
Troop 409 News

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CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$30.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$46.00. 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 (refundable or not) 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 \$60.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any Troop Meeting.

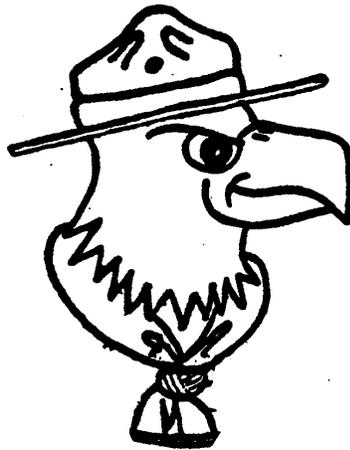
AND THE WINNERS ARE

If you missed the 2015 Indoor Volleyball Championship, and there weren't many who did, you missed a great time. Sixteen Scouts, Leaders, and Parents participated. The "Champions", whose names have been engraved on our fantastic trophy for eternity and beyond, are Assistant Scoutmaster Shawn O'Dwyer, Committee Member Denis Bryer and Unit Commissioner Patrick Sharkey, Aaron, Chase, Donald, Kieran, and Rhys. How's that for a group of winners? Also thanks to all who

participated and made our annual activity a success.

EAGLE PROJECT WORKDAYS

Currently it appears both Kieran and Richard have scheduled their Eagle Project Workdays to Saturday May 9th from 9am to 4pm. Your help with either or both of the projects is needed, your choice. Kieran's project will be at the First Congregational Church, 15 Lawrence Road in Salem and Richard's will be at Haverhill High School, 137 Monument Street in Haverhill. If you can help, please contact Kieran or Richard for further information and times. Troy has yet to set a date.



"Character is what you do when no one is looking."

MOUNT WASHINGTON SHAKEDOWNS HIKES

Please know that the Mount Washington Hike is still scheduled for Saturday June 27th and the requirements still remain the same, hikers must be at least 14 years of age and satisfactory complete two of the three shakedown hikes. However because of the winter snows and trail conditions, the shakedown hikes have been changed to the following dates – Saturday May 30th (Mount Cardigan), Saturday June 6th (Location to be Determined), and Monday June 15th (Mount Monadnock).

SUMMER CAMP PHYSICALS REQUIRED

All Scouts and adults attending Summer Camp must have a physical. Only the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C) ***plus*** a copy of your Health Insurance Card (front and back) will be accepted. Physicals must be ***signed and dated*** by a physician ***after*** July 25, 2014. If you are going to camp and have yet to do so, please make an appointment with your doctor. ***Please note, the camps will not accept attachments to the form, all information must be on the Medical Form.***

SUMMER CAMP BALANCE

Summer Camp Balance is due by Friday, the 15th. In order to have time to process it, please try to bring the payment to the Tuesday May 12th Troop Meeting. To qualify for the reduced price the payment must be made at the Council Service Center in Manchester by the deadline of Friday May 15th. If you miss the deadline the cost of camp will be an additional \$40.00. The Balance Due is \$295.00 for those attending Hidden Valley with the Troop or \$370.00 for the two Scouts participating in the White Mountain Voyageur Program. Your Scout Account Monies may be used to defray some or all of the cost. If you are going to camp and need to know your account balance or need extra time to make the payment, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner. ***If you have not yet signed up for camp, there is still time for others to sign-up and join us at Summer Camp.***

MOTHERS' DAY

Mothers' Day is Sunday May 10th! We wish all our mothers a very special day and thank you for sharing your son(s) with us.

O/A SPRING ORDEAL WEEKEND

During the weekend of Friday May 15th to Sunday the 17th, the Passaconaway Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will hold its Spring

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Ordeal Induction Weekend at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Ironworks NH. All Ordeal Candidates should have received their information packets and instructions. If any candidate does not attend this weekend, he must attend the Fall Ordeal Weekend in September or he will need to be re-elected next February.

TROOP COMMITTEE AND SM/ASM MEETING

Because of a scheduling conflict with Memorial Day, the Troop Committee along with the Assistant Scoutmasters will hold a combined meeting on Monday May 18th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home, 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. We will be discussing our May, June, and Summer Programs. Any parent who would like to attend this 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.***

PLC MEETING

The May PLC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 20th. It will be at Mr. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to 8:30pm. We will be discussing our June and Summer Programs. The meeting should be attended by the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Troop Scribe, Troop Quartermaster, Troop Webmaster, Patrol Leaders, and/or Assistant Patrol Leaders. ***Your attendance is important to the planning of a successful program.***

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On Monday May 25th, Salem will hold its Memorial Day Parade and Observance. The day begins at 10am with a ceremony at the Salem Veterans Memorial in the Pine Grove Cemetery and then marches to the Town Common for a brief ceremony. We will be gathering at the cemetery at 9:30am. This will be an excellent opportunity for community exposure and

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service. Please wear your uniform shirt and neckerchief; neatness counts. *Permission slip is due at the Tuesday, May 19th Troop Meeting.*

NO TROOP MEETING

There will be *NO* Troop Meeting or activity on Tuesday May 26th.

MOUNT CARDIGAN HIKE AND CAMPOUT

During the weekend of May 30th and 31st, we will hold a campout at Appalachian Club's Cardigan Campground in Alexandria New Hampshire. Plans are to set up a base camp upon arrival at the campground. After the setup is complete those Scouts who wish to hike to the summit of Mount Cardigan, "Old Baldy", and visit the fire tower will spend the afternoon on the trail under the leadership of Assistant Scoutmaster Dave LaBranche. Those who choose not to hike to the summit will spend the afternoon at the base camp along with other adult leaders. Mount Cardigan is 3,121 feet tall and offers outstanding views of west central New Hampshire, with a panorama that includes Mount Monadnock and the White Mountains, Camel's Hump in Vermont, and Pleasant Mountain in Maine. There is also a fire tower on the summit which will satisfy one of the requirements for our Fire Tower Quest Program. The West Ridge Trail which leads from the park to the summit is 1.5 miles long and will take about two hours to ascend. This hike will satisfy one of the required Mount Washington Hike Shakedown. Hikers will need to bring a day pack (no paper or plastic bags) with a poncho, jacket or sweatshirt, bag lunch and beverage, and drinking water. Comfortable hiking boots (no low-cut sneakers) are required. After the climb, hikers will return to the base camp to join the others for dinner and the evening cracker-barrel activities. After Sunday breakfast, participants will return home. Non-hikers will also need to bring a bag lunch and beverage. The cost will be \$20.00 which will include campsite fees and dinner, cracker-barrel, and

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breakfast. Participants will be leaving from the Barron School at 7am on Saturday, May 30th and will be returning home before lunch on Sunday, the 31st. Scouts who are planning to participate in the Sunday May 31st Clark's Trading Post Merit Badge Fair will leave from the campgrounds. *Permission slips and money (\$20.00) are due at the Tuesday, May 19th Troop Meeting.*

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

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

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

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

June

- 5th – Haverhill High School Graduation
- 6th – Canobie Lake Park Scout Day
- 6th – Mount Washington Shakedown Hike
- 9th – Troop Court of Honor
- 9th – Last Indoor Meeting until September
- 9th – Nutfield District Roundtable and O/A Chapter Meeting
- 10th – PLC Meeting
- 12th -- Salem High School Graduation
- 14th – Flag Day

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15th -- Mount Washington Shakedown Hike

15th – Combined Troop Committee and
SM/ASM Meeting

16th – NO Troop Meeting or Activity

17th – Last Day of School in Salem

19th – Scout Night at the Races (Lee/USA
Speedway, Lee NH)

21st – Summer Begins

21st -- Fathers' Day

23rd – Family Deep-Sea Fishing Trip (Smith &
Gilmore, Hampton Beach NH)

27th – Mount Washington Hike

30th – Deathball Rematch

July

4th – Independence Day (Happy Birthday
America)

6th – SPL and Troop Leaders Hidden Valley
Pre-Camp Planning Meeting (Griswold Scout
Reservation, Gilmanton Ironworks NH)

7th – Weekly Summertime Activities Begin (To
Be Finalized)

19th to 25th –Summer Camp (Hidden Valley
Scout Reservation, Gilmanton Ironworks NH)



*“No one can make you feel inferior without
your permission.”*