
Troop 409 News

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CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$28.50 bringing our year-to-date total at \$214.40. 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. Please note – Not all plastic and glass bottles are refundable; please check them for the refund statement before including them.

INK CARTRIDGE UPDATE

Last month, we recycled no cans or bottles keeping our year-to-date total at \$240.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any of our weekly Troop Meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS LUKAS AND LUKE

On Wednesday October 5th Lukas passed his Eagle Boards of Reviews to become Troop 409's 35th Eagle Scout. In keeping with the Troop's tradition he will be honored and recognized at their own Eagle Court of Honor in the coming months. Congratulations on becoming an Eagle Scout. In addition, Luke



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

became the second Troop 409's Eagle Scout to earn the Eagle Silver Palm.

SALEM DUMP AND WAL-MART SHOW N' SELL RESULTS

On Saturday October 15th, we held a Popcorn Show N' Sell Fundraiser at the Salem Dump, raising \$730.00 in popcorn sales, and donations. On Sunday October 16th, we held the last of this year's Popcorn Show N' Sell Fundraisers at Wal-Mart in Salem. Despite a rain shortened event, we raised \$552.71. As a result, 10-percent of both fundraisers have been credited toward the Individual Scout Accounts of those who

participated. The balances will be used to pay for the popcorn, meat sticks, and Dunkin' Donut Discount Booklets with the remainder going into our General Operating Account. Thank you to all who took the time and was available to help at any and/or all of this year's Popcorn Show N' Sell Fundraisers.

WEBELOS RECRUITMENT

On Tuesday October 18th, we held the first phase of our efforts to recruit New Scouts into our Troop. We hosted an Open House for First and Second-Year Webelos and their Leaders and Parents thanks to the efforts of our Scouts and Leaders. The next phases of our recruitment plan are to invite them and other First and

Second-Year Webelos to be our guests at our Wednesday November 2nd Webelos/Scout Invitational Bowling and Pizza Night at All Saints' Bowling Lanes in Haverhill followed by invitations to visit us at our Saturday November 19th Survival Campout at Camp Carpenter, and to spend the day with us on Saturday January 7th, during our January Deep-Freeze Encampment at Lone Tree Scout Reservation in Kingston NH.

TROOP RECHARTERING

The Boy Scouts of America requires that all Scout Units recharter annually. Our district, Nutfield District of Daniel Webster Council, recharts during December. This year's Recharter Date is Saturday, December 3rd. At which time we will recharter active Scouts and Leaders and drop inactive ones. The cost to recharter is \$25.00 Registration and Accident Insurance Fees for each Scout and Leader; \$12.00 for Boys' Life Magazine Subscription for each family; and a \$40.00 Unit Fee. Our Sponsor, The Salem NH American Legion Ernest W. Young Post 63, will pay the \$40.00 Unit Fee. As of today, the total cost to recharter our Troop is expected to be \$955.00. It is important that we collect our 2017 Dues and popcorn profits which will be used to meet this expense. Because of the cost, it is important that we only recharter active individuals. Those individuals not planning to re-register need to contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Tuesday November 22nd.

A TIME TO CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday November 6th. Please remember to turn your clocks **back** and to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

NO TROOP MEETINGS

Because of the November 2nd Webelos/Scout Bowling and Pizza Night and the Thanksgiving Holiday there will be **NO** Troop Meetings on Tuesdays November 1st.

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WEBELOS/SCOUT INVITATIONAL BOWLING AND PIZZA NIGHT

On Wednesday November 2nd, we will hold our 10th Annual Webelos/Scout Invitational Bowling and Pizza Night at the All Saints' Bowling Center below St. Joseph's School at 26 Broadway in Haverhill. The cost is \$10.00 for three strings of bowling, shoe rental, and pizza and beverage. We have invited First and Second-Year Webelos from Packs 160 and 4442 in Salem to join us as our guests. There will be no cost for the Webelos. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 5:30pm and should return home about 9pm. *If you plan to participate, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Sunday October 30th; Permission Slips and money are due at the activity.*

SCOUTING FOR FOOD GOOD TURN PROJECT

On Saturday, the 5th, we along with members of all the other Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs, Venture Crews, and Brownie and Girl Scout Troops, and other volunteers in Salem will distribute Scouting for Food Door Hangers to homes in Salem asking that they donate non-perishable food items to help feed the needy in town. Residents will be asked to provide their own bags or boxes in addition to donating food. The items will be picked up the following Saturday, November 12th. We will meet at the Central Fire Station on Main Street at 8:30am on November 5th for the door hanger distribution and 9:30am on Saturday, the 12th, for item pick-up and should be done by about 2:00pm on both Saturdays. If the door hangers don't get out, the chance of collecting food goes way down. We need adults (leaders and parents) to help provide transportation. We'll need at least one driver for each group of two to four Scouts. *Drivers – Please park around back of the station; don't block the bays.* All items collected will be distributed to Salem Food

Pantries to help needy families in Salem. Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow will stop this important activity. Please dress properly for the weather. Wear your Troop T-shirt and comfortable footwear. If you need Service Project Hours, this is an ideal chance to earn several hours. If you can't be there for both Saturdays; how about being there for one? Preferably, Saturday the 12th.

VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

On Friday November 11th, as we have done for many years, we will provide a Color Guard at the Veterans' Day Memorial Ceremony at the Salem Veterans Memorial in the Pine Grove Cemetery. We need at least four Scouts and two adults for the ceremony. If you would like to be part of the Color Guard, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner and plan to meet at the Veterans Memorial at 10:30am. After the ceremony a parade will march to the Salem Common Pavilion on Main Street for a brief ceremony. *Uniform shirt and neckerchief are required.*

COMBINED TROOP COMMITTEE AND SM/ASM MEETING

Because of a scheduling conflict with the Veterans Outreach Campus' Thanksgiving Dinner, the Troop Committee along with Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters will hold a combined meeting on Monday November 14th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home, 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. As usual the meeting will start at 7:30pm. We will review our November, December, January activities, and begin planning for Lukas' Eagle Court of Honor. Any parent who would like to attend should contact either Troop Committee Chair Don Bohnwagner Jr. or Mr. Bohnwagner to make him aware of their intentions so we will have adequate handouts. *Parents are always welcome to attend.*

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2017 TROOP DUES

Dues for the year 2017 are due by the Tuesday, November 22nd Troop Meeting. Our dues will continue to be \$50.00 per Scout (a maximum \$75.00 per family) to meet our recharter expenses. Dues can be paid either by check (Payable to Troop 409 BSA), Individual Scout Account Funds, or we will even take cash. Scouts who have not paid by the end of November *or* have not made other arrangements will be dropped from the Troop at the December 3rd Recharter Day. If you wish to use your Scout Account Funds toward your dues, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner to find out what funds you have available in your Scout Account.

PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

The November Patrol Leaders Council will meet on Wednesday, the 16th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to about 8:30pm. We will be reviewing our November, December, and January Programs and start discussing our Eagle Courts of Honor. *All PLC Members should plan to attend.*

RIFLE SHOOTING MERIT BADGE

Once again, Mr. Summerfield and the Pelham Fish and Game Club will be offering the Rifle Shooting Merit Badge on Thursday Nights at the club located at 100 Simpson Mill Road in Pelham New Hampshire. The initial session will begin at 5:30pm until 8pm on Thursday November 17th. Those interested will need a Blue Card and must fill out a Club Waiver. Cards and waiver are available from Mr. Bohnwagner.

POPCORN ORDER AVAILABILITY

On Friday November 18th, the Troop's Popcorn Orders will be picked up in Manchester and will be available to Scouts after that day. You'll need

to contact Mr. Bohnwagner to arrange to pick up your order.

SURVIVAL CAMPOUT

We will be spending the weekend of November 19th and 20th at Camp Carpenter. Please keep in mind that all cooking and activities will be outdoors, "Be Prepared" for fall/cold weather. We will be leaving the Barron School on Saturday November 19th, at 8am and survivors should return home before lunch on Sunday, the 20th. During the day on Saturday, Scouts will build shelters and spend the night in their shelters. You will need to bring a bag lunch and beverage for Saturday Lunch and a foil dinner for Saturday Supper. Sunday Breakfast will be a troop meal. The cost will be \$15.00. *Permission slip and money (\$15.00) are due by the Tuesday November 15th Troop Meeting.*

VETERANS' OUTREACH CAMPUS THANKSGIVING

On Monday November 21st, the Veterans' Outreach Campus in Haverhill will hold their annual Thanksgiving Dinner for their residents and guests. This date is yet to be finalized. Campus Director John Ratka has once again asked for our help serving the family-style dinner as we have done in the past. Scouts and family members are invited to help. After we have served the veterans and guests, we have been invited eat with them. Because of the increase in attendance the dinner will be held at AMVETS Post 147 at 576 Primrose Street in Haverhill. If you and/or your family would like to help, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner by Tuesday November 15th. *Scouts and Leaders should wear their uniform shirt and neckerchief.*

SALEM HOLIDAY PARADE

This year's holiday parade is scheduled for Sunday November 27th. The parade marches down Main Street from the Fisk School to Salem High School. In an effort to let parade watchers know Scouting is alive and well in

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Salem, all Scouts and Leaders, both boys and girls, have been asked to encourage their scouts to participate. It is hoped Troop 409 will be represented by as many Scouts as possible. If you plan to take part, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner.

PARTICIPATE INVITE-A-FRIEND AND RECRUIT

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE/ASM MEETING

Monday, November 16th
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home
19 Robie Lane Atkinson NH
7:30pm

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

December

- 1st – Rifle Shooting Merit Badge (Pelham Fish and Game Club)
- 5th – 2017 Troop Charter Renewal
- 8th – Rifle Shooting Merit Badge (Pelham Fish and Game Club)
- 14th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable (Windham High School)
- 15th – PLC Meeting
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- 18th -- VA Hospital Christmas Visit (VA Hospital, Manchester NH)

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19th – Combined Troop Committee and SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)

21st – Winter Begins

21st – Veterans’ Outreach Campus Christmas Party and Dinner (AMVETS Post 147, Haverhill)

22nd – Rifle Shooting Merit Badge Pelham Fish and Game Club)

24th – Christmas Eve

24th – Hanukkah Begins (Happy Hanukkah)

25th – Christmas (Merry Christmas)

27th -- Christmas Vacation Activity (Pinball Wizard, Pelham)

31st – New Year’s Eve

January

1st – New Year’s Day (Happy New Year)

7th and 8th -- Deep-Freeze Campout (Lone Tree Scout Reservation)

10th -- Troop Court of Honor (FOS and Popcorn Awards and Pie Presentations)

11th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable (Windham High School)

16th – Civil Rights Day (No School)

16th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)

17th – Family Ski Trip (NO School in Salem, Location to Be Determined)

18th – Patrol Leaders’ Council

23rd – SMASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)

27th to 29th – Nutfield District Klondike Derby

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“When we give it our all, we can live with ourselves – regardless of the results.”