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# Troop 4 Echo

Chartered Organization: St. John the Baptist Church, Lockport New York

## Troop Meeting

### Schedule

Dec 02, 6:30 pm

Dec 09, 6:30 pm

Dec 16, 6:30 pm

Dec 30, 5:00 pm

Jan 06, 6:30 pm

Jan 13, 6:30 pm

Jan 20, 6:30 pm

Mar 03, 6:30 pm

## Troop Committee

### Schedule

Dec 23, 6:30 pm

Jan 27, 6:30 pm

Feb 24, 6:30 pm

Mar 24, 5:00 pm

Apr 28, 6:30 pm

May 26, 6:30 pm

Jun 23, 6:30 pm

## Scoutmaster

Robert Drury

## Website:

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## Troop Dues

The Fall dues for this year is \$25 per scout and were due October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember these dues help to cover costs through the year and stop the troop from having more fundraisers. Dues must be current in order for scouts to attend campouts and other events. **Also, no scout will be allowed to pay for a weekend campout the day of the event.** All fees must be paid in advance of the trip. Please understand the money is needed ahead of time so all supplies can be purchased for the event.

If you have not paid your Fall dues of \$25, please see Mr. or Mrs. Stroud. Remember there will also be a Spring dues of \$25. If any family wishes to pay the full amount of \$50 now there is no problem with this.

## Popcorn Sale

Troop 4's popcorn sale was rated number 1 in the Towpath District this year. Total sales including the Troop's one day show and sell was just over \$9100. Congratulations to Troop 4 and Mrs. Rotella our Popcorn Kernel

All monies for the popcorn should have been turned in to Mrs. Rotella already for this year. If you have not, please do so immediately, Thank You.

## Upcoming Campouts and Events

**St. John's Outreach Program** – will need the Troop's help on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday and Tuesday, to move packages from the Outreach Center to the Church hall on Monday. On Tuesday, scouts will help pack food baskets and move them up into the church afterwards. Scouts should show up Monday at 6:30 pm that wish to help out. Since Tuesday is a regular scout meeting night, all scouts will help with the food baskets.

**Towpath District USO Show** – will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm show and December 14<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm matinee show, tickets are on sale and available through the Troop for a cost of \$12. Tickets can be purchased by check; make checks payable to YME Productions. The show is still looking for help from the scouts to participate in the show, see Mr. Drury. Remember, the show benefits the Towpath District.

**Troop Christmas Party** – will be held December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>; scouts will gather at 5:00 pm at St. Johns, and participate in rock climbing, pizza and return to St. Johns for a movie, games and sleepover. If a scout doesn't want to sleepover, they can still attend the other events. The event is at **NO** cost to the scouts.

## Upcoming Campouts and Events cont'd



**January Campout** – will be January 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>, cost \$30, at Barlow Cabin at Camp Sam Wood. The troop will have one lean-2 for the younger scouts, the older scouts, and 13 years plus, will be camping out in tents.

**Massawepie** – the troop will be planning a trek for July 27<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. A scout must be 13 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and be a blue swimmer. A deposit of \$100 (non-refundable) is due by the second week in February. The trek has 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.

**Polar Wave** – Pack 4 has graciously extended an invitation to all scouts and their families of Troop 4 to attend a snow tubing event. The date will be February 7, 2009 at 9:45 am; cost per individual is approximately \$12. The cost is driven by the number of people attending; so the more that attend the less the cost to everyone.

Mr. Trzyna will have a sign-up sheet at the December scout meetings. If you are interested, please sign up so we can get an indication of how many will be attending. You can check it out on the web at [www.polarwavebatavia.com](http://www.polarwavebatavia.com)



## Troop Re-Chartering

Troop 4's re-chartering will official start on December 1<sup>st</sup> and Mr. Trzyna will have until December 12<sup>th</sup> to complete the process.

In November, Mr. Trzyna handed out to the scouts their personal data sheet which he had asked to have the scouts and their parents check and updated the information. Scouts were given one week or the next meeting they attended to hand in the form. *Individual Data Sheets are due no later than the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.* If you have already handed in the form, *Thank You* for your co-operation.



## 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 is attached 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. Instructions on how to access your email will be handout once the account is created.

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.

## Boys Life Magazine

Any Scout wishing to renew or start a subscription to Scout Magazine needs to have their payment in by December 9<sup>th</sup> to Mr. or Mrs. Stroud with the payment of \$12.

Parents remember this makes a great Christmas Present!!!!!!

## Merit Badges

Friendly reminder about merit badges. Scouts need to take the initiative to earn Merit Badges on their own. All badges will not be earned during our weekly meetings. You can go to the Troop's Web Site, [www.itctroop4.org](http://www.itctroop4.org), to see what merit badge counselors are available in the troop or district. Remember to get the scoutmaster's approval before starting any merit badges.

