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Troop 4 Echo

Troop Meeting

Schedule

Jan 06, 6:30 pm

Jan 13, 6:30 pm

Jan 20, 6:30 pm

Feb 03, 5:00 pm

Feb 10, 6:30 pm

Feb 17, 6:30 pm

Mar 03, 6:30 pm

Mar 10, 6:30 pm

Mar 20, 5:30 pm

Mar 31, 6:30 pm

Apr 08, 6:30 pm

Apr 14, 6:30 pm

Apr 21, 6:30 pm

May 05, 6:30 pm

May 12, 6:30 pm

May 19, 6:30 pm

Jun 02, 6:30 pm

Jun 09, 6:30 pm

Jun 16, 6:30 pm

Jun 30, 6:30 pm

Troop Committee

Schedule

Jan 27, 6:30 pm

Feb 24, 6:30 pm

Mar 24, 6:30 pm

Apr 28, 6:30 pm

May 26, 6:30 pm

Jun 23, 6:30 pm

Chartered Organization: St. John the Baptist Church

Upcoming Campouts and Events

Troop Meeting Change – the troop meeting normally scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th, has been moved to Wednesday, April 8th, at the Lockport Town Hall. All scouts and leaders should be in **CLASS A** uniforms for the meeting.

Spring Campout Schoellkopf – the spring campout will be May 1st through 3rd at Camp Schoellkopf, scouts will leave on Friday night from St. Johns and return Sunday morning at the Scout store. The campsite will be the same as from this past October, Northwood Campsite; cost for the event is \$30. Sign-up sheet for Leaders will be available April 8th and 14th. The scout's sign-up sheet will be available April 14th and 21st. Money will be due April 21st at the troop meeting or April 28th at the troop committee meeting. No late payments will be accepted. Pack 4 Webelos and parents will be joining troop 4 on the campout.

Camp Dittmer – July 5th through July 11th; an early bird deposit of \$50.00 was Tuesday, February 24th for everyone in the troop. Normal cost of the campout is \$250. The balance of the campout fee is due May 5th to the troop. If you are one of the few that sold Niagara candy or placed an application for a campership, those results will be known before the May deadline. Campership application is due March 13th. New scouts joining troop from their cub packs will have an opportunity to still apply for the early bird price of \$235, a deposit is needed as soon as possible.

Massawepie – the troop will be planning a trek for July 27th through August 1st, 2009. A scout must be 13 years old by January 1st, 2009 and be a blue swimmer. A deposit of \$100 (non-refundable) **was due by February 17th**. The trek had 11 openings total, total cost is \$320 with a balance of \$220 after the deposit. A second trek can be added if enough scouts are interested.

Gettysburg Campout – is being scheduled for August 20th through 23rd, approximate cost will be at least \$200 per scout. Horseback riding will be only available for scouts that have already gone to Gettysburg in the past. Cost of the horseback riding is an additional \$70 per person. More information will be made available in the coming weeks.

2010 National Jamboree Campout – the troop will be making a trek to the jamboree in July 25th through July 30th of 2010. A scout must be at least 1st class and have completed 6th grade in order to attend. Currently the cost per scout will be \$300. More information to come in the following weeks.

Troop Medical Forms

National BSA has changed its policy in regards to medical forms. BSA has come out with a new medical form that needs to be filled out every year now by the doctors for both the scouts and leaders of the troop. Cathy Tocco has enough printed forms for each scout and adult leader in the troop, please see Mrs. Tocco to receive your new form. Also, because of this change in that the form needs to be updated every year, the troop needs three volunteers to help coordinate this endeavor. Mrs. Cleri has already volunteered but the troop needs two more individuals to help. Please contact either Mrs. Tocco (toccobell@aol.com) or Mrs. Cleri (ccleri562003@yahoo.com)

Troop Announcements

Attention Parents – please remember to come in to pickup your when the meeting is over. Especially for the younger scouts, it is a safety concern. So that we know that the scout has left with a parent.

Spring Dues – the troop spring dues of \$25 is due by April 28th. Please hand in your dues so you can attend troop functions.

NLS Training – scouts, if you are First Class and at least 14 years old, you are eligible to attend the NLS training that will be held on May 1st through 3rd. If interested, please see Mr. Drury.

Eagle Project – Kevin Drury is working on his eagle project 'Save a Pet'. Kevin is making door hanger flyer like 'scouting food' but for pets. He is looking for volunteers to help him go around on April 25th to hang the flyers and collect the pet food on May 9th. Kevin is also organizing a day where he'll be at either Tops or Quality to collect pet food also. A date for that event will be announced.

Religious Awards – on April 4th Bishop Head will be presenting the Religious award to many scouts in the area including a few from Troop 4.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Troop 4 is sponsoring 'Cell Phones for Soldiers'. If you have any old working cell phones lying around the house collecting dust. You can donate them to the program for soldiers. All old cell phones are shipped to our servicemen and women over seas so that they can call home. AT&T pays for the calls but is in need of old cell phones. If you wish to donate your old cell phone, bring it to a troop meeting and drop it in the collection box. Remember, we need the cell phone and its power supply also. Place your phone and power adapter in a plastic bag before placing it in the collection box. Deadline for collecting is April 28th.

Troop Email Addresses

Troop 4 will offer free email addresses to any scout as long as he remains a member of Troop 4. The email will only be accessible through a web browser. A form can be obtained from Mr. Trzyna or the website which has to be filled out by the scout and parents. The guidelines for the email account are specified on the form and should be read by both the scout and parents.

The email address will have the following format **address@itctroop4.org**,

The 'address' will be the portion that the scout can pick for his email address. It should be scout appropriate and recommended not to have your first or last name in it. Fill out the form and return it to Mr. Trzyna.

Troop Meeting Schedule

The following is a list of coming events on the calendar for Troop 4:

03/31 – OA Elections

04/14 – Camp Ready & More

04/08 – Lockport Town Hall

04/21 – Packing for Camp & More

Some events are subject to change due.

Troop Directory

In the coming weeks, a troop directory of all scouts and leaders will be made available to all troop for members. The directory is currently being worked on by Mr. Trzyna. It will be made available as soon as all scouts and leaders have handed in their personal data sheets. So, if you have not done so by now, please completed the personal data sheet and hand it in.



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