



Troop Four Family Newsletter Nov. 5, 2006

Return of Troop Equipment: Please be sure to return any troop equipment by the November 9 troop meeting. The troop will need it for the upcoming scout year.

Thanks: to all leaders and scout who helped out at our recent Court of Honor, Camping Trip, and Halloween party. A special thanks to the Venture Scouts for planning and running the Halloween party.

Troop Backpacking Trip: will be on **Saturday, November 18 and Sunday November 19** at Tully Lake recreational area in Royalston, Mass. (about an hour drive from Milford). We will be hiking in a short distance to our campsite - about a mile - in the morning. After we set up camp we will do some hiking and exploring the area for the day. The recreational area is run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and has lots of trails, streams, gorges, a beaver dam, a pond, and waterfalls to explore. After camping out Saturday night (in shelters and tents) we will backpack out several miles - the exact hike out route & distance will depend on the weather and hiking abilities of the group. This will be a great backpacking trip with neat outdoor adventures for experienced scouts and a good trip for new scouts too!

The troop will meet at the parish center at 8:00 AM Saturday and leave for the trailhead by about 8:30 AM. We will return to the parish center for pickup by 2:00 PM on Sunday. This is a little earlier leave time on Saturday morning and a little later return time Sunday because of the distance.

Scouts need to bring a bag lunch for Saturday. We will be cooking patrol style for dinner Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday

Attached to the newsletter is a check list to use as a guide for what equipment participants need for the event. **In addition, we are looking for some parents to drive to/from the event - and stay if possible.** The troop has a few backpacks if any scouts/parents would like to borrow one.

If you son will be attending please drop off the attached permission slip no later than the November 9 troop meeting. Please email or call Dave Kirchner before November 9 if your son will be attending but won't be at the troop meeting on November 9. The troop needs to know who is attending for planning purposes.

Merit Badge Classes: for Pioneering and First Aid merit badges are now in process at the troop meetings. This is a great way for Scouts who don't have one or more of the badges to earn them!

Annual Pancake Breakfast: tickets will be available soon. More information to follow.

Upcoming Event Dates & Reminders:

- Saturday and Sunday Nov. 18 & 19 is our fall backpacking trip at Tully Lake.
- Saturday, Dec. 2 is a service project at Draper Park More info to follow.
- Thursday, Dec. 7 is a swim night at the Milford High School pool.
- Sunday, Dec. 17 is our Annual Pancake Breakfast – lots more info on the way!
- Thursday, Dec. 21 will be a holiday party – more info to come.

Troop Four Website: is www.troop4milford.org

Please call the Dave Kirchner at 508-478-5915 or email at kirchner5@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Attachments: Permission slip for November backpacking trip
Troop 4 Backpacking Checklist