

Troop In4mer

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Meetings are held Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Church hall.

From the Scoutmaster's chair

Welcome to the new PLC! Congratulations to Ryan our new Senior Patrol Leader. A big welcome to all members of the PLC. Keep watching for a new organizational chart with phone numbers. I am excited that we have 4 patrols. We challenge each patrol to work toward the Honor Patrol Award. Check it out! It is in your handbook. Together we will succeed! Do you have a friend that is not in the troop? Ask him to come check this out! Summer camp is around the corner! Who are you going to share a tent with at camp?

To help other people at all times...

We say this so often, every time we say the Scout Oath. Our help is needed, to work together and help others. Several options are listed below to accomplish this. All troop members need to participate. Sign up and use this time towards rank advancement. Can you earn the Good Turn for America patch? Ask or call Mr. Pimentel for the requirements to earn this special unique award. Who will be the first in TR4 to earn it? You?

Scouting for Food

The **Bag Drop** is scheduled for April 12th and 13th after mass at Sacred Heart. This is an easy project. Wearing your Class A Uniform, you will greet parishioners as they leave mass and offer a tagged bag for Scouting for Food.

The **Food Bag Pickup** is scheduled for April 19th and 20th before mass at Sacred Heart. This is also an easy project that is approximately 20 minutes at the beginning of mass. Wearing your Class A Uniform, you will be available to assist parishioners bringing Scouting for Food to mass.



Coming Soon Cemetery flag pickup, Cemetery sweep, Building planter boxes at Wachusett Manor Nursing Home and Relay Weekend. Do you like to paint? If you do tell Mr. R!

How to Deal with a Bully

On April 9th, we will have a special class instructed by a professional in his field, Ernie Bettez. This is a must see for all members. Parents are invited. Part of this meeting will be the approved BSA video How to Avoid Bullying.

Summer Camp Reminder

Troop 4 is scheduled for Summer Camp the first week (June 29 to July 5). Summer camp is the best, and a great adventure that you should not miss. Turn in your application with your money, and then discuss your merit badges with Mr. Salam. If you have questions about summer camp, talk to your Senior Patrol Leader or your Scoutmaster. **Remember your Camp Medical Forms.**

Snow Sports Merit Badge Update!

Your homework assignments are due! Turn them into Drew Francis by next week!

Meatball Supper – April 12th

Our meatball supper is scheduled for April 12th. We will be having a contest for all the scouts. This contest will involve selling your tickets to this event in advance. It will go as follows:

The top seller	\$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card
2 nd top seller	Two Tickets to Gardner Cinemas
3 rd top seller	\$10.00 McDonald's Gift Certificates

You must sell at least one sheet of tickets to qualify for one of the top sellers. One sheet of tickets is 6 tickets.

Meatball Supper (Continued)

You should have received your tickets from Mr. White. On each ticket, your name is printed. All of your tickets that are used during the meatball supper will go into a lottery.

One ticket will be pulled from all of them and that winner will receive a \$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card. If anyone needs extra tickets, please see Mr. White.

LET'S MAKE THIS MEATBALL SUPPER THE BEST ONE YET.

Spring Camporee – May 2 – 4

Our Spring Camporee will be held at Cathedral of the Pines this year. We will be leaving on Friday, May 2 and returning on Sunday, May 4. Permission Slips with additional information will be coming soon.

Neckerchief contest!

Wow! The troop committee was really stumped. Which design to choose? Congratulations to everyone that participated in this contest. We have a selection! We are going to have them printed for the Anniversary Dinner in May. Whose idea won? We will all find out at the Anniversary Dinner / Court of Awards in May.

Special 70th Anniversary Dinner – May 10th.

Plans are full steam ahead for this special event. We are trying to reach as many Eagle Scouts and their families to see if they would be interested in attending. Tickets will be available soon.

We are planning a Family Style Dinner consisting of Roast Pork & Roast Turkey. The dinner will be held beginning at 6 PM. Tickets for the dinner will be \$12.00/person.

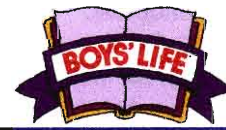
At 7 PM, there will be a Court of Honor for all the scouts. We have decided to do this event at this time to make this night even more special.

Come check out pictures, patches, and items from the past of Troop 4, as well as a super slide show with music! If anyone has any additional photographs from scouting events, please see Wayne Salam.

Saco River – Here We Come

Can you canoe the canoe? On Friday June 13th, we will leave Gardner and spend the night at Eastern Slopes family campground in North Conway, NH. Saturday morning, we will head for the river. All will wear a PFD. The Saco can be a relaxing river. We will paddle, break for lunch and continue to our overnight camp. We will return to Gardner on Sunday Afternoon. This trip is a lot of fun. All participants will need to partake in an easy swim test prior to the trip. Permission slips coming soon! See Drew Francis or call Mr. John Langlois at

for details. If parents are interested in this trip, contact your Scoutmaster as soon as possible.



Check it Out

If some of you haven't checked out their website www.boyslife.org you should. It has additional stories and articles; photos submitted by troops everywhere, games, hobbies, projects, and much more. Take a look at your cover story in April 2008 regarding Going Green.

Upcoming Events

March 29	Merit Badge College
April 5	Plumbing Merit Badge continues
April 9	How to Deal with a Bully
April 12	Scouting for Food, Bag Drop and Meatball Supper
April 13	Scouting for Food, Bag Drop
April 15	Troop Committee Meeting
April 19 & 20	Scouting for Food, Bag Pickup
April 26	Cemetery Flag Pickup
April 30	Greenwood Pool – Swim Test
May 2-4	Spring Camporee
May 10	Special 70 th Anniversary Dinner
May 11	Mother's Day
May 13	Troop Committee Meeting
May 14	Camp Fees Due
May 17	OA Weekend
May 21	Scoutmaster's Conference
May 26	Memorial Day Parade
June 13 – 15	Saco River Trip

ScoutTube.org

Wow! Believe it! Live it!

This Scout Troop set out to find and create videos about people that live the Scout Law in every day life! They traded in their uniform for a cool Class B T-shirt. Check it out on your Scout Tube! www.scouttube.org



Submissions to the Newsletter

Any scouting information that you would like to see included for the next newsletter can either be emailed to me at [redacted] or you can give the information to Earl Strom, Assistant Scoutmaster if I'm not available and he'll get it to me. I would appreciate it if you could get it to me as early as possible. Thank you for help.

Laurie Strom



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