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# Troop 409 News

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## CANS AND BOTTLES

There was no income last month from Cans and Bottles. Our year-to-date total remains at \$52.20. 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 \$10.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$60.00. If you have any empty H-P Cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any Troop Meeting.

## TO OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to Bryan Kerman on your graduation from Pinkerton Academy and continued success as you pursue your future at college. Jameson will be entering High School in September. We wish them both the best as they continue their education.

## MT. WASHINGTON HIKE AND SHAKEDOWNS

The first of our Shakedown Hikes was to the summit of Mount Major, eight Scouts, six

Adults, and four siblings participated.

Temperature was in the 90s, a real test of fortitude. Two more Shakedowns to go until the Great Granddaddy of them all, Mount Washington. Great going to all.

## SUMMER MEETINGS

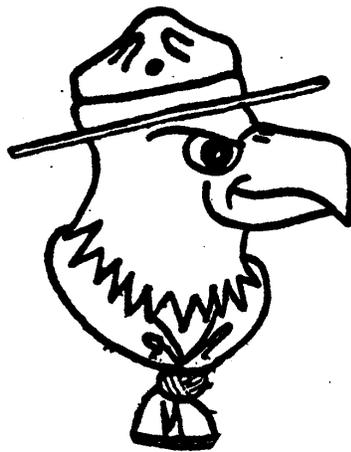
During July, the Troop Committee, Patrol Leaders' Council, and Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters will not be meeting. In addition, the Nutfield District Eagle Board will not meet in July. All will resume their monthly meetings during August.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

In addition to our week at Hidden Valley, we will continue to offer a Summer Program of activities at least once a week. These will include a Canoe Campout, Deathball Challenge, Deep-Sea Fishing, Miniature Golf Night, Outdoor Laser Tag, Pot-Luck Lake Party, Lowell Spinners Baseball Game, Ten-Pin Bowling, and Mount Chocorua, Cannon Mountain, and Mount Washington Hikes.

## SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

All Summer Camp participants will receive an information packet containing a copy of the Afternoon Troop Activities Worksheet, Camp Schedules, and Information for the Merit Badges they have registered to take during



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

camp. Please review the Merit Badge Information for any pre-requisites required to be completed before camp and/or any special items you may need to bring to camp. ***Please return the Afternoon Troop Activities Worksheet indicating 10 choices, rated 1 to 10 (1 being the highest) by the June 21st Deathball Challenge, this is needed for the Pre-Camp Planning Meeting.***

## **PERSONAL FITNESS**

### **MERIT BADGE**

The Second and Third Sessions for those Scouts who are taking the Personal Fitness Merit Badge are scheduled for Thursdays June 9th and 23rd at the Pelham Fish and Game Club. Sessions start at 6pm, ***please be on time.*** These meetings will be followed by twelve weeks of exercises at home. This is a Requires Eagle Merit Badge.

### **SCOUTS DAY '16 AT CANOBIE LAKE PARK**

Canobie Lake Park will host Scouts Day '16 on Saturday June 4th. Scouts and Scouters in Class A or Class B Uniforms will be able to purchase an admission ticket at the regular price and receive a free second admission ticket of equal or lesser value. Tickets need to be purchased at the gate and are only valid on that day and may not be combined with any other offer, discount, or promotion. The park will be open from 11am to 10pm. Family members are welcome to join the Scouts, but unless they are using the free ticket they will need to pay regular admission prices. Participants will need to provide their own transportation.

### **ORIENTATION CAMPOUT**

During the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th, we will hold an Orientation Campout to familiarize our New Scouts with our campout program and to work on the Tote 'N Chip Award. The campout will be at a place they should be familiar with, Piscataqua Campsite at Camp Carpenter. Campers will need to bring a bag lunch and beverage.

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Saturday Night Dinner and Crackerbarrel and Sunday Breakfast will be provided and prepared by the Troop. The cost will be \$20.00 to pay for the food and campsite. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 8am on Saturday, the 4th, and returning home by lunchtime on Sunday. ***Permission Slips and money (\$20.00) are due at the activity, but you must notify Mr. Bohnwagner by Wednesday June 1st.***

### **SUMMER TROOP COURT OF HONOR**

On Tuesday, June 7th, we will hold our last Troop Court of Honor of our 2015/2016 Program Year and our last indoor meeting until September. As usual, we will present awards earned since our April Court of Honor. The program starts at 7:15pm. Parents and family members are invited to attend. We also plan to discuss our Summer Activity Program and Summer Camp. Refreshments will be served after the program.

### **SCOUT NIGHT AT LEE/USA SPEEDWAY**

On Friday June 10th, Lee/USA Speedway, Route 125, in Lee New Hampshire will host their Annual Scout Night at the Races as part of their NASCAR Weekly Series. This is also Autograph Night; drivers will be signing autographs in the Infield Area during Intermission. Admission opens at 4pm, Practice Runs start at 5pm, and Races start at 7pm; arrive and leave at any time. This is a family activity and non-Scouts must be accompanied by at least one parent. All Scouts and Leaders, in uniform, and children under 12 years old and under will be admitted free. Scouts and Leaders need to enter at the VIP Window on the backside of the Ticket Booth; all others need to pay at the windows in the front of the booth. General Admission is \$12.00, Senior and Junior Tickets (13-16 years old) \$10.00, Children under 12 are Free. Ear protection is highly recommended. Beverages and food are available for sale at the

speedway. Guests are permitted to bring a small cooler; no alcohol or glass bottles. This is a family activity, Scouts will need to arrange their own transportation. ***Permission Slips are due by the June 7th Troop Court of Honor; Tickets must be purchased at the gate.***

## **DEEP-SEA FISHING TRIP**

On Tuesday June 14th, we will hold our annual family deep-sea fishing trip. Again this year, we will be going with Smith and Gilmore of Hampton Beach. The cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes the boat ride, fishing gear, and bait. Space is limited to 35 persons and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 5:00pm and should return home about 9:30pm. Participants can either eat supper at home or bring a bag lunch to eat on the boat (beverages and snacks are also available for sale on the boat). If you prefer, you can meet us at the Smith and Gilmore Docks on the Hampton side of the Seabrook/Hampton Bridge. ***The boat sails at 6:30pm -- with or without you. Drivers – There is an additional \$5.00 parking fee, to be paid at the dock. Please return reservation slip and money (\$20.00) by the Tuesday, June 7th Troop Court of Honor.***

## **JUNE PLC MEETING**

The June Patrol Leaders' Council will meet on Wednesday, the 15th. As usual, it will be held at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to about 8:30pm. We will discuss our plans for our upcoming campouts, activities, and meetings. ***These meetings should be attended by all members of the Patrol Leaders Council.***

## **JUNE TROOP**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Troop Committee will hold their June meeting on Monday June 20th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home, 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. We will be discussing our Summer Programs. Any parent who would like to attend this

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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.***

## **DEATHBALL REMATCH**

On Tuesday June 21st, we will hold our Annual Deathball Challenge at Mr. O'Dwyer's home at 207 Shannon Road in Salem. Deathball 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 June 15th.***

## **SM/ASM MEETING**

The SM/ASM will hold their monthly meeting on Monday June 27th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home, 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. We will be discussing our Summer Programs.

## **MT. CHOCORUA HIKE**

On Saturday June 25th, we will hold the second of our Mount Washington Shakedown Hikes. It will be a hike to the summit of Mount Chocorua. The mountain is located in the town of Albany New Hampshire. At an elevation of 3,490 feet it is the easternmost peak of the Sandwich Range. Although the range is not outstanding for its elevation, it is very rugged and has excellent views of the surrounding lakes, mountains, and forests. Mount Chocorua's bare summit can be seen from almost every direction and can be identified from many points throughout central New Hampshire and western Maine. ***Please note – This hike is only available to those Scouts who completed the Mount Major Hike. Permission slip is due at the activity, but participants must notify Mr. Bohnwagner by Wednesday June 22nd.***

## ***FAMILY MINIATURE GOLF CHALLENGE***

On Tuesday June 28th, 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 \$20.00 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. Participants also have to option to purchase ticket for separate activities (Golf only, Golf and Go-Kart, etc.). *Savings Hint -- Jay Gee's advertises in the Spectrum Magazine available to families in their mail and usually has clip-out coupons.* Individuals will need to pay for their admission at the activity (cash only). Once again this year, those who make holes-in-one will be eligible to present Mr. Bryer with a pie at our January Troop Court of Honor. However, 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 June 26th.

## **PRE-CAMP PLANNING MEETING**

On Monday evening July 4th, Mr. B and the Summer Camp Acting SPL will be attending the Week-4 Pre-Camp Planning Meeting at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Ironworks NH. Yes, the 4th of July, sorry. They will be meeting with the Camp Staff and Leaders from the other Troops who will be attending Hidden Valley during our week to select our afternoon activities and receive any additional information about our week. The Troop will be holding a follow-up meeting with the Scouts who will be attending the camp and

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their parents on an evening shortly after the meeting to finalize our plans.

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

## ***NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING***

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

## **TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

### **July**

4th – Independence Day (Happy Birthday America)

17th to 23rd –Summer Camp (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, Gilmanton Ironworks NH)

\*\*\* – Canoe Training and Shakedown (Date to Be Determined)

\*\*\* -- Cannon Mountain Hike (Date to Be Determined)

### **August**

5th to 7th – Canoe Campout (Location to be Determined)

13th – Outdoor Laser Tag (The Strategy Zone, Goshen NH)

15th –Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

17th – Patrol Leaders' Council (2016/2017 Program Planning)

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

\*\*\* -- Mount Washington Hike (Date to Be Determined)

\*\*\* -- Lowell Spinners Baseball \$1,000.00 Hot Dog Night (Date to Be Determined)

\*\*\* – Family Pot Luck Lake Party (Date to Be Determined)



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