



# *Troop Four Family Newsletter Oct. 6, 2006*

**Return of Troop Equipment:** Please be sure to return any troop equipment by the October 19 troop meeting. The troop will need it for the upcoming scout year.

**Court of Honor:** will be held on Thursday, October 12 instead of the regular troop meeting at St. Mary's parish center. Family members are invited to attend. We will be presenting awards earned by the scouts since our last Court of Honor in June. The event will start at 7:00 PM and finish before 8:30 PM. Refreshments will be served after (no dinner). We are asking each family to bring a small dessert item. The troop will provide beverages.

**Troop Pioneering Camping Trip:** will be on **Saturday, October 21 and Sunday October 22** at our troop campsite in Milford. We will be building (lashing) a signal tower, lashing together sleeping shelters (for scouts who want to sleep out in them), doing some Dutch oven cooking and completing an orienteering course. In addition we will have an archery course set up and a woodsman's game competition – with two-man saws, ropes, pulleys and obstacle course. We will also have a campfire Saturday night.

The troop will meet at the parish center at 9:00 AM Saturday and leave for the campsite by about 9:30 AM. We will return to the parish center for pickup by noon on Sunday. Since this is a local campout, if your son needs to arrive/leave early/late or leave for part of the event, just note on the permission slip.

This is our annual invitational campout to Second Year Webelos, so there will be some attending with their parents.

Scouts need to bring a bag lunch for Saturday. We will be cooking a pasta dinner for all the scouts, adult leaders, and Webelos on Saturday evening and an outdoor breakfast Sunday morning. We are asking each participant for \$5 to help cover the cost of the meals.

This will be a great chance to try out some woodsman's skills and have fun too! Since we will be doing lots of construction, it would be great to have as many Venture scouts as possible help out – even if they can come for only the day on Saturday or only part of the camping trip.

**If you son will be attending please drop off the attached permission slip and \$ no later than the October 12 Court of Honor. Please email or call Dave Kirchner before October 12 if your son will be attending but won't be at the Court of Honor on October 12. The troop needs to know who is attending for planning purposes.**

**Annual Troop Halloween Party:** will be in place of the regular troop meeting on Thursday, October 26 at St. Mary's parish center from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. We will have games and prizes. This is a costume party, so scouts can wear a costume. We will have a costume contest. Scouts are asked to bring some dessert items to the party.

**Troop Calendar of Events for the 2006 – 2007 Scouting Year:** is attached to the newsletter.

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**Upcoming Event Dates & Reminders:**

- Saturday and Sunday Oct. 28 & 29 is Milford Scouting for food. More information will be provided when we get the details from the organizers of the event.
- Saturday and Sunday Nov. 18 & 19 is our fall backpacking trip at Tully Lake. More information to follow.
- 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](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.

**Attachments:** Permission slip  
Troop calendar of events (2 sections)