



Troop 27

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Scoutmaster's Message:

Over the past few months, we've had a busy schedule. In December, we held our Holiday Party/Court-of-Honor. One scout was presented his Tenderfoot rank, and 9 scouts received their Second Class. In January, we held our Webelos Open House where we held events like a Mini-Camporee. These included the building of a trebuchet, a zip-line, camp food, French fries, songs, skits, etc. We also attended the Klondike, and manned the Hockey shooting station. In February, we skied at Mohawk Mountain while we camped indoors at Camp Strang. We also attended and earned merit badges at Winter Camp which was also held at Camp Strang.

In March, we celebrated our latest four scouts who attained the rank of Eagle. This is a great accomplishment for these boys and every scout should look to these boys for guidance.

Congratulations to:

Alexander Harris
Kevin Richard
Vinny Gallucci
Ryan Damilowski

Only a select few ever achieve the rank of Eagle!

The Scoutmaster's corps have their work cut out for them, scheduling activities to help the second year scouts achieve the rank of First Class in the Spring, while helping the new scouts achieve the rank of Tenderfoot. In addition, they need to keep it interesting for the older scouts.

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

Many thanks go out to Marlene Drost who acted as our Popcorn Kernel this year, and Monica Demetri and Barbara Cavuoto who ran our Court-of-Honor/Holiday Party.

This year's Spring Camporee will be held at Hammonasset State Park in Madison, CT. In order to get around the park, scouts will be encouraged to bring their bikes. More on that later.

Finally, everyone should be thinking about Summer Camp. This is a great place to learn scout skills, earn merit badges, make friends and have fun!!!

Attend Summer Camp and don't miss out on the FUN!!!

Next up – Hike at Sleeping Giant State Park. I hope everyone can make it!

Yours in Scouting!
Bob Mingrone
Scoutmaster

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 29th: Sleeping Giant Hike

Wednesday, April 2nd: Troop Committee Meeting

Monday, April 14th: Roundtable (Council)

Wednesday, April 16th: Early Bird Deadline for Summer Camp

Friday, April 25th – Sunday, April 27th: Camping at Webb Mountain Park

Friday, May 16th – Sunday, May 18th: Spring Camporee

Friday, June 13th: Court-of-Honor

Friday, June 20th – Sunday, June 22nd: Whitewater Rafting

Sunday, July 13th – Saturday, July 19th: Summer Camp

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Rank Advancements:

Scout	Rank	Scout	Rank
December 5, 2007		November 26, 2007	
Kyle Drost	Tenderfoot	Alex Harris	Eagle
		Kevin Richard	Eagle
December 19, 2007		December 17, 2007	
Mark Alterio	Second Class	Ryan Damilowski	Eagle
Kyle Barber	Second Class	Vinny Gallucci	Eagle
Ryan Caruso	Second Class		
Ryan Cyr	Second Class		
Kyle Drost	Second Class		
Jake Johnson	Second Class		
Joshua Kreitler	Second Class		
Mike Yevich	Second Class		

Senior Patrol Leader's Corner:

I want to personally welcome all of the new scouts who have joined our troop. We have an active troop that I am sure you will find will keep you hopping. We have a hike, a campout, the Camporee, the Court-of-Honor, a whitewater rafting trip and summer camp all planned for the next few months. So put on your hiking boots, or bathing suits, or uniforms, or WHATEVER!!!!

It should be a great year!

See you at the Campout next month!

Craig Richard
SPL

Schedule of Events:

Sleeping Giant Hike: Saturday, March 29th at 8:30, meet at White Hill Shopping Center.

Troop Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:30 at the Huntington Community Center.

Roundtable: Monday, April 14th at 7:30 at the Housatonic Council Office.

Early Bird Deadline for Summer Camp: Wednesday, April 16th.

Camping at Webb Mountain Park: Friday, April 25th – Sunday, April 27th at 5:00 PM, at 1st parking lot in Webb Mountain Park

Spring Camporee: Friday, May 16th – Sunday, May 18th at Edmund Strang Scout Reservation in Goshen, CT.

Court-of-Honor: Friday, June 13th at 6:00 PM at Scoutmaster Bob's

Whitewater Rafting: Friday, June 20th – Sunday, June 22nd, at Whitewater Challengers in White Haven, PA. - depart from White Hills Shopping Center.

Summer Camp: Sunday, July 13th – Saturday, July 19th at Edmund Strang Scout Reservation in Goshen, CT.

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! The troop relies upon its adult leaders to help guide it. Without them, any troop will falter. Troop 27 is no different; therefore, I will be reviewing the strengths and talents of our adult leaders and will ask their help in filling specific troop positions. These include committee positions, Assistant Scoutmasters, chairpersons of specific events, and participants on council committees.

We encourage your participation! We invite everyone to the next troop committee meeting on April 2nd. 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.

Finally, I would like to thank Jenette Kreitler, Marlene Drost, and Monica Demetri, the cooks and all the boys (and anyone else that I did not recognize) for doing such a superb job on the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. I believe this year's event set a new record.

Great job everyone!!!

Mary Gallucci
Troop Committee Chair

Spotlight on Advancements:

We are planning to offer both the *Family Life* and *First Aid* merit badges in the next few months. In addition, I will e-mail the information for those that have partials from Summer Camp, so that you may plan your week at Summer Camp to complete those merit badges. Everyone needs to keep apprised of the schedule for your merit badges.

We will keep you posted.

Margie Mingrone
Advancement Chair

Treasurer:

2008 Dues are now due. This year we would like to set a goal of collecting all the dues by April 11th.

Dues: \$50 (\$10 discount for each additional family member)

Equipment fee: \$35 (one time, first year scouts only)

Note: If you wish to utilize your Scout Account to pay for dues, please contact me at 924-6033 for your balance.

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.