

Troop 20 Scribe



March, 2006



Camping

This month the troop will be traveling north to New Hampshire the weekend of March 10th -12th, for a winter campout at Camp Bell and day of skiing at the Gunstock Ski Area. A flyer was sent home last month providing all the details. Deposits were due by the February 16th troop meeting. Final payments are due at the March 2nd troop meeting. In addition to the cost of skiing, there will be a \$10 charge for food for the weekend, which will consist of a troop cook. Scouts should be dropped off in the Parish Hall parking lot at 4:30 PM on Friday and already have had dinner. The troop will provide lunch on Saturday, but scouts should have some spending money for drinks and other snacks during the day. We plan to arrive back in Middleboro by early afternoon. We will call parents as we get close to home to give you a better estimated time of arrival.

A very special upcoming campout was announced at the Red and Green banquet, where it was learned 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 plans to leave early Friday morning, so scouts attending will need to have the permission of their parents to miss school that day. The invitation limits the size of the contingent the troop can bring to 25 people. More information will be forthcoming on how scouts will be selected for this event.

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 is planning to go to Camp Bell in New Hampshire again, 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, but flyers are also included in this mailing for your 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

The Scouts who are participating in the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge will be completing their final requirement, a presentation on Middleboro, Wednesday, March 1, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Middleboro Public Library. All members of the Troop and their families are invited.

All are invited to the Troop 20 Pinewood Derby being held Saturday, March 17th in the Parish Hall, starting at 6PM. Scouts and leaders received their car kits at our Fun Night back in December and are all hopefully busy working on their creations for what is sure to be an exciting event. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers and refreshments will be available for all.

Fundraising \$\$\$

The Burger King Fundraiser for March is Wednesday, March 29th.

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 plan to hold several candy bar sales at local stores to raise money for summer camp transportation cost. The first sale is planned for Brooks Pharmacy on Saturday, April 8th. Two others sales are being planned for WalMart and Shaws Supermarket in Raynham.

The troop's website address is www.troop20m.org.