



October 12, 2015

Dear Parents, Scouts and Families,

I hope everyone is well and is back into the swing of things with school and other activities. Troop 4 has met a few times already and we are off to a fast start. On October 2nd Troop 4 welcomed three new Eagle scouts to its ranks, Eric Buckenmaier, Alex Hastings and Brandon Kee. Congratulations gentlemen! We have kicked off a few new merit badges and are gearing up for our October hiking trip to Cardigan Forest in New Hampshire. Next on the agenda is our Halloween party, followed by preparations for our November PIG roast and WEBELOS campout.

Please take a moment to review the following information as you plan your calendars for the next few months. Please note the date change to the February COH. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I may be reached at 508-259-4114 or email at brian_p_weber@comcast.net.

Brian/Mr. Weber
Scoutmaster

WHAT'S NEW

Troop Elections and Leadership Positions

The Troop conducted Senior Patrol elections at the end of the 2014/2015 scout year. Brian Spiegelman won the election, and appointed Conor Maier, Brandon Kee and Andrew Terrill as Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. At our first meeting, the scout leadership positions for the year were announced; the patrols met and elected APLs. While not everyone has a leadership position at this time, all will serve in multiple positions over the course of their scout career.

Congratulations to all the new scout leaders!

SCOUT	PATROL	VENTURE	LEADERSHIP
Bogner, Jacob	BIO HAZ	Yes	JASM
Buckenmaier, Eric	BIO HAZ	Yes	JASM
Hastings, Alex	BIO HAZ	Yes	JASM/Bugler
Lanciano, Samuel	BIO HAZ	Yes	PL (Ventures)
Petrides, David	BIO HAZ	Yes	PL (BIO HAZ)
Stiles, Justin	BIO HAZ	Yes	JASM
Hobart, Ashby	HAWK	Yes	JASM
Kehoe, Evan	HAWK	Yes	Instructor
Maier, Conor	HAWK	Yes	ASPL/Bugler

Matondi, Anthony	HAWK	Yes	PL (Hawks)
Spiegelman, Brian	HAWK	Yes	SPL
Syed, Taabish	HAWK	Yes	Instructor
Terrill, Andrew	HAWK	Yes	ASPL
Watson, Chris	HAWK	Yes	Instructor
Weber, Michael	HAWK	Yes	JASM
Coplan, David	H. BADGERS		Historian
Dulak, Brandon	H. BADGERS		Librarian/Bugler
Hobart, Gillieson	H. BADGERS		Guide/APL (H. Badgers)
Smith, Brady	H. BADGERS		Chaplain Aide
Thomas, Joseph	H. BADGERS		Den Chief
Zimmerman, Amanuel	H. BADGERS		PL (TP Patrol)
Spiegelman, Kevin	THE Patrol (TP)	Yes	OA Rep./Guide
Ahrens, Joshua	THE Patrol (TP)		Scribe/APL (TP)
Grose, Taber	THE Patrol (TP)	Yes	QM
Jordan, Derek	THE Patrol (TP)		PL (THE Patrol)
Kee, Brandon	THE Patrol (TP)		ASPL
Schmitt, Michael	THE Patrol (TP)		Den Chief
Comisky, James	Scorpions		
Hobart, Mason	Scorpions		
Haughey, Dylan	Scorpions		
Roberts, Paul	Scorpions		PL (Scorpions)
Terrill, Zander	Scorpions		APL (Scorpions)
Weber, Andrew	Scorpions		
Wilson, Ryan	Scorpions		

ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF

Merit Badge Counselors and Counselor Information - Have you Expired?

The most recent list of Troop 4 MB counselors is published on the Troop 4 website. If you no longer see your name listed as a counselor and would like to continue as a counselor, please contact Brian Weber.

Troop Dues

Reminder, Troop dues and medical forms were due no later than the October 8th troop meeting. The combined troop and re-charter dues are \$95 per scout (\$75 for additional siblings). If you have not done so already, please drop off your check at the start of the next troop meeting. *This is an area where I really appreciate your assistance as it takes a significant amount of time to contact families individually.*

BSA Medical Forms

The Troop is still waiting on a few medical forms. If your son attended summer camp this past year - either the Trek or Sabattis Adventure Camp - you do not need to complete a new medical form UNLESS something has changed in your son's medical history. For all others, the 2015 annual BSA medical form is attached and is required under BSA rules. The forms may also be found on the Troop 4 website.

IMPORTANT DATES

October Court of Honor - Non-Eagle

The Court of Honor will take place Thursday, October 22nd from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Mary's parish center. This will be a non-Eagle Court of Honor so we will have a traditional Troop 4 pot luck. Please look for an e-Vite over the next few days from Tara Spiegelman who will be coordinating our preparations.

Troop 4 T-Shirts

Got Troop 4 gear? I will be ordering Troop 4's traditional high speed, low drag, lime green Class B T-Shirts on October 30th. The shirts will be made from 3.8 oz. 100% moisture-wicking polyester and will feature the Troop 4 "Always Prepared" logo on the left breast. Shirts are \$11.00 each. Sizing is the same as the shirts we ordered for summer camp this past year. A size chart also is attached to this message.

If interested, please send me an e-mail with your shirt size and the quantity of shirts you would like and then drop your check payable to Troop 4 in the scribe box at the next Troop meeting.

Merit Badge College

Knox Trail Council will host a Merit Badge College on December 6, 2015 from 12:30-5:30 pm, at Lasell College in Newton. Scouts can choose 2 merit badges of their interest to work on. Each class is two hours and twenty-five minutes. To complete the badges in this time frame often requires pre-requisites be completed prior to the college.

Registration Closes - Saturday, October 31, 2015. Registration may be done on-line at the following link:

http://www.ktc-bsa.org/event/merit-badge-college-4/?utm_source=KTC+Today+eNews&utm_campaign=d1eee9439e-KTC_eNews_October_8_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2095c08ac3-d1eee9439e-333362161

Scouting for Food

Milford Scouting for food drive flyer drop-off will be Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 8:30 am to 1pm. Please stop by the Sacred Heart church basement to pick up door hangers and routes to distribute to homes.

Food pick-up will be Sunday, November 8, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please stop by the Milford food pantry municipal parking lot located on Exchange Street to pick up a route.

Scouts can participate in either days or both days.

November Camping Trip and PIG Roast

The November camping trip will take place Saturday November 21 and Sunday November 22 at the Troop Campsite in Milford. The Pig is back! The troop chefs are just beginning to formulate an exciting menu to cook out in the field. If you're not a P I G fan, there will be some hot dogs and other food too. We'll have a full schedule of outdoor activities, including Archery, the troop's famous obstacle course, and other games/contests. We have invited some Second Year WEBELOS to attend as well. We will have a troop campfire Saturday night. The troop will provide a complete dinner and breakfast along with all the eating utensils, cups, plates, etc. The scouts will be planning the meals, activities, and doing the cooking for the weekend.

We will meet at St. Mary's parish center at 8:30 AM (depart by 9:00 AM) Saturday November 21 and will return to the parish center for a 10:00 AM pickup (leave the campsite at 9:00 AM) on Sunday the 22nd. Scouts should bring their regular camping gear and bag lunch for Saturday. As always, scouts can come/leave early late, etc., if they have conflicts with sporting or other local events. We will need a few parents to drive to/from the event.

If your son is planning to attend, please return the permission slip by the November 12th troop meeting along with a check for \$15 to cover the cost of the food for the weekend (dinner/breakfast). If your son can't make the Nov 12th troop meeting but wants to attend, please call or email Brian Weber before the 12th so we can include him in planning for the event. Note: that this is the only regular campout that we charge a fee for food, because this is the only regular campout that the troop provides the food.

Date Change February Court of Honor - Eagle

Although we would have liked to recognize or newest Eagle scouts this October, we are unable to complete the logistics of an Eagle COH completed in time. The next Court of Honor, however, will be an Eagle Court of Honor. This will take place on Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Mary's parish center. Please note the date change from February 25th.



Troop Four Permission Slip

November 21-22, 2015 to the Saint Mary's Campground, Milford, MA

_____ has my permission to attend the event as noted above and below. If I cannot be reached in a medical emergency, I authorize the Adult Leaders to obtain the appropriate medical care, at my expense, if necessary.

During the event I can be reached at the following telephone # _____

If I cannot be reached, please contact _____ at this telephone # _____ . Relationship to scout _____.

Signed _____ Date _____

Parents, please check as applicable

___ I plan to attend the event & can drive ___ scouts*

___ I won't be attending, but can drive ___ scouts* to the event (meet at 8:30 AM depart by 9:00 AM on Saturday at St. Mary's))

___ I won't be attending, but can drive ___ scouts* back from the event (meet at 9:00 AM on Sunday at the Campsite scouts may be picked up at 10:00 AM at Saint Mary's)

* include your own scout in the count

DRIVER INFORMATION:

Auto Year/Make/Model

Auto Meets BSA's Minimum Insurance Requirements** Yes No

**All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. BSA recommends coverage limits are at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000. Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000.

Permission Slip is due at the November 12th Troop Meeting.

Call or email Brian Weber at 508-259-4114, brian_p_weber@comcast.net if your scout would like to attend the camping trip, but cannot attend the November 12th troop meeting.

A \$15 fee (check payable to Troop 4) is required to defray the cost of the food.