



Troop Four Family Newsletter April 13, 2008

Summer Camps: *Summer Camp payments for most scouts are due no later than April 17 (this week's troop meeting). However, new scouts attending Camp Resolute have until the May 29th troop meeting. Make checks payable to "Troop 4". For those attending one or both of these camps, the required payments are:*

Camp Resolute fee is \$290, and \$230 for additional siblings.

Camp Tahosa 2nd payment is \$250. Final payment for Tahosa will be announced in May

May Mountain-Climbing Campout: will be held Saturday/Sunday, May 3-4 at Mount Monadnock State Park in Jaffrey NH. The troop will camp at a secluded group campsite, and then hike to the 3150 foot summit. The weather atop Mt. Monadnock is often cold and windy, so scouts should pack warm clothes, hat and gloves for the ascent.

The troop will meet at the parish center at 8:30 AM Saturday and leave for the campsite by about 9 AM. We will return to the parish center for pickup by 3pm on Sunday.

Scouts need to bring a bag lunch for Saturday. The troop will be cooking patrol style for dinner and breakfast. Scouts should also bring some money for a fast food or diner lunch on Sunday. Each patrol will give grocery assignments to their members at the April 17th troop meeting.

If your son will be attending, please drop off the attached permission slip no later than the April 17 Troop Meeting. Please email or call Phil Bedard before April 17 if your son will be attending but won't be at the April 17 Troop Meeting. The troop needs to know who is attending for planning purposes. There is a nominal fee of \$5/scout to help with cost of the state park campsite. Please bring the payment along with your permission slip, and make checks payable to Troop 4.

Advancement: Tenderfoot and First Class advancement continues at weekly troop meetings. The hiking and backpacking merit badges have also begun, in preparation for the several adventures scheduled this spring and summer. The Personal Fitness Merit Badge will kickoff with a brief meeting for those interested at the 5/8 Troop Meeting. The initial fitness test will occur soon after.

Venture Scout Corner *Information Especially for Venture Scouts:*

Alpine Adventure Training: The second phase of the Venture Alpine Adventure training will be at the May 3-4 camping trip. This training is for older scouts who are enrolled in this summer's Alpine Adventure program. Mr. Lanciano is researching the topographical maps of the Monadnock area for the most challenging route. All scouts attending the Alpine Adventure portion of the summer Colorado trip are required to attend both the March and May hiking/camping trips. If you have a conflict on one of these trips, there will be a makeup training session at the June troop camping trip. Attendance at a minimum of 2 training events is mandatory in order to be prepared for this summer's high altitude environment. Mr. Lanciano will provide additional details to this crew next week. Start/return times for this crew may vary from those than listed above for the rest of the troop.

See the "Tahosa" section of the Troop Website for additional information on this summer's Alpine Adventure.

Life Scouts Starting on Their Eagle Projects: *If you have a project under way, be sure to get the proposal in to Mr. Kirchner as soon as possible to be able to do the project this summer.*

Environmental Science Merit Badge Classes: Final chance this spring. See Mr. Sgammato at an upcoming troop meeting for more information.

Upcoming Event Dates & Reminders:

- April 17 is a regular troop meeting
 - o Camp Resolute fee is due! \$290 (\$230 for additional siblings)
 - First year scouts have until May 29 to pay
 - o Camp Tahosa 2nd payment is due! \$250
- April 24 - no troop meeting - school vacation
- May 1 is a regular troop meeting
- May 3 Saturday – May 4 Sunday is the troop camping trip to Mount Monadnock
- May 8, 15, 22 are regular troop meetings

Troop Four Website: checkout the Troop 4 website at: www.troop4milford.org
We have lots of information and event calendars/dates listed - and pictures too!

Please call the Phil Bedard at 508-282-0283 or email at bedard18@verizon.net if you have any questions.