



# Troop Four Family Newsletter Dec. 1, 2006

**Return of Troop Equipment:** Please be sure to return any troop equipment by the December 7 troop meeting. The troop will need it for the upcoming scout year.

**Swim Night Date Change:** December 7 will be a regular troop meeting. The swim night will be December 14 instead.

**Troop Swim Night:** will be on Thursday, December 14 (originally listed as Dec 7) at the Milford High School pool. Scouts should meet at the pool lobby at 7:00 PM. We will swim from 7:00 PM to about 8:15 PM. We will have pizza and soft drinks after and be done by 8:30 PM. Please note that there is a Milford High School band concert that night so please go directly to the pool lobby area.

**Troop Holiday Party:** will be on Thursday, December 21 as part of our regular troop meeting at the regular 7:00 to 8:30 PM meeting time. **As part of the meeting we will have some games and a "Yankee Present Swap" for all scouts who would like to participate. Scouts who would like to participate in the swap please bring a wrapped gift (about \$5 max. value) to add to the swap.**

There will be no troop meeting on December 28. The next troop meeting will be January 4.

**Merit Badge Classes:** for Pioneering and First Aid merit badges are now in process at the troop meetings. For scouts working on the First Aid merit badge, they need to attend either the January 4 or January 11 troop meeting to complete the CPR part of the badge. On those nights we will have Red Cross personnel to do training for CPR. Scouts not taking the merit badge can attend the training too!

**Winter Clothing Drive:** scouts are encouraged to drop off at the troop meetings on **Dec. 7 and Dec. 21** any clean new or used winter hats, coats, gloves, mittens, etc. for donation to the U.S. Navy for Afghanistan civilians. Mrs. Jennifer Dundon will be collecting the donations and forwarding them to the Navy personnel. There is a great need for these types of clothes and any donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Annual Pancake Breakfast:** is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 at St. Mary's parish center. *This is basically the only fundraiser that we do.* The monies raised are used to subsidize our bi-annual (next scheduled for 2008) summer high adventure trips and to pay for the operations of the troop during the year. We really need all scouts and families to help out. Here are the areas for help:

- **Ticket Sales:** Each scout has been given 15 tickets to sell. There is no minimum that scout needs to sell. There are prizes for ticket sales levels: Most ticket sales - third place: camo duffel bag, second place: leatherman tool, first place: BSA lock back knife with the winners initials engraved in the blade. In addition, each scout who sells at least 15 tickets will get a stainless steel folding knife and any scout who sells at least one ticket will be entered in a drawing for a leatherman tool set.
- **Promotion and Advertising:** The venture scouts will be contacting businesses for advertising on breakfast placemats and making signs to post in town.
- **Help on the day of the Breakfast:** We will need all scouts to help out as follows: **Flying Monkey and Killer Bobcat Patrol members to be waiters for the event. These scouts need to be sure to wear their uniforms. Please arrive at 7:30 AM and will be done at noon. Dragon Patrol members: please arrive at 8:00 AM and be done by 2:00 PM for busing and general help duties.** Also, the Dragon patrol is scheduled for help with cleanup. Please bring a uniform in case it is needed. **Venture scouts: Please arrive at 6:30 AM and will be done by noon for cooking and set up of hall.** No uniforms are needed but please wear the Troop 4 t-shirt if you have one.
- **Parents and Families:** Please try to help with ticket sales and please try to come for breakfast! If scouts can't stay for the entire assigned time but can make only part of the event that would be great

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**Salvation Army Bell Ringers:** Any Scouts and parents who would like to help out the local Salvation Army by being bell ringers can contact Captain Bill at the Salvation Army 508-473-0786.

**January Town Christmas Tree Pick Up:** is scheduled for Sunday, January 7 from about 8:00 AM to Noon. Troop 4 will be participating in the town-wide scout event. We are looking for parents with pickup trucks or trailers to help pick up trees on that date. If you can help out please call or email Dave Kirchner. It's lots of fun for the scouts and it helps out with the community.

**January Troop Winter Camping Trip:** is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday January 27 & 28. This will be a tent camping trip and we will be preparing the new scouts for winter camping during the troop meetings. Location to be determined and more information on the way.

**January Board of Reviews and Court of Honor:** The next Court of Honor will be on Thursday, January 25. The scouts have been working hard on advancement and there will be many awards presented. More information will follow. Scouts who will need Boards of Review for rank advancement will be contacted and the troop will have Boards of Review at the January 4, 11, and 18 troop meetings.

**Upcoming Event Dates & Reminders:**

- Thursday, Dec. 7 is a regular troop meeting
- Thursday, Dec. 14 is swim night at the Milford High School Pool
- Sunday, Dec. 17 Pancake Breakfast
- Thursdays: Jan 4, 11, 18 are troop meetings and Boards of Review
- Sunday, Jan 7 town Christmas tree pick up
- Thursday, Jan. 25 Troop Court of Honor
- Saturday and Sunday Jan. 27-28 Troop Winter Camping Trip
- Thursdays: Feb. 1, 8, 15 are regular troop meetings
- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Feb. 9 - 11 Troop New Hampshire winter sports camping trip - more information on the way!

**Troop Four Website:** is [www.troop4milford.org](http://www.troop4milford.org)

Please call Dave Kirchner at 508-478-5915 or email at [kirchner5@comast.net](mailto:kirchner5@comast.net) if you have nay questions.

*Happy Holidays and New Year to All!*