



September 29, 2016

Dear Parents, Scouts and Families,

It's hard to believe summer has come and gone and the new scout year is upon us! I hope this note finds you and your families well.

We had a fun and productive summer to say the least. Twenty-three scouts and three leaders attended Knox Trail Council's Camp Resolute in Bolton, Massachusetts for our week long summer camp from Sunday, July 24th through Friday, July 29th. While at Resolute, our sons attended merit badge classes in the mornings and enjoyed scout activities and the waterfront in the evenings. Our sons earned over 70 badges ranging from rifle shooting to environmental science. Many thanks to Mr. Comisky and Mr. Roberts who were able to spend the week with us as adult leaders.

Back at home, Anthony Matondi was the latest Troop 4 scout to earn the rank of Eagle. Congratulations Anthony!

Currently, we have two scouts actively engaged in projects. Evan Kehoe is starting construction of music racks designed to accommodate sting instruments at Milford High School. Soon to follow will be Chris Watson who has proposed the construction of water resistant team benches for the High School swimming area. These certainly will be two great contributions to our community.

It's shaping up to be a great year in scouting!

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Brian/Mr. Weber
Scoutmaster

Troop Elections and Leadership Positions

The Troop conducted Senior Patrol elections at the end of the 2015/2016 scout year. Kevin Spiegelman won the election, and appointed Michael Schmitt, Derek Jordan and Taber Grose as Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. At our first meeting, the scout leadership positions for the year were announced. 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!

TROOP 4 SCOUT LEADERSHIP			
SCOUT	PATROL	VENTURE	LEADERSHIP
Kehoe, Evan	HAWK	Yes	JASM
Maier, Conor	HAWK	Yes	JASM
Spiegelman, Brian	HAWK	Yes	Instructor
Syed, Taabish	HAWK	Yes	PL/Instructor
Watson, Chris	HAWK	Yes	Venture PL / OA Rep
Weber, Michael	HAWK	Yes	JASM
Spiegelman, Kevin	THE Patrol (TP)	Yes	SPL
Ahrens, Joshua	THE Patrol (TP)	Yes	PL/Guide
Grose, Taber	THE Patrol (TP)	Yes	ASPL
Jordan, Derek	THE Patrol (TP)	Yes	ASPL
Kee, Brandon	THE Patrol (TP)	Yes	Instructor
Schmitt, Michael	THE Patrol (TP)	Yes	ASPL
Coplan, David	H. BADGERS	Yes	Scribe
		Yes	Den C. (Pack 4)/Bugler
Dulak, Brandon	H. BADGERS		
Hobart, Gillieson	H. BADGERS	Yes	Historian
Thomas, Joseph	H. BADGERS	Yes	PL/QM
Zimmerman, Amanuel	H. BADGERS	Yes	Den C. (Pack 67)
Comisky, James	Scorpions		PL
Hobart, Mason	Scorpions		Librarian
Roberts, Paul	Scorpions		Chaplain Aide
Weber, Andrew	Scorpions		QM
Anderson, Joshua	Rams		
Butters, Mark	Rams		
Coplan, Joseph	Rams		
Edmonds, Jhohann	Rams		PL
Silvestri, Christopher	Rams		APL

Troop 4 Website

Many thanks to Mr. Phil Bedard who has updated our Troop 4 website calendar the past year with important dates. Look for additional content updates in the next few weeks. If you do not know the Troop 4 website is located at: www.troop4milford.org.

If you have any interest in assisting with maintaining the site's content, please contact me directly and we'll get you trained to help.

Troop Dues

Troop dues and medical forms are due no later than the October 27th troop meeting. The combined troop and re-charter dues are \$125 per scout (\$105 for additional siblings). This fee combines the Troop dues; the annual BSA Re-charter fee; and a portion of the Knox Trail Council activity fee that was instated this year. (See attachment) Please drop off your check at the start of the troop meeting. If your son(s) can't make the meeting but would like to continue in the

troop, please mail the dues prior to October 27th to the Troop Treasurer, Mr. Craig Silvestri at 11 Carp Road, Milford, MA 01757. Please make all checks payable to Troop 4. As a courtesy to the troop and to assist in our planning, if your son does not plan to continue in our program, please have him call me to convey his decision.

BSA Medical Forms

If your son attended summer camp this past year you do not need to complete a new medical form UNLESS something has changed in your son's medical history. For all others, the annual BSA medical form is attached and is required under BSA rules. Unlike summer camp and high adventure forms, only a parent signature is required. Part A is an informed consent, release agreement, and authorization that must to be signed by every participant (or a parent and/or legal guardian for all youth under 18). Part B is general information and a health history.

The forms are attached and also may be found at the following web address:

<http://www.troop4milford.org/docs/2014/10/BSA-Medical-Form-680-001-2014-Parts-A-and-B.pdf>

Procedures for Submitting Troop Forms/Dues

Troop meetings can be very hectic at the start. Families can help by submitting dues, trip payments, permission slips and medical forms directly to Troop Scribe at the start of the meeting. Please deposit forms and dues into the scribe box. Of course, parents who have questions regarding forms and payments remain welcome to ask any adult leader when required.

Troop Eagle Court of Honor

The first Troop Court of Honor of the year will take place Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Mary's parish center. This will be an Eagle Court of Honor to recognize Jacob Bogner. Awards earned by all other scouts since the last Court of Honor also will be presented.

Scouts are asked to 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 merit badge sash.

Advancement

All scouts who are ready for advancement, or who are very close, will be receiving an email from me with reminders on badge wrap-up, service hour wrap-up, or to schedule a scoutmaster conference. Due to the limited number of meetings between now and the Court of Honor, it is important that scouts meet the deadlines established in these emails, and attend their scheduled conferences/reviews, if they desire to advance this fall.

The cut-off date for advancement for the November 3rd court of honor is October June 20th.

As a reminder, 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	TENDERFOOT	NEW RULES
Butters, Mark	RAMS	TENDERFOOT	NEW RULES
Comisky, James	SCORPIONS	STAR	NEW RULES
Coplan, David	H. BADGERS	STAR	NEW RULES
Coplan, Joseph	RAMS	TENDERFOOT	NEW RULES
Dulak, Brandon	H. BADGERS	EAGLE	NEW RULES
Edmonds, Jhohann	RAMS	TENDERFOOT	NEW RULES
Grose, Taber	THE Patrol (TP)	STAR	OLD RULES
Hobart, Gillieson	H. BADGERS	LIFE	OLD RULES
Hobart, Mason	SCORPIONS	STAR	NEW 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
Roberts, Paul	SCORPIONS	STAR	NEW RULES
Schmitt, Michael	THE Patrol (TP)	LIFE	OLD RULES
Silvestri, Christopher	RAMS	TENDERFOOT	NEW RULES
Spiegelman, Brian	HAWK	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Spiegelman, Kevin	THE Patrol (TP)	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Syed, Taabish	HAWK	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Thomas, Joseph	H. BADGERS	EAGLE	NEW RULES
Watson, Chris	HAWK	EAGLE	OLD RULES
Weber, Andrew	SCORPIONS	STAR	NEW RULES
Weber, Michael	HAWK	EAGLE PALM	NEW RULES
Zimmerman, Amanuel	H. BADGERS	EAGLE	NEW RULES

October Backpacking Trip

The troop will travel on the weekend of October 14-16 to Pillsbury State Park and summit Mount Sunapee of New Hampshire. We will be tent camping. Experienced backpacking scouts who desire a faster pace and more mileage may choose to leave on Friday afternoon directly after school. First year scouts, and other scouts not able to leave on Friday will meet Saturday at the parish center for a Saturday departure.

Permission slips and information about this October's trip is posted on the Troop 4 website. Permission slips and a \$10 fee are due at the October 6, 2016 Troop meeting. The \$10 fee is to cover the cost of the campsite.

Parents, please let me know if you are able to drive. The Friday group will depart the parish center at 3:45 PM. The Saturday group will depart the parish center at 7:45 AM. Both groups will depart Mt. Sunapee on Sunday at 9:00 AM. It is approximately a 2-hour drive from Milford to Mount Sunapee.

Please call Brian Weber at 508-259-4114 or email at brian_p_weber@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

Brian Weber
Scoutmaster



Troop Four Permission Slip

Backpacking Mt. Sunapee State Park, Newbury, New Hampshire
October 14/15 to 16, 2016

_____ 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 _____

I would like to Attend & Drive / Not Attend but Drive (please circle one & check, below, all that apply) to the event and take ____ scouts/parents (total in the car including driver)

_____ Friday, October 14, 2016 (3:30 pm arrive at the parish center for a 3:45 pm departure)

_____ Saturday, October 15, 2016 (7:30 am arrive at the parish center for a 7:45 am departure)

_____ Sunday, October 16, 2016 (9:00 am departure from Mt. Sunapee for an 11:30 pm pick up at the parish center)

Permission Slip and \$10 fee (for the campsite) is due at the October 6th Troop Meeting.

To help with arranging transportation, please e-mail Brian Weber at brian_p_weber@comcast.net with your RSVP (negative replies too).

DRIVER INFORMATION (needed for the BSA tour permit):

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.