

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

And we are off and running! Full steam ahead! It is going to be a great year! What position did you get on the PLC? Positions are still available. See your SPL, Ben Morse for more details, especially the next PLC meeting. In a few weeks, we will be at the Fall Camporee. Are you ready? This is the time to show off our Scout skills and talents. In a few weeks, we will be at our Turkey Day weekend. (More to follow in other articles in this edition of the In4mer). Read on!!!!--MR. R

Fall Camporee – October 12-14

The 2007 Fall Camporee will be held on October 12-14 at the Templeton Development Center (corner of Route 68 and Freight Shed Road in Baldwinville). This event is open to any Scout, Scouter or Webelo. The theme this year is Emergency/Map and Compass. This is a camping opportunity for all. There will be many different activities planned.

The cost is \$12.00 for any Scout/Scouter/Webelo staying with a parent or guardian OR \$7.00 for any Webelo just staying on Saturday night. Webelos are welcome to stay with their local troop as long as they have a parent/guardian present. Medical forms are required.



Calendar

Each year during Turkey Day, Troop 4 passes out a Calendar with all of the events marked for the year. Each month has an adjacent picture of past events.

Anyone who has a photograph they would like to submit for selection in the Calendar is welcome to do so. Please bring your photo to the next meeting if possible. Deadline for the submittal will be October 17th.

A few notes from the Scribe – Kyle

Our summer camp adventure started on July 1st. Camp Wanocksett would be our home away from home for the next 7 days. This was my second year at camp, and I was sure, that I would be having a great week. There were 20 scouts registered for the week as well as Mr. Rosengren, Mr. Dennett, Mr. Strom, Mr. Guay, Mr. Pimentel and Mr. Salam.

Camp officially opened at 2 PM, with all troops assembled at Memorial Hall for attendance. Gear was stowed, according to which campsite we were assigned to, and it was brought by truck to each site, to be set up by each troop. Medical check-ins and swimming tests were done before opening ceremonies. Soon it was time for a delicious supper, followed by an opening campfire and then off to bed, so that we could all be rested for the busy week ahead of us.

The days started at 6 AM with the Polar Bear Swim for those who were brave enough to jump into the lake. I only braved the waters once during the week. We had colors at our individual campsites and then again with all the troops on the parade field. Breakfast was served at 8 AM daily. Next it was off to a day filled with Merit Badge classes, of our own choosing. Lunch was served at 12 Noon. After lunch, it was Siesta time, and then off to the third period of classes. Some took advantage of their free time, by attending extra classes, and others chose to relax. I chose to earn extra Merit badges during my free time.

On Wednesday evening, it was family night. Parents and relatives could come to spend time with their sons and enjoy a barbeque. Unfortunately, it was a rainy evening, so we had to eat in the dining hall. It was a little crowded, but we managed. After the meal, there were skits and songs performed in the amphitheater. The Order of the Arrow tap out ceremony had to be held in the dining

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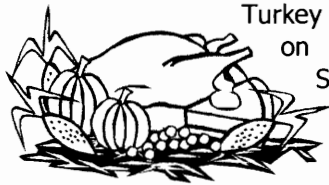
hall because of the rain. Many scouts from different troops were tapped out by the Indian dancers. Troop 4 had five members tapped out. I was one, who was honored, along with Jeremy, Daniel, my brother Ronald and also my , Wayne. I thought the ceremony was impressive, and I was totally shocked to be included.

Other events taking place during the week were the five mile hike, sunset summit climb up Mt. Monadnock, mile swim, triathlon (Ronny shouldn't have followed the girls), and a dance with the girls from Camp Wakalo.

Friday evening ended with a Campfire in the amphitheater. Several in our troop also had their Boards of Review, earning a new rank. We all worked hard during the week, and had a great time at camp.

Saturday morning was soon upon us, and it was time to pack up the gear and cleanup the site. It is always a sad time, when you have to go home and say goodbye to friends you made during the week, from other troops. Of course you can always sign up for another fun filled week at Provo, or wait again for next year to come. Several have made arrangements to attend another week of camp this summer already. I am lucky enough to be one of them. I will report the events in another column.

Turkey Day Weekend – Nov. 2-4



Turkey Day will be held on Nov. 3rd. All Scouts and Webelos are invited to attend.

Camping will begin on Friday, Nov. 2nd. The Webelos will have their Space Derby held during Saturday along with many activities for the Scouts.

Turkey Day and a Court of Honor will be held on Saturday Evening beginning at 6 PM. This is a turkey dinner prepared by the troops for their family members. Please plan on attending. We had a great turnout last year. Parents will be called to help with desert. The Court of Honor will present the Merit Badges earned from Summer Camp this evening.

BSA 100th Anniversary Celebration Logo Contest

Here is your chance. The National Council has launched a contest 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.

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 . Deadline for submittal is November 30, 2007.

Just a Note: Check out the article on Page 31 in the Scouting Family Magazine for October 2007. Do you think your family could do it?

Also check out the Fly Fishing Article on Page 20 in the Boys' Life Magazine for October 2007.

Upcoming Events

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| October 7 | PLC Meeting @ The Salam's at 11 – 1 PM |
| October 10 | Popcorn Orders are due |
| October 12-14 | Fall Camporee |
| October 18 | Troop Committee Meeting @ Bethany Baptist Church at 7 PM |
| November 2-4 | Turkey Day / Camping |
| November 18 | Deadline for Counselors in Training Application Camp Wanocksett for Summer Camp 2008 |
| November 30 | BSA 100 th Anniversary Logo Contest Deadline |
| April 12, 2008 | Meatball Supper |
| May 10, 2008 | Special 70 th Anniversary Dinner |

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