

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! Welcome new scouts from Pack 4 and 27. I hope you have great Scouting experience with us!

Troop Guide Meeting – March 12th

A troop guide meeting is planned from 6-7 pm at the church hall for the Senior Patrol Leaders, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders and Troop Guides.

Merit Badge College

Due to the cancellation of Merit Badge College on March 1st, we have rescheduled those classes for March 29th. Your March 15th date stays the same.

Onward to Camp!

Is it toooo 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 Medical Forms

Your up-to-date medical 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

Camp Medical Forms (continued)

bring medication to summer camp, it must be in the original container, checked in with the camp nurse and you must have a doctor's order (see section III, V, VI, and XI on your medical 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 medications. Please notify the Scoutmaster immediately whenever medications or items on a medical 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

A Fun Filled Fishing Derby (Continued)

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 your tickets to this event in advance. It will go as follows: _

The top seller \$25.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card
2nd top seller Two Tickets to Gardner
Cinemas
3rd 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 your tickets at last week's meeting. 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.

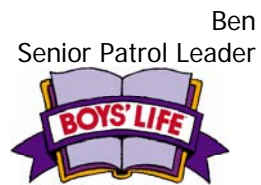
We are planning a Family Style Dinner consisting of Roast Pork & Roast Turkey. The dinner will be held beginning at 6 PM. Tickets for the dinner will be \$12.00/person.

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.

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.

Interview With Ryan

For one of my requirements for Communications, I had to interview a person of my choice. I chose one of my Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Ryan. He just became a Star Scout and is looking forward to becoming an Eagle Scout before the age of 16. I asked him a few questions regarding campouts and meetings. During campouts, Ryan loves how the boys get to do the work and let the adults "relax." He enjoys the activities at the campouts and thinks camping is one of his most favorite things to do in Scouting. But sometimes, he feels that the food the scouts make could taste better. He does think that they are improving though. When Ryan is at meetings, he enjoys teaching new skills to the new scouts and even some older ones. Sometimes, he does feel that some scouts do not pay attention, but things like that can be fixed easily. When Ryan goes to a PLC (Patrol Leaders Council) meeting, he loves how the scouts take charge to plan all the meetings for our troop. He feels honored that he is part of the PLC. For Ryan's next goals, he wants to become a Senior Patrol Leader and wants to become a member of the OA (Order of the Arrow). I asked him if he had anything else to say, and he had one thing to say: "I like fishing."



Check it Out

For those who are interested in rock climbing, there's an article in your March 2008 Boys' Life issue beginning on Page 18.

Just A Note

In the January/February 2008 issue of Scouting, there is an article under "Family Talk" on page 12 regarding "Does your child need a cell phone". You can also view this article and other articles at www.scoutingmagazine.org/archives/family.html.

Upcoming Events

March 12	Troop Guide Meeting
March 15	Merit Badge College
March 18	Troop Committee Meeting
March 23	Easter
March 29	Merit Badge College
April 12	Meatball Supper
April 17	Troop Committee Meeting
May 2-4	Spring Camporee
May 10	Special 70 th Anniversary Dinner
May 11	Mother's Day
May 14	Camp Fees Due
May 15	Troop Committee Meeting
May 21	Scoutmaster's Conference

Thank you

I would like to thank Ben Morse for helping prepare this issue of the newsletter. This was a requirement of his current Communications merit badge.

Laurie Strom

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 (deleted for web) 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

*If you don't have the time
to do it right the first time,
where are you going to find
the time to do it over?*



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