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# Troop 409 News

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## CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$18.20 bringing our year-to-date total to \$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 \$20.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$110.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any Troop Meeting.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES SIGN UP PROCEDURE

Because not every Scout will probably be attending all Summer Troop Activities, we will be using the following sign up procedure, unless otherwise stated. If you and/or your parent(s) and in some cases family members or friends would like to participate in an activity, you will either have to Email or phone Mr. Bohnwagner by the stated deadline and bring the permission slip, money, and release form, if needed, to the activity. Also keep in mind that some activities



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

may have restrictions on the total number of participants and whether or not Non-Scouts can participate. Please remember, permission slips and their deadlines play an important part in the planning of a successful activity. Please adhere to the deadline. We cannot accept any participants after the stated deadline.

## 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 have a very active program

planned for this summer. We need participation from as many Scouts as possible to make it successful. We also need to satisfy the BSA requirement of “two-deep” adult coverage. Most important we need the ability to provide transportation to and from our activities for participants and when needed equipment. Parents play an important role in our transportation plans; please help if possible.

## POPCORN FUNDRAISER

Once again this year, Denis Bryer will be our Popcorn Kernel. Popcorn Sales Information and Order Forms will be available for distribution shortly after the August 6th Popcorn Kick-Off Meeting. Kernel Bryer is planning to have a two-week Blitz Sale during a period yet to be

determined with the top salesperson receiving a \$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card; six Show and Sell Sales beginning Saturday September 13th during our Lake Street Garden Center Fundraiser and including Saturday and Sunday September 27th and 28th at McKinnon's Market, Saturday and Sunday October 4th and 5th at the Salem Wal-Mart, and Saturday October 18th at the Salem Dump; and a Take Order Sale ending on Tuesday October 14th. The top salesperson overall will receive a \$50.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card, anyone who fills an order sheet will receive a \$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card, the Patrol with the best sales average will receive a free Bowling and Pizza Night, and each salesperson will receive 10-percent of their Gross Sales credited into their Individual Scout Account and will also be eligible for various sales prizes. As an added sales incentive for each \$250.00 of individual sales that person gets to present Mr. Bryer with a cream pie at the January Troop Court of Honor and if the Troop sells \$2,500.00, an individual will get to present Mr. B with a pie. If the Troop sells \$5,000.00, an individual will get to present Committee Chair Don Jr. with a pie. Furthermore, if the Troop sells \$10,000.00, an individual will get to present the Leader of their choice with a pie.

## **JULY LEADER MEETINGS**

Because of varying family vacation schedules, please note we will not hold Troop Committee, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters, or PLC Meetings during July.

## **PRE-CAMP PLANNING MEETING**

On Monday evening July 1st, Mr. Bohnwagner and Donald attended the Pre-Camp Planning Meeting at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation. They met with the Camp Staff and Leaders from the twenty-four other Troops who will be attending Hidden Valley during our week and selected our afternoon activities and received additional information about our week at camp. The Troop will be holding a follow-up meeting

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with the Scouts who will be attending camp and their parents to finalize our plans.

## **SHOOTING SPORTS**

### **THURSDAYS**

Because of the holiday and vacation schedules, there will be no shooting program on Thursday July 3rd. During July, we will be conducting Shooting Sports Thursdays on the 10th and 31st.

## **FAMILY MINIATURE**

### **GOLF CHALLENGE**

On Tuesday, July 8th; we will hold our annual Family Miniature Golf Challenge at Jay Gee's Ice Cream and Fun Center in Methuen Massachusetts (Route 110, Exit 46 off of Route 93 South). All family members are invited to attend. The cost will be \$18.50 for a Fun Pass for which each person will receive 18 holes of golf, a go-kart and bumper car ticket, a batting cage token, and a small ice cream or slush. Individuals will need to pay for their admission at the activity (cash only). Once again this year, those participants who make holes-in-one will be eligible to present Mr. Bryer with a pie at our January Troop Court of Honor. Mr. Bryer will also have the opportunity to present individuals with a pie for each hole-in-one he gets. Participants have the option of leaving from the Barron School at 6:30pm or meeting at Jay Gee's at 7pm. We should be returning home about 10pm. *Permission slip is due at the activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Sunday July 6th.*

## **CANOE SHAKEDOWN**

### **TRAINING**

On Saturday July 12th, Mr. LaBranche will hold a canoe shakedown at Millville Town Beach in Salem, in preparation of the August Canoe Campout. Scouts who do not have the Canoeing Merit Badge or who did not attend last year's Canoe Campout must take part in the shakedown to participate in the campout. Even if you are not planning to participate in the

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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. LaBranche's home (13 Beverly Avenue in Salem) at 8:30am to load the canoes 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 July 9th.***

### SUMMER CAMP

Thirteen Scouts, along with Mr. Bohnwagner, Mr. O'Dwyer, and Mr. Sharkey will be attending Summer Camp at Hidden Valley at Griswold Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works New Hampshire during the week of Sunday July 13th to Saturday July 19th. There will be ***NO*** Troop Activity during that week.

### ZIPLINE/WATER PARK ADVENTURE DAY

On Wednesday July 23rd, we will be going to Liquid Planet Water Park in Candia NH during the day to ride their zipline. The cost of the first ride is \$10.00 which will be paid for by a generous contribution by the parents of former Scout Tony Gould in his memory; participants will need to pay \$5.00 for each additional ride. Mr. and Mrs. Gould are owners of the park. They have also offered passes into the park for those families who wish to spend the day. Further information about the park and its features is available on their website [www.liquidplanetwaterpark.com](http://www.liquidplanetwaterpark.com). ***Permission Slips are due at the activity but participants must contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Sunday July 20th.***

### DEATHBALL REMATCH

On Tuesday July 29th, we will hold our Annual Deathball Rematch at Mr. and Mrs. O'Dwyer's home at 207 Shannon Road in Salem. Deathball

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is a modified soccer/rugby game played with an oversized ball. Participants will need to provide their own transportation to and from the activity. The game will start at 6:30pm and should end by 8:30pm. Participants should wear long pants and bring insect repellent. ***Permission Slips are due at the activity; however you must contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Wednesday July 23rd.***

**PARTICIPATE  
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

#### August

- 1st to 3rd – Canoe Campout (Location to Be Determined)
- 6th – Popcorn Kickoff Training for Popcorn Kernel
- 7th to 28th – Shooting Sports Thursdays (Pelham Fish and Game Club, Pelham NH)
- 16th – Outdoor Fun Day (The Strategy Zone, Goshen NH)
- 18th – Combined Troop Committee SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
- 20th – Patrol Leaders' Council (2014/2015 Program Planning)

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26th – First Day of School for Haverhill

27th – First Day of School for Salem

\*\*\* – Family Pool Party (Date and Location to Be Determined)

### September

1st – Labor Day (Don't work too hard)

3rd – First Day of School for Presentation of Mary Academy

5th to 7th – O/A Ordeal and Brotherhood Weekend (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation)

8th – First Day of School for Central Catholic High School

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)

17th – Patrol Leaders' Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

20th – Special Needs Field Games (Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill)

20th – Salem Fest

21st – Autumn Begins

22nd – SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

23rd – Troop Court of Honor

24th – Rosh Hashanah

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

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*“We never fail when we try to do our duty; we always fail when we neglect to do it.”*

*– Lord Robert S. S. Baden-Powell of Gilwell*