

December 2009

Scouts can earn credits to be used for future outings

Starting with the food pantry service and candy bar sales on November 28, scouts can now earn a \$10 credit for each hour spent fundraising or doing community service with the Troop. These credits can be earned by helping monthly at the food pantry, participating in the candy bar sales at Cirelli's, attending the Burger King fundraisers, or during any other community service or fundraising efforts organized by the Troop.

In addition, scouts can earn additional credits by selling candy bars on their own. The credits can then be used to offset the cost of upcoming camping trip and other outings in which the scouts participate. There will still be a \$20 fee for each of these events to insure that the scouts have a vested interest in following through on their commitment to attend a particular activity. However, if a scout does not have enough credits to meet the additional cost of the event, that will also have to be paid out-of-pocket by the scout prior to the event. Although credits can be earned starting November 28, the scouts will not be responsible for paying the full freight for events, either through cash or credits, until 2010.

For more information, please speak directly to the Scoutmaster or one of his assistants.



AMC campout planned for Dec.

Scouts and leaders will be camping in the AMC cabins at Ponkapoag Camp the weekend of December 11-13. The camp is spread along the banks of a 230-acre Ponkapoag Pond in the 8,500-acre MDC Blue Hills Reservation.

This will be an excellent opportunity to enjoy the peaceful surroundings of Blue Hills, do some hiking, and get away from the frantic pace of the holiday season.

Additional events for the coming month include a PLC on Wednesday, Dec. 9, to plan for future events; volunteering at the food pantry on Dec. 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon; a candy bar sales event at Cirelli's, also on Dec. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the next Burger King fundraiser on Dec. 21 from 5-8 p.m.; and a fun night on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

There will be no committee meeting in December, but all parents are reminded that the meetings are open to anyone who is interested. The next meeting will be January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Troop's second annual Thanksgiving Dinner a resounding success



The second annual Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by Troop 96 was even more successful than the first. With approximately 85 people being served, the scouts, leaders, and parents who made this dinner happen deserve a round of applause. A special thank you goes to Mark Edwards of the Church of Our Saviour for offering his expertise and guidance, as well as to Jon Capistrone and Gerard Milch who also contributed their considerable skills in preparing this feast. However, the scouts themselves did an outstanding job at stepping up to the plate and learning new culinary skills, honing the skills they already possessed, and acting as the hosts and servers at this event.

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