



# Troop Four Family Newsletter March 9, 2006

**Welcome:** to the new scouts from Cub Scout Pack 4 and Pack 43! The "Troop 4 Guide for New Scouts" will be handed out to all new scout families next week.

**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. Attached is the flyer we sent out earlier in the year for a summary of the two events. 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**

- Originally the \$100 deposit was due on March 9. **However, we have changed the \$100 deposit date to March 30 for scouts and adult leaders/parents.**
- 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).
- Once we have determined the trip participants, we will send out health forms, merit badge sign-ups, etc.

## **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.**
- **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 Service Project:** will be on **Saturday April 1 at St. Mary's cemetery on Cedar Street from 9:00 AM until noon.** We will be cleaning up tree branches in the cemetery to help out our sponsoring organization. Scouts should meet at the cemetery maintenance building at 9:00 AM. **The troop needs as many scouts as possible to get the work done.** This event counts as service hours for the Second Class, Star, and Life service time requirement. We will have refreshments for the workers – please try to attend – parents are welcome too.

**Troop Hike:** will be on **Saturday, March 18** at the **Upton State Forest**. We will meet at **St. Mary's parish center at 9:00 AM** and leave about **9:30 AM**. We will be back at the parish center for pickup by **5:00 PM**. Scouts need to bring a bag lunch and plenty of water (at least 2 quarts) to drink. Scouts should have a day pack and bring a compass if they have one. We will break into several different groups based on ability, interests, etc. New scouts should be sure to wear boots or strong sneakers, bring a poncho in case of rain, and be sure to dress warm – bringing a hat and gloves. We will also have the famous Troop 4 fried dough as a snack at the end. **If you son will be attending please drop off the attached permission slip by the March 16 troop meeting – please call Dave Kirchner before March 16 if your son will be attending but won't be at the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

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**Order of the Arrow Election:** The annual elections of scouts for the Order of the Arrow will be held at the March 16 troop meeting. We will forward information about the Order of the Arrow to all eligible scouts.

**Venture Scout News:**

- The Venture scouts are working out their spring activity calendar.
- **Venture scouts are needed to help lead at the Troop hike, cemetery cleanup, and April camping trip. Venture scouts need to attend events in order to meet their leadership requirements for advancement.**
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**Upcoming Event Dates & Reminders:**

- Thursday, March 16: Troop Order of the Arrow elections
- Saturday, March 18: Troop hike at Upton State Forest
- Thursday, March 30: deposit for Troop Adirondack High Adventure due
- Saturday, April 1: Troop service project at St. Mary's Cemetery
- Saturday, April 8/Sunday April 9: Troop camping trip to Purgatory Chasm
- Thursday, April 12: Camp Resolute fee due (for old scouts)
- Saturday, May 6/Sunday May 6: 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](http://www.troop4milford.org)

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