



Troop 27

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Paul Richard
Treasurer

Margie Mingrone
Advancement Chair

Scoutmaster's Message:

It has been a long time coming, but we've finally put together our first newsletter of the year. We will try to put one out every month from now on.

The past eight months have been very busy for Troop 27. In March, a number of us skied and snow boarded up at Berkshire East. April started with our Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. We held our Winter/Spring Court-of-Honor/Lock-in in the middle of the month and concluded it with our Webb Mountain Park camping trip.

In addition, a number of our boys participated in the Aviation merit badge at Oxford Airport. Others began work on the Family Life as well as the First Aid merit badge. And of course we had the Spring Camporee. That was just the Spring!!!

At the start of the summer, many of the scouts along with their parents traveled to White Haven, Pennsylvania and visited a cavern, a rock field, and of course went whitewater rafting. Two weeks later most of the troop attended summer camp at the Edmund Strang Scout Reservation (ESSR) in Goshen. In addition, Kevin Richard spent the entire summer at Camp Strang as a waterfront instructor teaching swimming, lifesaving and life guarding, Joe Mingrone spent 20 days backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, and Kevin Richard and Alex Harris completed their Eagle projects. We ended the summer with a Court-of-Honor.

In the autumn, we had two fund raisers (Shelton Day and the Election Day Bake Sale), attended the Fall Camporee at ESSR, participated in the popcorn sale and Scouting for Food, and helped Ryan Damilowski and Vinny Gallucci complete their Eagle projects.

However, we're not done yet! We still have the Webelos' Open House, a night at the climbing wall, and our Court-of-Honor /Holiday Party.

I'm tired just thinking about it all!!!

Many thanks go out to Kevin Barber, Gary Johnson, Warren Egensteiner, Walter Damilowski, Mike Yevich, John Zaleski Eric Gourley and Brendan Gourley for helping out at various events.

Next up – Webelos' Open House. I hope everyone can make it!

Yours in Scouting!
Bob Mingrone
Scoutmaster

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 24th: 5-Mile
Bridge-to-Bridge Hike

Saturday, December 1st: Webelos Open
House

Wednesday, December 5th: Troop
Committee Meeting

Friday, December 7th: Climbing Wall

Monday, December 10th: Roundtable
(Council)

Saturday, December 15th: Shelton
Troops Scout Night Lock-In

Friday, December 21st: Court of
Honor/Holiday Party

Saturday, January 26th: 2008 Klondike
Derby

**Friday, February 1st – Sunday, February
3rd:** Mt. Mohawk Ski Trip

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Rank Advancements:

Scout	Rank	Scout	Rank
April 3, 2007		August 23, 2007	
C.J. Cavuoto	Star Scout	Mark Alterio	Tenderfoot
Aaron Egensteiner	Star Scout	Kyle Barber	Tenderfoot
Tom Mingrone	Star Scout	Ryan Caruso	Tenderfoot
July 13, 2007		Ryan Cyr	Tenderfoot
Alessandro Maione	Scout	Jake Johnson	Tenderfoot
July 20, 2007		Joshua Kreidler	Tenderfoot
Nick Demetri	First Class	Mike Yevich	Tenderfoot
Glen Richard	Star Scout		

Senior Patrol Leader's Corner:

I am looking forward to a great 2008. We are ending the 2007 year with a climbing wall and Court-of-Honor. Then, we are starting 2008 with two ski trips and a Klondike. We are also looking into our end-of-the-school year activity.

It should be a great year!

See you at the Webelos' Open House!

Craig Richard
SPL

Schedule of Events:

5-Mile Bridge-to-Bridge Hike: Saturday, November 24th at 8:00 AM at the parking lot by the reservoir near the southern end of Meadow Street.

Webelos Open House: Saturday, December 1st at Nicholdale Park at 12:00 Noon.

Troop Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM at the Huntington Community Center.

Climbing Wall: Friday, December 7th at "Prime Climb", Wallingford, CT.

Roundtable (Council): Monday, November 12th at 7:30 at the Housatonic Council office.

Shelton Troops Scout Night Lock-In: Saturday, December 15th at the Shelton Community Center. All the troops from Shelton have been invited to participate in this overnight lock-in. The cost is \$20. Activities include basketball competition, water polo competition, *leatherwork* and *collections* merit badges. The *leatherwork* merit badge will be offered at \$7.00 for the kit. Prerequisites must be completed in order to complete this badge.

Court of Honor/Holiday Party: Friday, December 21st at the White Hills REC Center

2008 Klondike Derby: Saturday, January 26th at Black Rock State Park in Thomaston, CT.

Mt. Mohawk Ski Trip: Friday, February 1st – Sunday, February 3rd at Camp Strang and Mohawk Mountain.

Other Notable Events & Dates:

Troop 3 Train Show & Toy Drive: Saturday, November 24th, 10 AM – 3 PM

Where: 2nd Congregational Church, 136 Elizabeth Street, Derby.

Cost: \$2.00 plus an unwrapped toy or \$5.00 without toy, children under 3 – free.

For more information contact Barry Howard at 732-5346 or BJHRR@AOL.COM.

Macaroni & Meatball Family Supper: Home-style Macaroni, Meatball, Sausage, Sauce, Bread Salad, Soda, Coffee & Dessert.

Date: Saturday, December 1st, 5:30 PM

Where: St. Mary Church Hall, 212 Elizabeth Street, Derby.

Cost: \$10.00 - adults, \$8.00 - children 16 & under.

Reservations Required: contact 735-3652 or st.michael.kitchen.krew@adelphia.net

Eat, Bid & Buy: All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner, Patch Auction & Scout Memorabilia Sale

Date: Saturday, December 8th at 5:00 PM

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 25 Great Hill Road, Oxford

Cost: \$8.00 - adults, \$5.00 - children under 6, \$3.00 - Patch Auction only.

Troop Committee Report:

I want to personally thank everyone who has stepped forward to make each and every one of our events a success. You are what makes our troop great! However, the troop relies upon its adult leaders to help guide it. Without them, the troop will falter. Troop 27 is in need of active adult leaders. In addition, our troop is significantly under-represented on committees at the council level. We need people to hold positions, chair specific events, and participate on council committees.

We need your help! We invite everyone to the next troop committee meeting on December 5th. If you cannot attend the committee meeting, please don't hesitate to contact me directly via email or telephone with any recommendations and/or concerns you may have. I welcome your input.

Mary Gallucci

Troop Committee Chair

Spotlight on Advancements:

Earlier this year, a number of scouts took advantage of the Family Life merit badge being offered by the Jane Bailey. We are currently offering classes for the Reading merit badge. We hope to offer the *First Aid* merit badge early in 2008. Everyone needs to keep apprised of the schedule for your merit badges.

We will keep you posted.

Margie Mingrone

Advancement Chair

Treasurer:

As the end of the year approaches, there are a number of scouts who still owe 2007 dues. However most scouts have credits in the scout accounts to offset this. I will try to get detailed information to each of those who still have a balance within the next few weeks.

Paul Richard

Treasurer

P.S.:

We wanted to put some photographs in this newsletter, however, that would have made this file tremendously large. Therefore, we plan to update our website in the near future, so please check out our gallery of photos at soon to be at our website at www.troop27whitehills.com.