



Troop Four Family Newsletter October 3, 2007

Eagle Family Court of Honor: is on Thursday, October 18 at St. Mary's parish center for all scouts and their families. Awards earned by the scouts since the last Court of Honor in June will be presented. Troop 4's newest Eagle Scout – Luke Lanciano will be presented his Eagle Scout award. Congratulations Luke! Scouts and their families are asked to arrive at 6:30 PM for dinner. Awards will start after dinner about 7:15 PM and the evening will be done by about 8:30 PM. **This is a catered dinner, so please RSVP to Kathie Kirchner at kirchner5@comcast.net or call 508-478-5915 by Thursday October 11.** We are asking families attending with the last name starting A - K to bring a 2 liter soft drink or punch and last name L - Z bring a small dessert item.

Board of Review: the Board of Review before the Court of Honor for scouts advancing in rank will be held during the October 11 troop meeting. If the scout is ready for the board of review we will notify him.

Return of Troop Equipment: If your son had any troop equipment at home, please return it! We are updating our troop equipment for the upcoming year.

Dues and Forms Required for This 2007 – 2008 Year: Are due now. Dues & recharter are \$80 per scout with \$60 due for the second or more scouts per family. The health form and photo release form are due also. If your son won't be at the troop meetings the next week or two please mail the \$ and forms to the troop treasurer Mrs. Judy Alley at 7 Paula Road, Milford.

Merit Badges and Other Advancement: We will be working on badges of rank for younger scouts and will offer merit badge classes for Oceanography, Communications, First Aid and Computers over the course of this fall.

The October Pig Roast and Camping Trip: will be Saturday October 20 and Sunday October 21 at the troop campsite in Milford. This will be our famous pig roast dinner (with some hot dogs and other food too). We will be building a trestle bridge and other pioneering projects and games/activities. We have invited some Second Year Webelos to attend as well. There will be separate activities for Venture Scouts. We will have a 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 9:00 AM Saturday October 20 and will return to the parish center by noon on Sunday for pickup on the 21st. Scout should bring their regular camping gear and bag lunch for Saturday. As always, scouts can come/leave early late etc. We will need a few parents to drive to/from the event.

If your son is planning to attend, please return the attached permission slip by the October 11 troop meeting along with a check for \$12 to cover the cost of the food for the weekend. If your son can't make the October 11 troop meeting but wants to attend, please call or email Dave Kirchner before the 11th so we can include him in planning for the event.

Scouting for Food: in Milford will be the weekend of October 27 -28 for scouts interested in helping. Locations and times will be provided as soon as we find out more information.

Dedication for Mrs. Lanciano: At the November 1 troop meeting we will be dedicating a permanent troop awards display in memory of Mrs. Sara Lanciano. The ceremony will start at 7:15 PM and conclude about 7:45. All parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Venture Scout Corner Information Especially for Venture Scouts:

Career Presentations: We will be starting the popular activity this fall and try for about one per month.

Life Scouts Starting on Their Eagle Projects: we will be meeting at the October 11 troop meeting with scouts and their parents. Scouts who are eligible to attend have been notified.

October Pig Roast & Camping Trip: Venture scouts will be doing much of the planning. Saturday morning of the camping trip the Ventures will be doing some logging operations to get enough wood for the bridge. Also, we are working on a Venture event of either shotgun shooting or archery course at a local sportsman's club for Saturday afternoon. More information to follow.

This is a great way for some of the Venture Scouts to help meet their activity and leadership requirements for advancement.

Upcoming Event Dates & Reminders:

- October 4 is regular troop meeting
- October 11 is regular troop meeting
- October 18 is Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- October 20 - 21 is Troop Pig Roast and Camping trip
- October 25 is annual Halloween Party
- Scouting for food is October 27 - 28
- November 1 is dedication for Mrs. Lanciano and troop meeting

Troop Four Website: checkout the Troop 4 website at: www.troop4milford.org we have lots of information and event calendars/dates listed.

Please call the Dave Kirchner at 508-478-5915 or email at kirchner5@comcast.net if you have any questions.