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WE ARE READY, WILL YOU BE READY?

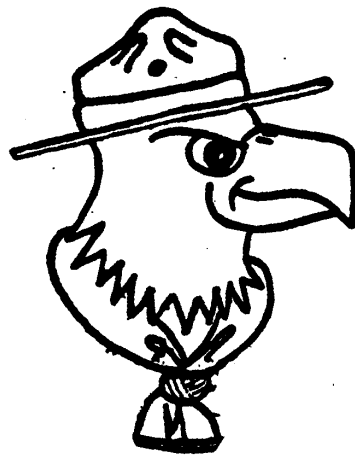
We held our 2015/2016 Program Planning meeting on Wednesday August 19th. I believe we have planned an exciting program and I am looking forward to a year of advancement, camping, adventure, and fun. All that we need now is to have everyone actively participate. Our new program starts this month; I hope 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 \$20.25 bringing our year-to-date total to \$165.15. 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 glass and/or plastic soda bottles to any of our weekly Troop Meetings.



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

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 \$160.00. 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. ***Borrowing of neckerchiefs is no longer permitted, Be Prepared.***

HELP WANTED, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Because of the aging out of some of our Scouts, we need help with both our Troop Committee and Assistant Scoutmasters. If you can and are interested in helping, please contact either Mr. Bohnwagner or Don Jr. Experience is not necessary, but willingness to help is. Online Training is available.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION AND COOKING MERIT BADGES

Five Scouts have completed the Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge with Mr. Hargreaves. Three Scouts have completed the Cooking Merit Badge. If you have not completed the badge(s), please finish any remaining requirements so we can move onto other badges.

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 on Sunday August 23rd and ended at 6pm on Sunday August 30th; the second phase of the fundraiser is the *Take Order Sale* which runs concurrently with the Blitz Sale, but ends on Tuesday October 27th. The third phase of the fundraiser is the *Show N' Sell Sales* during which we will be selling popcorn at McKinnon's Market on Saturday and Sunday September 26th and 27th, Salem Dump on Saturday October 17th, and at the Wal-Mart in Salem on Sunday October 18th. Our goal this year is \$7,500.00. All Scouts have received an information packet with complete details and an 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

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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 15th 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.

BEEF JERKY SALES

This year in addition to popcorn we will be selling Country Meats Beef Jerky Sticks during all of our Show N' Sell Sales. Like the popcorn sales, 10% of the sales during each scheduled session will be credited into Individual Scout Accounts.

NO TROOP MEETINGS

There will be NO Troop Meeting or Activity on Tuesdays September 1st and 8th.

DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE AND O/A MEETINGS

As of this newsletter, both the Monthly Nutfield District Roundtables and Order of the Arrow Chapter Meetings will continue to meet on the Second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Church of the Latter Day Saints' Chapel located at 50 Adam Pond Road in Derry NH. Both meetings start at 7pm. This will continue to be a conflict with our Weekly Troop Meetings. However because of our late start this year, we will be able to attend the Tuesday September 8th Meetings this month. If you would like to attend either of the meetings and need transportation, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner.

ORDER OF THE ARROW FALL ORDEAL WEEKEND

During the weekend of Friday, September 11th to Sunday, the 13th, the Passaconaway Lodge of the Order of the Arrow will hold its Fall Fellowship and Ordeal Induction Weekend at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Gilmanton Iron Works NH. This is an opportunity for any

Scout who has been an Ordeal Member for at least ten months to become a Brotherhood Member, for more detailed information, please visit the Order of the Arrow Website, www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/OrderoftheArrow.aspx.

FIRST INDOOR MEETING

Our first indoor meeting of the 2015/2016 Program Year will be held on Tuesday September 15th 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 and Beef Stick Fundraiser Kick-Off Meeting. Parents are invited to attend to find out more about our 2015/2016 Program and Popcorn Fundraisers.

PATROL LEADERS

COUNCIL MEETING

The Patrol Leaders Council will meet on Wednesday September 16th 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 2015/2016 Program. *This is an important meeting; please plan to attend.*

SCHEDULING CONFLICT

Because of a change in the scheduling of the Special Field Games by the Service Club of Andover to Saturday September 19th, we have a scheduling challenge. We remain committed to the Lake Street Garden Center and to the Special Field Games. This will be our sixth year at Lake Street and our thirty-fifth year at the Special Games. Rather than canceling one of the activities, we will honor both commitments to the best of our abilities. To do so is going to take planning and help. Your help and cooperation will be needed.

LAKE STREET GARDEN CENTER FUNDRAISER

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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 19th from 8am to 3pm. We are planning to sell donuts, hotdogs, beverages, chips, fresh-popped popcorn, and beef sticks during the open house event which will also include pony rides, barnyard animals, and live music. We will also have Trails End Popcorn and Country Meals Beef Sticks 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 this fundraiser will be applied to the Troop General Operating Account to help defray the cost of Advancement and Camping.

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-Fifth Annual Special Field Games for special needs individuals of Merrimack Valley on Saturday, September 19th 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 plan to 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 15th Troop Meeting.***

SEPTEMBER TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Troop Committee will meet on Monday September 21st 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 Popcorn and Beef Stick Fundraisers and discuss our 2015/2016 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.***

SEPTEMBER TROOP COURT OF HONOR

On Tuesday, September 22nd, 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.***

CUB SCOUT SIGN-UP NIGHT AT SCHOOLS

On Thursday September 24th, Nutfield District and Salem Cub Packs 160 and 4442 will hold a Cub Scout Sign-Up Night at all the elementary schools in Salem. They may be asking for our help, details are unavailable at this time. If you are available and asked to help, please do so. Cub Scouts are the key to our future.

FIRST SHOW N' SELL

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Our first Popcorn/Beef Stick Show N' Sell is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday September 26th and 27th 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.***

SM/ASM MEETING

On Monday September 28th, we will hold our September Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters Planning Meeting at Mr. and Mrs. 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 2015/2016 Programs. ***All Assistant Scoutmaster are asked to attend; your input is important to the success of our troop and program.***

NH JAMBOREE

During the weekend of Friday October 9th to Sunday, the 11th, Daniel Webster Council will hold NHJambo, a state-wide multi-council Jamboree for Scouts. Leaders, and Families from New Hampshire, and surrounding states. It will be held the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon NH. The cost to register is \$30.00 per attendee by October 1st (\$35.00 after that date) plus an estimated \$20.00 for meals. If you plan to attend, please contact Mr. Bohnwagner by the September 22nd Troop Court of Honor.

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

***NEXT TROOP
COMMITTEE MEETING***

Monday, September 21st
Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home
19 Robie Lane Atkinson, NH
7pm

**TROOP 409 MEETING AND
ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

October

6th – Troop Meeting
9th to 11th – New Hampshire Jamboree (New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon NH)
12th – Columbus Day
13th – Troop Meeting
13th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
14th – Patrol Leaders' Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
17th – Popcorn Show N' Sell Sale (Salem Dump)
18th – Popcorn/Beef Stick Show N' Sell Sale (Wal-Mart, Salem)
19th – Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
20th-- Troop Open House (First and Second Year Webelos and their Leaders and Parents will be invited)
26th –SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
27th – Troop Meeting
27th – Popcorn Take Orders Fundraiser Ends, Orders and Prize Selections Due
31st -- Halloween

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November

1st – Daylight Saving Time End (Turn BACK your clocks)
3rd – NO Troop Meeting
4th – First and Second Year Webelos/Scout Invitational Bowling and Pizza Night (All Saints Parish Bowling Lanes, Haverhill)
7th – Scouting for Food Distribution
10th -- Troop Meeting
10th – O/A Chapter Meeting and Nutfield District Roundtable
11th – Veterans' Day Ceremony (Salem Center Common)
13th – Popcorn Take Order Distribution
14th – Scouting For Food Bag Pick-Up
14th – Veterans' Mass (Mary Queen of Peace Church)
16th –Troop Committee Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
17th – Troop Meeting
18th – Patrol Leaders' Council (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
23rd –SM/ASM Meeting (Mr. and Mrs. Bohnwagner's Home)
24th -- Troop Meeting
26th – Thanksgiving
TBD – Survival Campout (Camp Carpenter)
TBD – Veterans' Thanksgiving Dinner (Veterans Outreach Campus, Haverhill)



“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.” – Elmer Letterman