

Troop 20 Scribe



January, 2006

Camping

A final decision has not been made on whether or not the troop will be camping out the weekend of January 27-29 at Camp Norse in Kingston, for the annual Annawon Council Klondike Derby. If not, the troop will be sending one or more patrols to the event for the day on Saturday, January 28th. Look for additional details to be announced on the troop website and at troop meetings.

Looking out past January, the troop is planning a winter "freezeout" campout to Pratt Farm for the weekend of February 11-12 and its annual winter campout and ski trip to Gunstock Ski Area the weekend of March 10-12. Look for more details to follow.

Special Activities

At our troop meeting on January 19th, the troop will be holding its annual Webelos Night. This is the night we invite Webelos Scouts from all the Packs in town to visit and learn about Troop 20. The scouts in the troop will put on various demonstrations and we'll have a video presentation highlighting the various activities the troop participates in during the year.

Looking to February please keep Thursday February 9th open on your family's calendar for the annual Troop 20 Red and Green Banquet and Court of Honor. Look for more details to follow.

Fundraising

The Burger King Fundraiser for January has not been scheduled yet as of this writing. Please look for an announcement to be made on the troop website and at a troop meeting.

The troop had a very successful Trails End Popcorn fundraiser this year. In total, the scouts in the troop sold \$7,748 in popcorn, through either the two "Show and Sell" events or by taking orders from relatives, friends and neighbors. The troop anticipates earning about \$2,700 from this effort. The troop wants to thank Rolf and Diane Terrio for all their help in coordinating this year's effort. An additional \$271 was received in cash donations during the two "Show and Sell" events. Due to the tremendous success of this year's popcorn fundraiser, the troop committee voted to donate \$150 of the cash donations to Annawon Council's Tulpe Lodge of the Order of the Arrow Waveland Fund. The goal of the Waveland Fund is support the cost of sending 10 members of the lodge to Waveland, MS for a week to help with ongoing hurricane Katrina relief efforts in this Gulf Coast town of 10,000 people.

We are still awaiting the reactivation of the troop's website link, www.troop20m.com. Please continue to access all the content of the troop's website by going to the Sacred Heart Church website, www.sacredheart-middleboro.org and clicking on the Troop 20 quick link that appears halfway down the church's website home page. Again, as a reminder, as we enter the winter months it's especially important to check the troop website for last minute announcements on the status of meetings when there is bad weather, because it's the troop's policy to cancel meetings anytime there is no school or school has been let out early due to the weather. The website will be used to provide confirmation of meeting cancellations.