

Troop 20 Scribe



April, 2006

Camping



The scouts decided at the March PLC meeting that the April 8-9 campout would be held at our Murdock Street campsite. This will be a good chance for the scouts who just crossed over from Cub Scouts to get their first night out with the Troop under their belt.

It was mentioned in last month's newsletter that the troop received an invitation to the West Point Invitational Camporee. The West Point Invitational Camporee will host over 100 troops and 2500 scouters from as far away as Texas. This event will be held the weekend of May 5th-7th. The troop will be leaving early Friday morning, so scouts attending will need to have the permission of their parents to miss school that day. The troop should be back in Middleboro late Sunday afternoon. The troop has sent in a reservation for 22 people and based on this has two openings available for anyone interested in going. Please see one of the leaders for more information.

The troop is also looking for ideas from the scouts for a special end of the year campout, planned for the weekend of June 23rd-25th. Nothing definite has been decided yet, but past campouts have included a biking trip of Nantucket and a COPEs course weekend at Camp Squanto.

For summer camp, the troop will be going back to Camp Bell in New Hampshire this year from July 23rd to July 29th. The troop will provide transportation to camp as it did last year. Information on summer camp was made available at the Red and Green banquet, and flyers are included in this mailing for the scouts who just joined the troop to review. There are several different payment deadlines, which provide various discounts. The troop committee has voted to defray the cost of attending summer camp by \$25, to keep the cost the same as last year, if you choose the option to pay the cost for camp in full by May 15th. Please see any of the leaders if you have any questions about summer camp.

Special Activities

There will be a troop swim night at the Middleboro YMCA on Thursday, April 13th, tentatively scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Please stay tuned for any last minute updates to the exact time.

The troop would like to welcome the 15 scouts who crossed over this year and their families. In order to help in the transition, the troop will be holding a parents meeting. We are trying to schedule this meeting for the Middleboro YMCA during our troop swim night on April 13th. Please stay tuned for any last minute updates about this meeting. Also included in this month's mailing to the scouts who just joined the troop is a copy of our Troop 20 Guidelines that we would like both scouts and their parents to read before the parent's meeting on April 13th. The last page should be signed and turned in at the parent meeting. In addition to reviewing the guidelines, we will talk about and answer any questions you might have regarding summer camp.

Fundraising \$\$\$

This month's Burger King Fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th. This is a monthly opportunity to help the troop to raise funds for our activities. The troop obtains a percentage of inside sales during made the hours 5:00 to 7:30 PM.

Candy bars are now available for all scouts to sell and earn money for summer camp. Scouts can earn all or part of the cost to attend camp. Candy bars will sell for \$1 each, from which the scouts will earn \$0.45. The money earned by scouts who decide not to attend summer camp will go into the troop treasury. This fundraiser will run for as long as scouts are interested in selling the candy bars. The troop will hold several candy bar sales at local stores to raise money to pay for the cost of transportation to summer camp. The first sale is planned for Brooks Pharmacy on Saturday, April 8th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We still need scouts to sign up and help out with this sale. Two others sales are being planned for WalMart and Shaws Supermarket in Raynham in May.

Finally, our new scouts and families should know that in addition to this calendar and newsletter, and announcements made at our weekly meetings, you can also visit the troop's website, www.troop20m.org to check for any last minute news and updates.