

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

Wow! What a winter it has been! 2 campouts, a fishing derby, an iron chef competition, the fun keeps going! Are you in Merit Badge College? What is coming this spring? An adventure campout, patrol elections, 2 dinners and soon we will be off to camp! Catch the wave! There is never a dull moment in scouting!

Onward to Camp!

Is it toooooo early to think about summer camp? NO! Now is the perfect time! See the attached flier for Camp Wanocksett and check out the troop early bird date. Troop 4 has already paid a deposit to tent the Kiowa Campsite for week 1 (June 29 to July 5) of camp. 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. See you at Camp! If you have questions about summer camp, talk to your Senior Patrol Leader or your Scoutmaster.

Camp Med Forms

Your up-to-date med form is needed for all activities. If you are younger than 40, you need to have a doctors physical within every 2 years of the date that we leave camp. If you are 40 or older, it is every year. All sections of your med Form must be completed. If you (youth or adult) need to bring medication to summer camp, it must be in the original container, checked in with the camp nurse, you must have a doctor's order (see section III, V, VI, and XI on your med form). For medications at a troop campout, adults will manage and administer their own meds. **Youth members are not allowed** in Troop 4 to administer their own medications. Contact the SCOUTMASTER BEFORE THE CAMPOUT FOR THE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR ADMINISTERING YOUTH MEDS. Please notify the Scoutmaster immediately whenever medications or items on a med form change.

A Fun Filled Fishing Derby

Friday night started as all Friday nights do for campouts, with putting all our troop gear into the trucks and our personal gear as well. Then, when we got to Camp Collier, and got all the gear into their appropriate cabins (the Eagle patrol had to use the Administration building to sleep in), we (the Eagle Patrol) had to go and get ourselves some mattresses from a storage room. For the rest of the night everybody just hung out for a while and went to bed. Then, on Saturday morning, we all had breakfast in Magee Cabin. Then, after cleanup, the fishing derby started. I think it is a safe bet to say that Ryan was the scout who caught the most fish. It must have been 3 or 4 fish that he caught. The group that I was in caught a fish, but I was only 14 and a half inches long, which is a little too short to keep. Then, after we finished lunch and the derby, we started dinner. It was kind of hard, because we used Dutch ovens on an open fire, and it was snowing. Despite the difficulty, we cooked it, chicken and beef stir fry, and it turned out great. Mr. Salam even gave it kudos, and he says he "has a fussy stomach."

Andrew
Troop Scribe

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 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.

Mr. White passed out the tickets last week. 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.

During the night, there will be raffles for Theme Gift Baskets.

Let's make this Meatball Supper the best one yet. If you need extra tickets, contact Mr. White, and he will print them out for you.

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.

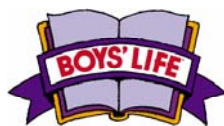
We are planning a Family Style Dinner consisting of Roast Pork & Roast Turkey. The dinner will be held beginning at 6 PM. Tickets for the dinner will be \$12.00/person.

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.

A Slide Show complete with sound is in the works for this event. If anyone has any additional photographs from scouting events, please see Wayne Salam.

Just a Note

February 6th is Ash Wednesday. We will NOT be meeting in the church hall that evening. We WILL be attending Greenwood Pool from 7 – 8 PM. We hope to see you there.



Check it Out

For some of you scouts who want to brush up on your ice fishing information...there's an article in your January 2008 Boys' Life issue beginning on Page 24.



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Upcoming Events

February 3	Scout Sunday
February 6	Greenwood Pool 7 – 8 PM
February 9	Ice Fishing Derby, Patrol Cook Off & Cabin Camping at Camp Collier
February 16	Merit Badge College
March 1	Merit Badge College
March 1	Troop 4 Anniversary Design Contest Deadline
March 15	Merit Badge College
April 12	Meatball Supper
May 10	Special 70 th Anniversary Dinner