
Troop 409 News

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CANS AND BOTTLES

Once again this year, our Troop will continue to recycle aluminum cans and refundable bottles. January's income from the cans and bottles was \$34.60. If you would like to help, please bring your clean aluminum cans and refundable bottles to any of our Troop Meetings.

INK CARTRIDGE UPDATE

Last month's income from ink cartridges was \$20.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any of our weekly Troop Meetings.

BSA SERVICE AWARDS

The Boy Scouts of America recognize the Service Years of their Leaders in five year intervals usually at the District Recognition Dinner. This recognition is unique in that individuals must apply for it themselves. Also note that while it is an adult award it covers any period of time served in Scouting as both a youth and adult. Service need not be continuous. Leaders should review their service years and if it is a multiple of five (5 – 10 – 15 – 20, etc.), they should notify the Troop Committee Chair and submit an application for the award.



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

O/A ELECTIONS

Members of the Order of the Arrow Nutfield Chapter Election Team will be at our Tuesday February 4th Troop Meeting to conduct an election for new members. To qualify to be a candidate for election a Scout must be at least a First Class Scout and have at least 15 days and nights of camping (including at least one week of long-term camping during the past two years). This year, we have five Scouts (Donald, Luke, Rhys, Shawn, and William) who meet the rank and camping requirements and are eligible to be elected. Richard, who was elected in past years but unable to

complete his Ordeal, can also be reelected. Erik, who was elected last year but was unable to complete his Ordeal this past fall, can complete his Ordeal this spring. All members of our Troop are permitted to vote for none, one, or multiple candidates, please use all your votes wisely. Order of the Arrow Members, please wear your sash. ***Your attendance at this meeting is important.***

SCOUT SHABBAT SERVICE

On Friday February 7th, Temple Emanu-El at 514 Main Street (Route 125) in Haverhill will be hosting area Cub, Boy, Venture, Brownies, and Girl Scouts and their Leaders during the

Temple's Annual Scout Shabbat Jewish Service from 7pm to 8:30pm (Scouts are asked to arrive by 6:45pm). 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.***

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Troop Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Monday February 17th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home, 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. As usual the meeting will start at 7pm. We will be reviewing our February and March programs and discussing Bryan's Eagle Project and Fundraiser. Any parent who would like to attend should contact either Troop Committee Chair Don Jr. or Mr. Bohnwagner to make him aware of your intentions so we will have adequate handouts. ***Parents are always welcome to attend.***

FEBRUARY PLC MEETING

The February PLC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 19th. It will be at Mr. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to 8:30pm. We will be discussing our Ice Fishing Campout and our March Program, Troop Meetings, and Activities. ***The meeting should be attended by the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Troop Guides, Troop Scribe, Patrol Leaders, and Assistant Patrol Leaders.***

ICE FISHING CAMPOUT

We will be spending the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd at Camp Carpenter. All gear will need to be carried into the site from the parking area. We will be sleeping in Adirondack Huts at Sleepy Hollow Campsite. Please keep in mind that all cooking and activities will be outdoors,

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"Be Prepared" for cold weather. Ice conditions permitting, we are planning to spend the afternoon ice fishing and to complete needed outdoor advancement requirements for those Scouts needing them. For those who need to do cooking on a wood fire this will be an excellent opportunity to satisfy some of those requirements. We will be leaving from the Barron School on Saturday, February 22nd, at 8am and should return home before lunch on Sunday, the 23rd. New Scouts and Scouts who do not wish to camp overnight will have the option to participate in the ice fishing during the day on Saturday. Menus will be planned at the February 11th Troop Meeting. The cost will be \$15.00. ***Permission slips and money (\$15.00) are due at the February 11th Troop Meeting.***

MT. MONADNOCK DISTRICT MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

The Mt. Monadnock District of Daniel Webster College is holding their 12th Annual Merit Badge College in Mason New Hampshire. Aaron, Luke, and Jameson have registered to attend. The sessions are scheduled to be held on three Saturdays (February 22nd and March 8th and 22nd) with snow make-up dates of Saturdays (March 1st and 29th), if needed.

SM/ASM MEETING

The February SM/ASM Meeting will be held on Monday February 24th 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 February and March programs and discussing Bryan's Eagle Project and Fundraiser. ***All Assistant Scoutmasters are urged to attend, with you our program planning cannot be finalized***

DISABILITY AWARENESS PETALWORKS VISIT

On Tuesday February 25th, Scouts who are working on the Disability Awareness Merit

Badge will be visiting Petalworks Adult Day Program Facility for Special Need Adults in Amesbury Massachusetts. The visit is part of the Disability Awareness Merit Badge. Mr. Bryer, who works there, has arranged for us to visit from 10am to Noon to see their operation and visit with their attendees. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 9:15am and will be returning home after lunch. The Troop will provide a special lunch. Scouts will need to wear their uniform and neckerchief. Because it is a work day for most of our leaders, we will need help with the transportation. If any parent can provide transportation it will be a big help. **Permission slips are due at the February 18th Troop Meeting.**

PINBALL WIZARD ARCADE ACTIVITY

On Tuesday February 25th, during school 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. Mr. LaBranche estimates 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 6pm. **Permission Slips must be returned by the Tuesday February 18th Troop Meeting.**

TROOP/FAMILY SKI TRIP

Mrs. Loffredo will be leading the Troop's second ski trip of the winter on Sunday March 3rd to Pat's Peak Ski Area in Henniker New Hampshire. Details and price information will follow this newsletter for our Scouts and their families. The trip will include lessons and/or rentals for those who would like to learn

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how to ski or snowboard and/or need equipment. Snow-tubing is also available. Scouts who ski or snowboard will have the opportunity to earn the Snow Sports Merit Badge. Family members are invited to participate; however siblings must be accompanied by at least one parent. ***If you are interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Loffredo by the February 18th Troop Meeting so she can finalize the reservations. Payments need to be made directly to Mrs. Loffredo and are also due on that date.***

GOING TO CAMP?

It's that time of year to decide if you are going to Summer Camp with the other members of our Troop. We have reserved the week of Sunday July 13th to Saturday, the 19th, at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation and/or Sunday July 20th to Saturday, the 26th, at Camp Bell. Both camps are part of Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Ironworks NH. This year's cost for Hidden Valley Scout Reservation will be \$340.00, if you pay the **\$50.00 non-refundable, but transferable, deposit** by March 17th and pay the balance (\$290.00) by May 15th; \$360.00, if you pay the \$50.00 deposit after March 17th and pay the balance (\$310.00) by May 15th; \$380.00, if you sign-up after May 15th. This year's cost for Camp Bell will be \$365.00, if you pay the **\$50.00 non-refundable, but transferable, deposit** by March 17th and pay the balance (\$315.00) by May 15th; \$385.00, if you pay the \$50.00 deposit by March 17th and pay the balance (\$330.00) after May 15th; \$405.00, if you sign-up after May 15th. If you have been to Summer Camp several years and will be at least 14 years old by camp time and are looking for a different experience. How about the SPOKE or Valley Voyageur Programs? This year's cost for SPOKE or Valley Voyageurs will be the same as Camp Bell. If you would like to attend camp with the Troop or would like more information about camp, SPOKE or Valley Voyageur Programs, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Friday March 7th so we can

finalize our plans. New this year, a Parent Guide to either camp is available at www.nhscouting.org/document/griswold-scout-reservation-parent-guidebook-2014/132589.

Annual BSA Camp Physicals are required and due by June 1st. If you, Scout or Adult, are going to camp please schedule a physical with your doctor.

NEOC SPRING SCOUT-O

On Saturday April 26th, the New England Orienteering Club will hold its Spring Scout Orienteering Course at the Hale Reservation in Westwood Massachusetts. It's an excellent opportunity to learn and practice map, compass, and orienteering skills and to satisfy the Second and First Class compass requirements. Also for Scouts who would like to work on the Orienteering Merit Badge, they need to complete a required second orienteering course and serve as a Meet Official. This activity is limited to 400 participants. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and fills very fast. ***If you are interested in participating, contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Tuesday February 18th.***

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

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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March

- 1st – Merit Badge College Snow Date, If Needed
- 2nd-- Family Ski Trip (Pat's Peak, Henniker NH)
- 5th – Ash Wednesday
- 8th – Merit Badge College Session 2
- 9th – Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 12th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
- 15th and 16th – Pack Monadnock Hike and Campout
- 17th – Summer Camp \$50.00 Deposit Due
- 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- 17th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 19th – Spring Begins
- 19th – Patrol Leaders' Council Meeting
- 22nd – Merit Badge College Session 3
- 24th – SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 25th – NO School (Troop Activity – To Be Determined)
- 29th – Merit Badge College Snow Date, If Needed

April

- 1st – April Fool's Day
- 5th and 6th – Bike Campout
- 9th – Nutfield District 9th Annual Nutfield District Recognition Dinner (Camp Carpenter)
- 13th – Palm Sunday
- 14th – Passover

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15th – Troop Court of Honor

16th – Patrol Leaders' Council

18th – Good Friday

20th -- Easter Sunday

21st – Patriots' Day

21st – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

22nd – Earth Day

26th – NEOC Scout-O Orienteering Course
(Hale Reservation, Westwood MA)

28th – SM.ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

29th -- School Vacation Activity (Activity and Location to be Determined)

*** -- Low-Key Blood Volleyball
Championship (Date To Be Determined)



“Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination.”