



April 26, 2016

Dear Parents, Scouts and Families,

A few reminders, below, as we head into this week's meeting.

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

UPDATES

Memorial Day Cemetery Flagging

Flagging of Veterans' Graves will take place this Saturday, May 28th beginning at 8:00 AM. This is one of the small things that we do as a Troop to give back to those who have served our nation. I hope you can attend.

Troop 4 will be at Pine Grove Cemetery off of Route 85. The town's site coordinator is David Morrison who may be reached by cell phone on Saturday at 508-736-7966.

Scouts can participate with a parent or their scouting leader, or both. If available, please bring along a pen and a clipboard. Also, before leaving the cemetery, please check with Mr. Morrison to see if other cemeteries need help to be completed.

Memorial Day Parade

The Milford Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 30, 2016. We will assemble at 9:30 AM in the Stop & Shop parking lot (Quarry Square) adjacent to the 99 Restaurant. Step off will be at 10:00 AM.

The parade will proceed up Main St and briefly stop at the Doughboy Monument in Calzone Park. The parade will end at the Draper War Memorial Park.

Please wear uniforms, comfortable shoes, sun screen and bring water bottles.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 30 at 1:00 PM at the Italian American Veteran's Club. All scouts and their families are invited to participate to assist with

retiring the flags collected on Saturday. Any old or worn flags from home can also be retired at this Ceremony.

To participate in the flag retirement ceremony - please arrive at the Italian American Veteran's Club back parking lot by 12:45 PM, in uniform.

The Italian American Veteran's Club also is looking for 5 veterans of the U.S. armed services to participate in the flag retirement ceremony on Monday May 30th. If you know of any scouters, scout parents or any veterans who could serve in this role, please ask them to contact Amy Donahue at (508) 473-1718 or grant22@msn.com.

Scout Advancement

Reminder, the cut off for all advancement for the June 16th court of honor is June 2nd.

Scouts who joined the Boy Scouts of America on or after Jan. 1, 2016, MUST follow the rank requirements as printed in this year's *Boy Scout Requirements* book. The new requirements may be found at the following link: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/524-012_BS_Requirements_Insert.pdf.

Scouts who joined the BSA prior to Jan. 1, 2016:

- Who are working on the Tenderfoot through First Class ranks MAY continue to follow the old requirements, but MUST convert to the current requirements upon attaining First Class.
- Who have completed the First Class rank MAY complete the rank they are currently working on in the old requirements, but MUST convert to the current requirements for subsequent ranks.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, all Scouts MUST use the current requirements regardless of rank.

SCOUT	PATROL	NEXT RANK	REQUIREMENTS
Ahrens, Joshua	THE Patrol (TP)	EAGLE	NEW RULES
Anderson, Joshua	RAMS	SCOUT	NEW RULES
Aulenti, Walker	RAMS	SCOUT	NEW RULES
Butters, Mark	RAMS	SCOUT	NEW RULES
Comisky, James	SCORPIONS	FIRST CLASS	OLD RULES
Coplan, David	H. BADGERS	STAR	NEW RULES
Coplan, Joseph	RAMS	SCOUT	NEW RULES
Dulak, Brandon	H. BADGERS	EAGLE	NEW RULES
Edmonds, Jhohann	RAMS	SCOUT	NEW RULES
Grose, Taber	THE Patrol (TP)	STAR	OLD RULES
Hobart, Gillieson	H. BADGERS	LIFE	OLD RULES
Hobart, Mason	SCORPIONS	FIRST CLASS	OLD RULES
Jordan, Derek	THE Patrol (TP)	EAGLE	NEW RULES
Kee, Brandon	THE Patrol (TP)	EAGLE PALM	NEW RULES
Kehoe, Evan	HAWK	EAGLE	OLD RULES

Maier, Conor	HAWK	EAGLE PALM	NEW RULES
Matondi, Anthoni	HAWK	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Roberts, Paul	SCORPIONS	FIRST CLASS	OLD RULES
Schmitt, Michael	THE Patrol (TP)	LIFE	OLD RULES
Silvestri, Christopher	RAMS	SCOUT	NEW RULES
Spiegelman, Brian	HAWK	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Spiegelman, Kevin	THE Patrol (TP)	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Syed, Taabish	HAWK	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Terrill, Andrew	HAWK	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Terrill, Xander	SCORPIONS	FIRST CLASS	OLD RULES
Thomas, Joseph	H. BADGERS	EAGLE	NEW RULES
Watson, Chris	HAWK	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Weber, Andrew	SCORPIONS	FIRST CLASS	OLD RULES
Weber, Michael	HAWK	EAGLE PALM	NEW RULES
Zimmerman, Amanuel	H. BADGERS	LIFE	OLD RULES

June Troop Campout

The June, white water rafting trip is from Friday, June 24 through Sunday June 26th. As we did two years ago, we will be hosted by the Adventure Bound outfitters. <http://www.adv-bound.com/content/kennebec-river-maine-whitewater-rafting> They will provide the boats, wetsuits, all equipment, and even the expert guides that will ride in each boat. Our river course follows the Kennebec River. The minimum age to attend this trip is 10 years old.

Friday is a travel day to our “resort” campsite, complete with pool, hot tub, game and movie rooms. Saturday is whitewater day. We will travel back on Sunday. We will be tenting and cooking by patrols. The cost of the trip \$40 for scouts who bridged this year or who sold 20 or more tickets to this years’ pancake breakfast. The fee for parents, leaders and other scouts is \$80.00. A liability waiver is required by Adventure bound and is available at the following web site:

<http://www.advbound.com/sites/g/files/g550146/f/201312/RELEASE%20FORM%20V2013.pdf>.

If you plan to attend please drop your payment, liability waiver, and Troop 4 permission slip in the scribe box NLT June 2nd. The Troop must submit its final roster and payment NLT June 10th.

Court of Honor

On June 16, 2016 Troop 4 will host an Eagle Court of Honor. Scouts, please arrive between 5:45 and 6:00 PM (no later than 6:00 PM) to help with preparations and to get last minute instructions. The COH is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM. Please wear a full Class A uniform including your MB sash.

Speaking roles will be passed out next at next week's meeting. If you have a speaking role, please take a minute to review your part prior to the COH. I'll have a book with the ceremony at the podium so there is no need to worry about bringing your own copy.



Troop Four Permission Slip

June 24-26, 2016

Adventure Bound - Caratunk, Maine

<http://www.adv-bound.com/content/why-adventure-bound>

_____ 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 and complete the driver information, below:

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

___ I won't be attending, but can drive ___ scouts* to the event (arrive at 8:30 AM for a 9:00 AM departure from St. Mary's on Friday)

___ I won't be attending, but can drive ___ scouts* back from the event (1:00 PM pick-up from 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 June 2nd Troop Meeting.

Please e-mail Brian Weber at brian_p_weber@comcast.net with your RSVP (negative replies too).