



Troop Four Family Newsletter April 6, 2006

Thanks: to all the scouts, parents and adult leaders who helped out at our service project at St. Mary's cemetery. Lots of cleanup was accomplished and our sponsoring organization was very happy with the work.

Troop Four T-Shirts are on sale now. If you haven't purchased any yet please consider buying one or more. The troop purchased and paid for one hundred and we are trying to cover our costs as soon as possible. The shirts are only \$8.00 each. You don't need to be a scout to wear one! We will have T-shirts at the troop meetings for purchase.

Summer Camp Adventure 2006 Reminders: Troop 4 will be attending Camp Resolute and running a high adventure trip for 2006. The 2006 Webelos crossovers to Troop 4 are basically limited to Camp Resolute for this year – please see Dave Kirchner if you have any questions.

50 Miler Great Adirondack Canoe Adventure

- **The \$100 deposit was due by the March 30 troop meeting.** We still have room for a few more scouts. Please forward your deposit to Judy Alley if you plan on attending but have not sent in the deposit.
- The total cost of the trip for scouts and adult leaders/parents is \$335. This includes all food, canoes rentals, transportation round trip from Milford, a special Troop 4 expedition t-shirt, and patrol/troop equipment. Any scout who sold \$125 or more of pancake tickets can deduct their ticket sales off the total price of the trip (from the final balance due).
- We will send out health forms, merit badge sign-ups, etc. during the month of April.

Camp Resolute

- The per scout fee this year for Camp Resolute is \$279 with the "brother" rate of \$199. **The due date to have the check for the full amount (payable to Troop 4) is April 13. There is a higher rate of \$300/\$229 if paid after that date. If your son(s) are attending, please drop off the payment at the troop swim night on April 13 or mail the payment to Judy Alley, 7 Paula Road, Milford.**
- **For new scouts and Webelos crossovers, the deadline for the camp fee is the May 25, 2006 troop meeting.**
- We will have more information for parents of new scouts and Webelos crossovers in the next few weeks.

Troop Swim Nights: Instead of regular troop meetings on April 13 and May 4, the troop will meet at the Milford High School pool from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The troop pays the admission to the pool and we will have pizza and soda after.

No Troop Meeting: on Thursday, April 20. Happy school vacation!

Troop Camping Trip: will be on **Saturday, April 8 to Sunday April 9 at Purgatory Chasm State Reservation in Sutton, MA. We will meet at St. Mary's parish center at 9:00 AM Saturday morning and leave about 9:30 AM. We will be back at the parish center for pickup by noon on Sunday.** Scouts need to bring a bag lunch for Saturday and we will be patrol cooking on fires for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast. We will be sleeping in tents Saturday night. During the day on Saturday we will be exploring Purgatory Chasm and doing some orienteering. We will have some night orienteering games after dinner. We will have our own wooded campsite on the reservation about ½ mile from the chasm. This will be a great adventure and a good first campout for new scouts. We will go over the camping basics before the trip for new scouts – and there won't be much that first time campers need to bring in the way of personal gear.

May Backpacking Trip: is scheduled for May 6 and 7. We are working out the location which should be closer to Milford than our past hikes on the Appalachian Trail. We will send out a special newsletter with the information in the next week or so.

Venture Scout News:

- The Venture scouts are working out their spring activity calendar and are planning some events for May and June.
- **Venture scouts are needed to help lead the April and May camping trips. Venture scouts need to attend events in order to meet their leadership requirements for advancement.**
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Upcoming Event Dates & Reminders:

- Saturday, April 8/Sunday April 9: Troop camping trip to Purgatory Chasm
- Monday, April 10 Troop Committee meeting for troop committee members.
- **Thursday, April 12 Swim night at Milford High School Pool: Camp Resolute fee due (for old scouts)**
- **No troop meeting April 20 – school vacation!**
- **Thursday, May 4 Swim night at Milford High School Pool**
- Saturday, May 6/Sunday May 7: Troop backpacking trip
- Thursday, May 18: balance of Adirondack High Adventure \$ due
- Thursday, May 25 Camp Resolute fee due for new scouts/Webelos crossovers
- Monday, May 29: Memorial Day parade in Milford
- Thursday, June 15: Troop Court of Honor
- Saturday, June 24 – Monday June 26: Troop canoe trip

Troop Four Website: is www.troop4milford.org

Please call the Dave Kirchner at 508-667-6675 or email at kirchner5@comcast.net if you have any questions.