

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

Regarding Turkey Day Weekend:

A volunteer that was involved in the training course at Split Rock during this past weekend, stopped at the office yesterday, walked into my office and shook my hand. He said, "Scott, I was very impressed by your troop this past weekend, and I used them as an example at the training course." I told them, "If you want to see how a troop is supposed to run, just go across the street." He also said that he stuck his head into the dining hall and noticed boys under youth leadership working in the dining hall, adults working together in the kitchen, and the Scoutmaster standing in the parking lot chatting with a scout. That's how it is supposed to be done!

We all, youth and adults, deserve this pat on the back / super high five for a GREAT job well done! Thanks to everyone for their help. ...MR. R

Indoor Rock Climbing – November 21

Rock Climbing this year is planned at Bolder Morty's Indoor Rock Climbing Gym in Nashua NH for November 21st from 6 PM to 11 PM. We will depart from the Church at 6 PM and Return for Pick-up at 11 PM. The cost to attend this fun event is \$18.00. Permission Slips need to be passed in with money by **Today, November 14th**.

Turkey Day Weekend by Ryan, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Friday, November 2nd, we all set up tents and the dining fly. Once that was finished, we got the dining hall all set up for the Code of Honor. Then we relaxed.

When morning rolled around, we split apart into two groups. One group climbed Mount Watatic, the other group went to JLT (Junior Leadership Training).

Ben, Ryan, Ron, Corey, Sam and John assisted with Mr. Langlois and Mr. Francis went on the 5-mile hike up to Mount Watatic. The remaining scouts attended the training course.

Later that night, we had the Turkey Dinner and passed out awards including merit badges earned at Summer Camp and Rank Badges to all who moved up in rank.

I would like to give a special Thank you to all the leaders for making a wonderful dinner, and especially to Mr. Wallgren for his cooking.

The following morning, we had a great breakfast made by Mr. Wallgren, Earl Strom & Rick Pace (An Assistant Scoutmaster visiting from Missouri). They made French toast, home fries, omelets, apple oatmeal and more. They even made homemade syrup by melting brown sugar and butter.

It was an Excellent Weekend!



Top of Mt. Watatic

BSA 100th Anniversary Celebration Logo Contest

The deadline is fast approaching for the best design for the Anniversary Celebration Logo. The winning design will become the official symbol for the anniversary. Every scout who enters will receive a certificate and patch recognizing their effort.



Boys' Life reading contest (Continued)

The contest is open to all *Boys' Life* readers. Be sure to include your name, address, age and grade in school on the entry.

Send your report, along with a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope, to:

Boys' Life Reading Contest
S306
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Entries must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2007 and must include entry information and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. There are younger age categories and also last years winners online at www.boyslife.org Check it out!

Upcoming Events

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| November 14 | Deadline for Permission Slip and Money to Rock Climbing trip scheduled for November 21 |
| November 15 | Troop Committee Meeting At Bethany Baptist Church |
| November 18 | Deadline for Counselors in Training Application Camp Wanocksett for Summer Camp 2008 (New Revised Applications are online) |
| November 21 | Indoor Rock Climbing in Nashua NH – Leaving at 6 PM |
| November 30 | BSA 100 th Anniversary Logo Contest Deadline |
| December 31 | Boys' Life Reading Contest Mail in Deadline |
| April 12, 2008 | Meatball Supper |
| May 10, 2008 | Special 70 th Anniversary Dinner |

Logo Contest (continued)

To recognize the outstanding efforts of our Scouts, in addition to the logo contest patch and participation certificate that every Scout entering the contest will receive, winners in each category will receive a \$100 ScoutStuff.org gift card. The overall winner will receive a \$250 ScoutStuff.org gift card.

There will be several categories including an overall winner and best design. The winner in each category will receive a trip, along with an adult guardian, to work hand-in-hand with an Eagle Scout and graphic artist Kit Hinrichs in his San Francisco studio to finalize your logo.

You can enter by yourself or with your patrol, troop, or group. For more information, go to www.scouting.org/100years. **Deadline for submittal is November 30, 2007.**

Enter the 2007 Boys' Life reading contest

Write a one-page report titled "The Best Book I Read This Year" and enter it in the *Boys' Life* 2007 "Say Yes to Reading!" contest.

The book can be fiction or nonfiction. But the report has to be in your own words — 500 words tops. Enter in the 11 years old and older age category.

First-place winner in will receive a \$100 gift certificate good for any product in the Boy Scouts official retail catalog. Second-place winner will receive a \$75 gift certificate, and third-place winner a \$50 certificate.

Everyone who enters will get a free patch like the one on this page. (And, yes, the patch is a temporary insignia, so it can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform shirt, on the right pocket. Proudly display it there or anywhere!) In coming years, you'll have the opportunity to earn other patches.

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**