Post 147 at 576 Primrose Street in Haverhill. If you and/or your family would like to help, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner. *Scouts and Leaders should wear their uniform shirt and neckerchief.*

PINBALL WIZARD ARCADE ACTIVITY

On Tuesday December 30th, during Christmas Vacation, we have scheduled a game night at the Pinball Wizard Arcade in Pelham NH. The arcade features many classic and state-of-the-art pinball machines and video games, air hockey and pool tables, and even Skee-ball. We have reserved their party room from 6:30pm to 8:30pm so that those who wish may bring a sandwich and beverage for dinner. The games require one, two, or three tokens to play. Participants will need to bring their own money. It is estimated that individuals can play for the two hours for about \$20.00. All tokens will be purchased individually. If you plan to participate, we will be meeting at the Barron School at 5:45pm. *Permission Slips must be returned by the Tuesday December 16th Troop Meeting.*

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

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

January

- 1st – New Year’s Day (Happy New Year)
- 10th and 11th – Deep Freeze Campout (Lone Tree Scout Reservation, Kingston NH)
- 13th -- Troop Court of Honor (FOS and Pie Presentations)
- 14th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
- 19th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)
- 20th – Family Ski Trip (Location to be Determined)
- 21st – Patrol Leaders’ Council
- 26th –Assistant Scoutmasters Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)
- 27th – Troop Meeting (Webelos Visit and Summer Camp Promotion)
- 31st – Nutfield District Klondike Derby (Camp Carpenter)

February

- 1st – Super Bowl Sunday
- 2nd – Happy Groundhog Day
- 3rd – Troop Meeting (O/A Elections)
- 6th – Scout Sabbath (Temple Emanu-El, Haverhill)
- 7th and 8th Ice Fishing Campout (Camp Carpenter)
- 11th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
- 12th – Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday
- 14th – St. Valentine’s Day
- 16th – Presidents’ Day

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- 16th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)
- 18th – Patrol Leaders’ Council
- 22nd – George Washington and Lord and Lady Baden-Powell’s Birthdays
- 23rd – Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)
- *** – February Vacation Snow Tubing (Amesbury Sports Park)



“Breaking someone’s trust is like crumpling up a perfect piece of paper. You can smooth it over but it’s never going to be the same again.”