
Troop 409 News

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WE ARE READY, ARE YOU READY?

We held our 2014/2015 Program Planning meeting on Wednesday August 20th. I believe we have planned an exciting program and I am looking forward to a year of advancement, camping, adventure, and fun. All that we need now is to have everyone actively participate. Our new program starts on Tuesday September 9th; I hope to see you there.

YOUR EMAIL RESPONSE IS IMPORTANT

Response to Email messages is very important in the planning of meetings and activities. Please respond, when required. Most campouts and activities require a reservation and deposit. If this does not happen, it usually means a financial loss to the Troop. Therefore when canceled, an activity or campout not only does not occur but the Troop loses money.

CANS AND BOTTLES

Last month's income from cans and bottles was \$27.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$151.90. 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



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

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; Massachusetts does not recycle water, tea, or juice containers.

INK CARTRIDGE UPDATE

Last month, we received \$20.00 bringing our year-to-date total to \$140.00. If you have any empty cartridges from home, work, school, or wherever, please bring them to any of our weekly Troop Meetings.

FOOTWEAR AT INDOOR TROOP MEETINGS

The Janitors at the Barron School have once again asked that we wear sneakers at our Troop Meetings. This would help eliminate the black scuff marks on the cafeteria and gym floors. If necessary, please change into your sneakers before the meetings.

BOARDS OF REVIEW UNIFORM REQUIREMENT

Just a reminder, all Scouts who go before a Board of Review are required to wear their uniform shirt and neckerchief. There will be NO exception to this requirement.

POPCORN FUNDRAISER

Once again this year, we are selling Trail's End Popcorn. Denis Bryer has returned as our Popcorn Kernel to coordinate the fundraiser. As we did in the past, this year's fundraiser will be conducted in three phases – a Blitz Sale, a Take Orders Sale, and three Show N' Sell Sales. The Blitz Sale started with the availability of the order forms and ended at 6pm on Sunday August 24th; Chase was the Top Blitz Salesman selling \$850.00 of popcorn. The second phase of the fundraiser is the Take Order Sale which runs concurrently with the Blitz Sale, but ends on Tuesday October 14th. The third phase is the Show N' Sell Sales during which we will be selling popcorn at McKinnon's Market on Saturday and Sunday September 27th and 28th, Wal-Mart in Salem on Saturday and Sunday October 4th and 5th, and at the Salem Dump on Saturday October 18th. Our goal this year is \$6,156.00. All Scouts have received an information packet with complete details and Order Form. We need the help of all Scouts and their families to make this year's fundraiser a huge success. Please sell to your families, relatives, friends, and neighbors. Parents may also take the order form to work and sell to co-workers. We will hold our formal Popcorn Sales Kick-Off at our Tuesday September 9th Troop Meeting. Once again this year, Scouts will be asked to bring their order forms to each Troop Meeting so Mr. Bryer can record weekly sales; Scouts selling popcorn during the previous week will receive an entry into a special drawing for a \$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card at the January Troop Court of Honor.

NO TROOP MEETING

There will be NO Troop Meeting or Activity on Tuesday September 2nd.

ORDER OF THE ARROW FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND

During the weekend of Friday, September 5th to Sunday, the 7th, the Passaconaway Lodge of the Order of the Arrow will hold its Fall Fellowship and Ordeal Induction Weekend at

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Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works NH. This is the last opportunity for Donald, Luke, and Rhys to complete their Ordeal Membership Requirements. If they are unable to do so, they will need to be reelected next February.

FIRST INDOOR MEETING

Our first indoor meeting of the 2014/2015 Program Year will be held on Tuesday September 9th at the Barron School from 7:15pm until 8:45pm. In addition to reviewing everyone's Current Advancement Status and Partial Merit Badge Requirements, we will continue to work on the Cooking Merit Badge. It will also be our Popcorn Fundraiser Kick-Off Meeting. Parents are invited to attend to find out more about our 2014/2015 Program and Popcorn Fundraiser. Members of the Troop Committee will also be there to conduct Boards of Review for those who need it.

LAKE STREET GARDEN CENTER FUNDRAISER

Once again this year, the Lake Street Garden Center in Salem has offered us the opportunity to sell refreshments during their Harvest Festival Open House on Saturday September 13th from 9am to 3pm. We are planning to sell hotdogs, beverages, chips, and fresh-popped popcorn during the open house event which will also include pony rides and live music. We will also have Trails End Popcorn available for sale. Plus there will be lots of fabulous sales across the Garden Center. Patrols will be scheduled to help with this fundraiser. We will also need adult help. All profits from the refreshment sale will be applied to the Troop General Operating Account to help defray the cost of Advancement and Camping.

SEPTEMBER TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Troop Committee will meet on Monday September 15th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's

home, 19 Robie Lane in Atkinson. As usual the meeting will start at 7pm. We will be reviewing our Lake Street Garden Center and Popcorn Fundraisers and discuss our 2014/2015 Program. 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.*

PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

The Patrol Leaders Council will meet on Wednesday September 17th at Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's home from 7pm to about 8:30pm. We will be reviewing our October and November programs and continue to fine-tune our 2014/2015 Program. *This is an important meeting; please plan to attend.*

2014/2015 KICK-OFF CAMPOUT

We will hold our kick-off campout for the 2014/2015 Program Year during the weekend of Saturday and Sunday September 20th and 21st at Lone Tree Scout Reservation in Kingston NH. We have reserved Lion's Pride Campsite. Plans are to work on fire building and other needed camping-related requirements. Participants will need to bring a bag lunch and beverage and also bring a prepared foil dinner for Saturday's dinner. Suggested foil dinner recipes will be emailed to Scouts. We will have our usual Saturday night cracker barrel and Sunday's breakfast will be "eggs-in-a-bag". The cost will be \$15.00. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 8am on Saturday and plan to return home before Sunday Noon. *Permission slip and money (\$15.00) are due at the Tuesday September 16th Troop Meeting*

SM/ASM MEETING

On Monday September 22nd, we will hold our September Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters Planning Meeting at Mr. and Mrs.

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Bohnwagner's home. The meeting starts at 7:30pm and should last about an hour and a half. The agenda for the meeting is to review our October, November, and 2014/2015 Programs. *All Assistant Scoutmaster are asked to attend; your input is important to the success of our troop and program.*

SEPTEMBER TROOP COURT OF HONOR

On Tuesday, September 23rd, we will hold our first Troop Court of Honor of the new program year. We have many merit badges and awards to present, including those earned at Summer Camp. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. The program starts at 7:15pm. *Please wear your uniform shirt and neckerchief and ask your parent(s) to attend.*

SCHEDULE CONFLICT

Because of the rescheduling of the Special Field Games, a schedule conflict has developed between the Field Games and our Saturday Popcorn Show N' Sell at McKinnon's Market. We are committed to both. As a result we will need to split our participation between both. The Field Games start at 6:30am to about 3pm and the Show N' Sell is scheduled from 8:15am to 5:15pm. The option is open for you to do either or possibly both. Help is needed at both activities.

SPECIAL FIELD GAMES

Again this year, the Service Club of Andover has teamed up with the Massachusetts Council of the Knights of Columbus to sponsor the Thirty-Fourth Annual Special Field Games for special needs individuals of Merrimack Valley on Saturday, September 27th at the Haverhill Campus of Northern Essex Community College. As we have done since its beginning, we will help with the overall set-up, inflating helium balloons for the Opening Ceremonies and for distribution to the contestants, and provide a Color Guard for the Opening Ceremonies. Please plan to attend, your help is needed. This is a rain or shine event. I promise this will be a

heartwarming and rewarding experience for all who attend. We will be leaving from the Barron School at 6:30am and should return home about 3pm. If you cannot make it at 6:30am, please join us at the college, as soon as you can (the closer to 7am, the better). This is an excellent opportunity to earn Service Project Hours and to help other people at the same time. The Andover Service Club and Knights will provide donuts and beverages in the morning and a lunch for all participants and helpers. "Class A" uniform shirts and Troop Neckerchiefs are required for the Opening Parade and Ceremony, after the ceremony you may change into your Troop T-shirt. If you need a replacement neckerchief and/or T-shirt, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner. Parents are invited to participate. ***Permission slip must be returned by the Tuesday, September 16th Troop Meeting.***

POPCORN SHOW N' SELL

Our first Popcorn Show N' Sell is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 27th and 28th at McKinnon's Market and Super Butcher Shop in Salem from 8:15am to 5:15pm. We need the help of all available Scouts, Leaders, and Parents to make this portion of our fundraiser a success. Each patrol will be assigned a time slot. All participants, Scouts and adults, will be credited with an equal share of ten-percent of what is sold during their time period. ***Please wear your uniform shirt; neatness counts.***

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

NEXT TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 15th
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home
19 Robie Lane Atkinson, NH
7pm

TROOP 409 MEETING AND ACTIVITY CALENDAR

October

4th and 5th – Popcorn Show N' Sell Sale
(Wal-Mart, Salem)

8th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield
District Roundtable

13th – Columbus Day

14th – Popcorn Take Orders Fundraiser Ends,
Orders and Prize Selections Due

15th to 19th –Traveling Veterans' Memorial
Wall Display (Salem High School Field)

15th – Patrol Leaders' Council (Mr. and Mrs.
Bohnwagner's Home)

18th – Popcorn Show N' Sell Sale (Salem
Dump)

21st-- Troop Open House (Second Year
Webelos and their Leaders and Parents Will Be
Invited)

25th and 26th – Mt. Shannon Backpack
Campout (Hidden Valley Scout Reservation,
Gilmanton Iron Works NH)

27th – Troop Committee and SM/ASM Meeting
(Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)

31st -- Halloween

November

- 1st – Scouting for Food Distribution
- 2nd – Daylight Saving Time End (Turn BACK your clocks)
- 4th – NO Troop Meeting
- 5th or 6th – Webelos/Scout Invitational Bowling and Pizza Night (all Saints Parish Bowling Lanes, Haverhill)
- 8th – Popcorn Take Order Distribution
- 8th – Scouting For Food Bag Pick-Up
- 8th – Veterans’ Mass (Mary Queen of Peace Church)
- 11th – Veterans’ Day Ceremony (Salem Center Common)
- 11th – NO Meeting
- 12th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
- 17th – Combined Troop Committee/SM-ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)
- 19th – Patrol Leaders’ Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner’s Home)
- 22nd and 23rd – Survival Campout (Camp Carpenter)
- 25th – Veterans’ Thanksgiving Dinner (Veterans Outreach Campus, Haverhill)
- 28th – Thanksgiving



“Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.” – George Bernard Shaw