

Troop In4mer

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Meetings are held Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Church hall.

From the Scoutmaster's Chair

A Super Success! A big High Five to all that helped with the Swedish Meatball dinner held this past April. Everyone did a great job, especially the scouts. The troop made good money most of which will be used to defray the cost of the Saco river trip coming up in June. Thanks to all for the help to make it a success.

Scouting for Food

Another Super Activity! Thanks to everyone that made it possible. We collected 90 bags.

Each bag had 8 – 10 items for the St Vincent De Paul food pantry at Sacred Heart. One more step towards our Good Turn for America patch. Great Job! The pantry has never been so full!



To the Adult Scouter's.... Is your training up to date?

Check out the online training courses offered by BSA. Here is how! Log on to www.myscouting.org. Use your ID # on your new card. (Cards will be distributed at the Court Of Honor on May 10). There are a variety of courses available. All Scouter's should consider taking courses on a regular basis. Here is a list of the available training courses, Safe Swim, Safety Afloat, Weather Hazards, Youth Protection Training (good for 2 years), Fast Start and the Troop Committee challenge. All parents registered in Troop 4 should complete current training for their appropriate position.

Special Sale at Scout Shop



The Scout Shop located in Lancaster is currently running a SALE on the BSA Switch Back Pants. They are regularly \$40.00/pair. The sale is 2 pair for \$40.00.

The sale ends May

A Note from our Scribe

Troop 4 held their Annual Meatball Supper at the Sacred Heart Church in Gardner on April 12, 2008. The supper is the troop's main fundraiser for the troop campouts and events. There were about 24 scouts that helped with set up and were the waiters. More than 200 people came to the Meatball Supper, family members, friends, and members of Sacred Heart Church. Afterwards, the scouts ate and cleaned up the church hall.

John, Scribe

Spring Camp O Ree – May 2 – 4

The Spring Camp O Ree is at The Cathedral of the Pines this year. Quartermasters need to report at 6 PM. The Troop needs to report by 6:30 PM. Dress for the weather, layers, rain gear, proper footwear. Don't forget your mess kit, permission slip, money and medical form. For more info on what to pack check out your Boy Scout Handbook on page 220 to 230.

We will return on Sunday at 11:45 AM in the Rear Parking Lot of Sacred Heart Church.

Special 70th Anniversary Dinner – May 10th.

Tickets are now available for this Special Anniversary Dinner. The Troop Committee revised the ticket prices. Ticket prices are as follows:

Adult Immediate Family Only - Buy 1/Get 1 Free for \$12.00

Children from 6 to 12 years - \$6.00/each

Children under 6 years – Free

Anyone outside of the Immediate Family is \$12.00/person.

We are planning a Family Style Dinner consisting of Roast Pork & Roast Turkey. There is a Social beginning at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner at 6 PM. At 7 PM, there will be a Court of Honor for all the scouts.

Special 70th Anniversary Dinner – May 10 (continued)

Take the opportunity at the social to talk with Eagles from the past about troop activities, Eagle projects and of course the top question of the night "How has Scouting and Eagle Scout helped you with your future?"

TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR. YOUR TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY MAY 3.

Summer Camp Reminder

Troop 4 is scheduled for Summer Camp the first week (June 29 to July 5). **YOUR SUMMER CAMP FEES ARE DUE BY THE MAY 14 TROOP MEETING.**

CURRENT MEDICAL FORMS NEED TO BE ON FILE. YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO HAVE A CURRENT MEDICAL FORM COMPLETED IN ORDER TO ATTEND CAMP!

Saco River Trip Update

The Saco River Trip has been scheduled for June 13 – 15. All Permission Slips AND Deposit of \$20.00 was to be turned in on April 23. **THE SECOND PAYMENT OF \$20.00 IS DUE ON JUNE 4.**

We will be leaving from the church at 6 PM on June 13. We should arrive in Fryeburg by 10 PM. We will be returning on Sunday, June 15 at approximately 5 PM.



PFD's will be provided for this trip. Don't forget your water shoes.



Check it Out

What happens when things don't go as they are planned? How do you fix it? Check out the May issue of Boy's Life. It has some great information on what to do when you are in that situation.

Is your bicycle safe to ride? Does it need a little tune up? Then, check out page 36.

Upcoming Mass Jam – October 11-13

MassJam 2008 will be held on Columbus Day Weekend at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds in North Falmouth, MA. That's on the Cape!

MassJam is a gathering of 6,000 Scouts from Massachusetts and surrounding states.

MassJam features many events including a First Aid Relay Race, Archery, Orienteering, Pioneering, Mountain Boarding, Wall Climbing plus many more. In addition, there are many different types of exhibits and displays. Maybe you'll make a new friend or two.

More information will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Troop In4Mer.

Submissions to the Newsletter

Any scouting information that you would like to see included for the next newsletter can either be emailed to me or you can give the information to Earl Strom, Assistant Scoutmaster if I'm not available and he'll get it to me. I would appreciate it if you could get it to me as early as possible. Thank you for your help.

Laurie Strom

Note: We have had a suggestion from a parent of one of the scouts to move the Upcoming Calendar to the very end of the newsletter. This new placement will make it easier for you to cut it out for all to see.

Upcoming Events

May 2-4	Spring Camporee
May 10	Special 70 th Anniversary Dinner
May 11	Mother's Day
May 13	Troop Committee Meeting
May 14	Summer Camp Fees Due
May 17	OA Weekend
May 21	Scoutmaster's Conference
May 26	Memorial Day Parade
June 13 – 15	Saco River Trip

**REMEMBER YOUR SCOUT OATH
AND HELP SOMEONE TODAY!**