

Troop 9 News

Fundraising Helps Scouts to Have a Successful Outdoor Program

Fundraisers are a ‘necessary evil’ for any non-profit organization, and Troop 9 is no exception to that necessity. As we enter the warm-weather camping season there are numerous weekend camping trips and our week-long summer camp to prepare for. We are working hard to keep these events affordable, and in most cases the Troop treasury ends up covering part of the expenses each month. In essence, this means that we are charging you less than our actual costs to run most trips (translated: ‘Taking a Loss’). What we count on to balance our books is each Scout’s—and family’s—support of our fundraisers in order to keep our Treasury in the black. If this doesn’t happen, we will end up in the red and unable to fund what we have all become accustomed to; a first-rate outdoor program. It doesn’t happen by accident and sometimes I think we take it for granted that it does.

To this end, there are two very important fundraisers on the horizon. The first is a new venture. We’ll be selling American Flag beach towels, super-sized at 30” x 60”, this month. Then, on Saturday, May 1st we’ll hold our annual Car Wash/Yard Sale/Bake Sale from 8 AM—4 PM. We need everyone’s participation, please!

Important Deadlines Coming Up Soon

As everyone should be aware, we have an exciting weekend adventure to look forward to which is right around the corner! On April 16—18 (Friday—Sunday) we’re headed to Newport Naval Base for an exciting weekend of fun. Please refer to the trip registration forms previously handed out and also on the website for specific details, and don’t miss the **registration deadline of Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 PM.**

Summer Camp 2010 at Yawgoog Scout Reservation information packets were distributed on camp info night, and within three weeks we had two dozen Scouts signed up! Have you? Remember that we have a payment schedule in place, and that each Scout should have paid \$125. by now. *Next payment is due on April 29.*

Scouting is All About Service to Others Ahead of Ourselves

Troop 9 Scouts have always stepped up to the plate when it's time to help others in our community. We have several calls for help coming up in the near future, which I will address in this article.

As you will recall, we held our 50th Anniversary celebration last October at Burncoat Baptist Church. The Board and Pastor were extremely generous in allowing us to utilize the hall and kitchen at no monetary cost, asking instead that we help in cleaning up their playground area, which has become overgrown and unusable. This project will take place on **Saturday, April 24** beginning at 9:30 AM, and we ask all Scouts to pitch in and help those who have helped us!

On Saturday, May 1st Greendale People's Church has asked us to help with their Spring cleanup. We'll do this in conjunction with our annual Car Wash, occurring at the same time.

On **Saturday, May 8th** we'll help Treasure Valley Scout Camp at 'Beaver Day'. Each Scout will be provided lunch and earn a very cool patch. Start time 9 AM

Registration Opens Soon for Troop Excursion to New York

Plans are shaping up for our weekend trip, scheduled for Friday—Sunday May 14—16, to the Adirondack region of New York. We'll look forward to leaving Worcester early on Friday afternoon for the long ride to Henderson Scout Reservation, where we'll camp for two nights in the Adirondack Mountains. On Saturday we'll head out for the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown! Then, after leaving the campsite on Sunday we'll travel to Howe's Caverns before arriving back in Worcester late afternoon.

The registration deadline for this trip is Thursday, May 6th. Watch for trip forms to be sent home very soon.

* Please adjust your May Troop calendar—dates were changed since the calendar was printed way back in September!

Items to Take Note Of...

- Beginning immediately, Scouts are to enter the meeting hall each Thursday night from the LEEDS STREET DOOR. This door will be opened when sufficient adult leadership is present for supervision, so parents should not leave their Scout son unattended there until that door is opened to admit them.
- A reminder to all Scouts that a SCOUT BELT is a necessary piece of the official Scout uniform, and that patrols will be penalized for each Scout who is not dressed accordingly. Ever see an athlete take the field for a game without his full uniform?