

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

2008 a New Year, a new opportunity! As we open the door to the 70th year of Troop 4 we have many opportunities ahead. What is your goal? What trip do you want to go on? What merit badge is interesting to you? Is there a new position in the troop for you to experience? If you are a youth member, take 5 minutes, glance through your handbook and think about it. If you are an adult associated with Tr4 encourage the scouts to take the time and talk with their patrol leader and senior patrol leader. Remember DON'T DO IT FOR THEM! Onward to a great year!

Welcome Jeff Collins, Cory's dad to our troop committee. Jeff has agreed to take on the challenge of building a troop web site. Our web site will have many opportunities for the future of our Troop. One of these opportunities is called RSS. RSS is different from a group list. The way that this works is you sign up your email account for RSS, when we have a posting to our web site it will automatically notify your email. It could be a newsletter or a permission slip. Again, welcome aboard Jeff and thanks for taking on this challenge to improve communication in the troop.

Note to Parents regarding our Cooking Program

Hi Parents, Firstly, I hope that each and everyone have a very Merry Christmas season and a Happy New Year. Now to a little information and a request to aid each Scout for the New Year: Several of the leaders have noticed the lack of cooking ability of the scouts in general. For the past several weeks Kathy Salam and I have been showing the Scouts during the meeting how to prepare some basic item. We have made beef stew, French toast, and cakes. We are developing some basic recipes and shopping techniques.

Each family has a budget for shopping; each family has some favorite foods. What Scott and I are asking is some help in this area. Would you be willing and able to ask your scout to assist in the planning and shopping for the foods for the family? Also, let the scout help in preparing several meals for the family. Over the course of several weeks and months you will find a better equipped scout and the scout will find food on campouts will greatly improve.

We all have talents and we all want the best for the boys, this one area is a big concern now that good health starts with good nutrition. The more we can introduce the boys to good nutrition; we will find their concern for good food will increase also. Thanks for your help, Jim Wallgren, Committee Chair



Notes from the Eagles nest.

On Sunday December 9, 2007, most of the Eagle patrol (all three Whites, and Ron), some adults (Mr. Wallgren, Mr. Rosengren, Mr. Strom, Mr. Salam and Mr. Rousseau) also one of our co-SPL's Ryan , went to Mr. Rousseau's campground and picked some greens for the nativity scene at the church. The Whites may have been a little late with the greens, but Mr. Wallgren arrived at the same time. After the greens were picked, we went inside Mr. Rousseau's cabin and talked about the January campout. We came up with some good food and activity ideas. Later, we walked through St. John's Cemetery and picked the American flags from the veteran's graves. These flags were worn and tattered. They will be properly disposed of

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Notes from the Eagles nest (continued)

in a flag burning ceremony. Finally, we went back to the church and stored all of the greens in the garage. *-respectfully submitted by Andrew Scribe.*

Upcoming Fishing Derby

Troop 4 will be sponsoring a Scout Fishing Derby on February 9th from 9 – 3 PM at Camp Collier in Gardner. This is the same weekend as the Cabin Camping Weekend. Prizes, Food and Fun...more information to follow as the date gets closer. _



Nashua Valley Council Boy Scout Night with the Worcester Sharks

Nashua Valley Council Night is scheduled for Friday, January 4th at Worcester DCU Center. The Manchester Monarchs vs Worcester Sharks. Watch as the 2006 Class of Eagle Scouts takes their pledges on center ice. Get a Scout Patch for Participating. Special Ticket Offer is \$9.00. Regular price is \$17.25. Orders need to be in by December 28th.

New Boy Scout Rank Requirements

The National Youth Protection Committee recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008. They are as follows:

Tenderfoot Rank

Revised requirement 9:

Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.

Second Class Rank

New requirement 8b:

Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection.



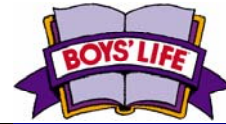
New Boy Scout Rank Requirements (continued)

First Class Rank

New requirement 12:

Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the Internet. Describe a cyber bully and how you should respond to one.

The changes will be represented in the 2008 Boy Scout Requirements book and the revised ninth printing of the 11th edition of the Boy Scout Handbook



Check it Out

Check out the Wilderness Survival "Into the Wild" article on page 34 in the December 2007 issue of Boys Life...then continue onto page 40 and read the experience of some scouts during their trip to Philmont Scout Ranch.

There is an article on page 21 in the November/December 2007 Scouting Magazine regarding the 100th Birthday of Scouting. It gives some details of past jamborees and of the upcoming jamboree in Year 2010 at Fort A.P. Hill in Caroline County, Virginia.

Upcoming Events

December 18	Troop Committee Meeting, Bethany Baptist Church 7 PM
December 25	Christmas
December 26	NO MEETING
January 1, 2008	Happy New Year!
January 11 – 13	Cabin Campout at Camp Splitrock & Next PLC (Bring your sled, skis & snowshoes)
February 9	Ice Fishing Derby, Patrol Cook Off & Cabin Camping at Camp Collier
February 16	Merit Badge College
March 1 and 15	Merit Badge College
April 12	Meatball Supper
May 10	Special 70 th Anniversary Dinner

Happy Holidays!