
Troop 409 News

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Well, 2014 is here, the beginning of a New Year. Our goals are the same as in the past. We need to continue to advance, serve others, support our program, participate, and recruit new Scouts. Have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

TROOP RECHARTER

We have rechartered Troop 409 for 2014. We reregistered twenty-four Scouts and twelve Adult Leaders. Once again we have earned the Gold Journey to Excellence Award. As we have done in the past, all families will continue to receive Boys' Life Magazine. The cost to recharter was \$1,217.00. We are looking forward to yet another year of advancement, adventure, fellowship, service to others, and fun times.

CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$8.50 bringing our total for 2013 to \$238.05. This along with our Ink Cartridge Recycling has helped with our finances. Once again if you helped, thank you. If you did not but would like to help in the future, please bring your clean aluminum beverage cans and refundable beverage bottles to any of our weekly Troop Meetings.



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

INK CARTRIDGE UPDATE

Last month, we received \$10.00 bringing our total for 2013 to \$245.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any of our weekly Troop Meetings.

THANK YOU FOR CARING

On Saturday, December 21st, we made our 27th annual Christmas Visit to the patients in the Rehabilitation Section of the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Manchester. Forty-five gift bags containing deodorant, hand lotion, and a box of tissue, along with a

“Thank You for Serving Star” memento handmade by Mrs. Wildes, were presented to each patient. To those Scouts and Leaders who took part in the visit and families who donated (\$50.00) to help defray some of the \$215.56 cost of purchasing the gifts goes a big thank you. You should stand proud for living up to the Scout Oath, “Help other people at all times”. During 2013, Scouts and adults from Troop 409 preformed 226.5 hours of Community Service.

WEBELOS RECRUITMENT

Our final phase of our Webelos Recruitment is to invite Second-Year Webelos to visit us during the day and to share lunch and dinner during our Deep-Freeze Encampment on

Saturday January 11th at Lone Tree Scout Reservation in Kingston New Hampshire. The recruiting of Webelos and new Scouts is vital to the success of our Troop Program.

WHAT IS FOS?

FOS is Friends of Scouting. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, it cost us \$1,217.00 to recharter our Troop for the 2014 Program Year. Most people are not aware that none of that money goes directly to Daniel Webster Council. If not, where does it go? \$904.00 went to the National Boy Scouts of America to pay for the use of the Boy Scout Program and their support, \$37.00 paid for accident insurance coverage, and \$276.00 for Boys' Life Magazine subscriptions. So where does Daniel Webster Council get their funds to support our Council and District Programs? The answer is from the FOS Campaign. FOS Funds are used to support and maintain our camps (Hidden Valley, Camp Bell, and Camp Carpenter), to provide training for our Leaders and Scouts, and to finance the Scout Service Center in Manchester New Hampshire and its Professional Staff. Where do FOS Funds come from? The Funds come from contributions by Businesses, the Community, and from pledges from Scouting Families like ours. Pledges can be paid monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually. Please donate whatever is possible when asked. Please give until it feels good, not until it hurts.

DEEP-FREEZE CAMPOUT

We will spend the weekend of January 11th and 12th at Lone Tree Scout Reservation in Kingston New Hampshire. Participants have the option to sleep in a cabin, Adirondack Hut, snow shelter, tent, or under the stars. Please keep in mind, all cooking and activities will be outdoors. "Be Prepared" and dress for cold weather. Second-year Webelos from Packs 160 and 4442 and their Leaders and Parents will be invited to spend Saturday with us. We will be leaving from the Barron School on Saturday, January 11th at 8:00am and should arrive home

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before lunchtime on Sunday, the 19th. The cost will be \$20.00 for food and site rental.

Permission Slip and payment (\$20.00) are due by the Tuesday, January 7th Troop Meeting.

COURT OF HONOR

On Tuesday, January 14th, we will hold a Troop Court of Honor to recognize those Scouts who have earned awards since our September Troop Court of Honor. In addition, representatives from Daniel Webster Council will be present to conduct a FOS (Friends of Scouting) Presentation and to ask for our support and pledges. Popcorn sales prizes will also be presented. True to his word, Popcorn Kernel Mr. Bryer will be receiving delivery of thirteen "cream pies" from the Scouts who sold at least \$250.00 in popcorn and from those individuals who made holes-in-one at our Family Miniature and the Monster Golf Nights. Also because the Troop sold over \$2,500.00 in popcorn, Mr. Bohnwagner will also be the recipient of a pie. The program starts at 7:15pm. ***Parents are urged to attend and may want to bring a camera; as in the past refreshments will be served after the program.***

PLC MEETING

The January PLC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 15th. It will be at Mr. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to 8:30pm. We will be discussing our February and March Programs. ***The meeting should be attended by the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Troop Webmaster, and Patrol Leaders.***

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Troop Committee will hold their January meeting on Monday, the 20th 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. In addition, Bryan is planning to present his Eagle Project for approval.

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Any parent who would like to attend should contact either Troop Committee Chair Don Jr. or Mr. Bohnwagner to make them aware of your intentions so we will have adequate handouts.

Parents are always welcome to attend.

TROOP SKI TRIP

Mrs. Loffredo has finalized plans for our Annual Troop Ski Trip planned for Tuesday January 21st (NO school in Salem) to Crotched Mountain Ski Area in Bennington New Hampshire (Route 47, 615 Francestown Road). Scouts 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. The cost will be \$29.00 for an All Day Lift Ticket; a one hour ski lesson is available for an additional \$33.00; skis or snowboard, boots, and poles can also be rented for \$35.00. Please note helmets are required for Boy Scout ski trips; if you don't have one they are available for rental at \$10.00. Lift ticket, rental, and lesson combination is \$74.00. Beginners should plan on taking a lesson before working on the Snow Sports Merit Badge with Mrs. Loffredo. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 7:45am. *Reservation Slip and payment are due by the Tuesday, January 14th Troop Court of Honor.*

SM/ASM MEETING

Assistant Scoutmasters will hold their monthly SM/ASM Meeting on Monday January 27th 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 finalize planning for this year's District Klondike Derby. *All Assistant Scoutmasters are urged to attend.*

SUMMER CAMP PROMO

Members of the Order of the Arrow will be at our Tuesday January 28th Troop Meeting to talk about the 2014 Summer Camp Programs at both Hidden Valley Scout Reservation and Camp Bell. We will invite all Second-Year Webelos and their parents, whether or not they plan to

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join Troop 409, and also any of our parents who are interested in finding out about Summer Camp to attend. Our Troop currently has reserved Hidden Valley Scout Reservation for the week of Sunday July 13th to Saturday July 19th and the following week at Camp Bell.

Parents are urged to attend this promotion.

DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE PRESENTATION

Officer Norcross of the Salem Police Department will also be at our Tuesday January 28th Troop Meeting to discuss Drug/Alcohol Abuse. This will satisfy Second-Class Scout Requirement 9a. All Scout and Tenderfoot Scouts should make an extra effort to attend.

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

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 20th
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home
19 Robie Lane, Atkinson NH
7:30pm

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

February

- 1st – Nutfield District Klondike Derby
- 2nd – Happy Groundhog Day
- 2nd – Scout Sunday
- 2nd – Super Bowl Sunday (Patriots vs. ???)
- 4th – Troop Meeting (Order of the Arrow Elections)

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7th – Scout Shabbat
12th – Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday
12th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
14th – St. Valentine’s Day
17th – Presidents’ Day
17th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mrs. and Mr. Bohnwagner’s Home)
19th – Patrol Leaders’ Council Meeting
22nd – George Washington and Lord and Lady Baden-Powell’s Birthdays
22nd and 23rd – Ice Fishing Campout (Camp Carpenter)
24th to 28th – School Vacation
24th – SM/ASM Meeting (Mrs. and Mr. Bohnwagner’s Home)

March

2nd – Troop Ski Trip (Pat’s Peak)
8th – Bryan’s Eagle Project Pasta Supper
9th – Daylight Saving Time Begins
12th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
14th – Summer Camp Deposit Due
15th and 16th – Pack Monadnock Campout
17th – St. Patrick’s Day
17th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mrs. and Mr. Bohnwagner’s Home)
19th – Patrol Leaders’ Council Meeting
20th – Spring Begins
24th – SM/ASM Meeting (Mrs. and Mr. Bohnwagner’s Home)
25th – NO Troop Meeting (Activity to Be Determined)

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“The best portion of a good life is the little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love,” – William Wordsworth