



# Troop Four Family Newsletter January 5, 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.

**Troop Four Pancake Breakfast:** Thanks to all the scouts, parents, and adult leaders who participated in the event! The event was a great success and we should have a final total of the \$ raised for the troop soon. A special thanks to Donald Maynard who once again coordinated and supervised the event for the troop.

**Eagle Scout Court of Honor:** There will be an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Thursday, January 26 at St. Mary's parish center hall for all scouts and their families. There will be awards for many of the scouts and Eagle Scout awards presented to Joshua Alley, Nicholas Kirchner, and Matthew Thimble. Congratulations to the troop's three newest Eagle Scouts! Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the awards will follow after dinner. The event will conclude by about 8:30 PM. **Dinner will be provided, please provide the number of scouts and family members attending to Kathie Kirchner 508-667-6675 [kirchner5@comcast.net](mailto:kirchner5@comcast.net) no later than January 19.** Judy Alley will be contacting several families to provide some dessert items.

The Boards of Review for other badges of ranks for the Court of Honor will be at the January 12 and 19 troop meetings. Scouts need to have merit badge blue cards turned in by January 19 if they want to be presented the merit badge at the Court of Honor. If your son is ready for the Board of Review we will contact him.

**Troop Winter Campout:** will be held January 21 and 22 at the troop campsite in Milford. We will be camping in tents. Activities will include snow shoeing, sledding and we are building a giant trebuchet (catapult) at the event. Scouts can bring a sled and snow shoes if they have them – we will also provide gear for the scouts to use.

We will meet at St. Mary's parish center at 9:00 AM Saturday, January 21 and return for pick up by noon on Sunday. Scouts should bring a bag lunch for Saturday and we will be cooking patrol style for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

We will be planning the camping trip at the January 19 troop meeting. Please return the attached permission slip by the January 19 meeting, or if your son would like to attend and will not be at the meeting please call or email Dave Kirchner before the 19.

This is a great opportunity for scouts to get some real winter camping experience close to home. We have reviewed the personal winter camping gear needs at the scout meetings. Attached is a list of suggestions to add for personal winter camping gear. Please call or email Dave Kirchner if you have any questions.

**Summer Camp Adventure 2006 Reminders:** The Summer Camp 2006 surveys are due by the **January 19 troop meeting** (copy attached). Please mail, email, or drop off at a troop meeting your responses. Remember that this is just to help the troop plan for summer camps 2006 and does not commit the scouts/adults.

**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.

**Christmas Tree Pick Up:** We need scouts to help out with the Christmas tree pickup on Sunday, January 8. Scouts should meet at the parish center at 8:30 AM and will be done by about 1:00 PM (we will drop off scouts at their homes). In addition, if any parents have a pick up truck and would like to help out that would be great.

**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.

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

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