



# Troop Four Family Newsletter January 31, 2006

**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.

**Return of Troop Camping Equipment:** Please return any troop camping equipment as soon as possible. The troop Quartermasters are working on re-organizing all the camping equipment.

**Recharter \$ Due:** The annual recharter fee is due (\$35.00 per scout with a \$50.00 per cap per family) by the end of January. The recharter fee goes primarily to BSA for national dues, insurance and Boy's Life magazine. The dues that the scouts pay in the fall each year are primarily for troop supplies and troop operating expenses. Please drop the payment off at a troop meeting or mail to the troop treasurer Judy Alley at 7 Paula Road in Milford. Checks should be payable to Troop Four.

**Summer Camp Adventure 2006 Reminders:** The parent's night for a detail informational meeting/questions for the 2006 Adirondack Canoe trip will be during our February 2 troop meeting. Please attend if you have any questions. If you have any questions but can not make the meeting, please call Dave Kirchner.

**Winter Sports Camping Trip:** will be on Saturday February 11 and Sunday February 12 at the Lanciano cabin in Alexandria, NH (about 2 hours drive from Milford). There is an optional Friday night departure for our Venture Scouts. The cabin is large enough to accommodate all leaders and scouts for sleeping and keeping warm and dry during the day. The cabin has electricity and is heated.

This is a winter sports camping trip.

**Environmental Science Merit Badge:** The troop will start Environmental merit badge classes before the regular troop meeting next week January 12. Mrs. Pat Rowan will again run the classes and they will start at 6:15 PM and conclude at the start of the regular troop meeting at 7:00 PM. Scouts just starting the badge or finishing up partially completed work are welcome. This is a great way to earn the Eagle required merit badge.

**Citizenship Merit Badges:** The troop is starting merit badge classes for all three of the Eagle required Citizenship merit badges - Community, Nation, and World. The classes will run during the regular troop meetings and scouts will work in both group and individual basis. Scouts who have not signed up yet should see Mr. John Rowan.

**Order of the Arrow Election:** The annual elections of scouts for the Order of the Arrow will be held at the March 17 troop meeting. We will forward information about the Order of the Arrow to all eligible scouts.

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

Please call the Dave Kirchner at 508-667-6675 or email at [kirchner5@comcast.net](mailto:kirchner5@comcast.net) if you have any questions.