



# TROOP 523



## NEWSLETTER

November 2003

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### November 7-9, 2003

- Camping Weekend at Thompson Park in Jamesburg. See enclosed permission slip. Contact: Tom McCabe

#### November 11, 2003

- Sign up for Slide Mountain trip. See following article and the enclosed permission slip. Contact: Tom McCabe

#### November 12, 2003

- PLC meeting

#### November 15, 2003

- Orienteering meet in Tenafly. See enclosed permission slip. Contact: Tom McCabe

#### November 18, 2003

- Evening of Giving monies due. Contact: Mike Taynor
- Ski Trip reservations due. Contact: Bruce Whitaker

#### November 22, 2003

- Collection for Scouting for Food at St. John Vianney's parking lot (near garage) from 10:00 AM to Noon. Contact: Bob Gill

#### November 28-30, 2003

- Slide Mountain Weekend. See following article.

#### December 2, 2003

- Spaghetti Dinner basket donations due. See following article. Contact: Robin Freeman, Lisa Flynn, Mike Taynor
- Candle sale money and orders due. Contact: Bruce Whitaker, Mike Taynor

#### December 9, 2003

- Advanced ticket sales for the Spaghetti Dinner due to qualify for prizes. Contact: Mike Taynor

#### December 12-14, 2003

- Advancement Trip. Contact: Bob Gill, Tom McCabe

#### December 16, 2003

- Payment date for dues. Dues are \$45 per scout and \$10 per registered leader. Contact: Mike Taynor

#### December 20, 2003

- BSA Troop 523 Annual Spaghetti Dinner. St. John Vianney cafeteria from 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

## **PHILMONT**

Our next payment of \$185 is due no later than November 25. This will bring the total paid to \$735 per person. Please submit the balance due to our Treasurer, Mike Taynor. See Mike if you need to find out if you have a balance currently due.

## **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Our annual spaghetti dinner is scheduled for December 20, 2003. Tickets will be distributed to our scouts to sell to family and friends in mid-November. Those scouts selling the most tickets in terms of dollars by December 9 will be eligible for prizes. The top prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Woodbridge Center. Second prize is a \$25 gift certificate to Woodbridge Center. Third prize is a compact set of binoculars.

As in the past, we are asking our families to donate items to be used in some of the prize baskets. The baskets are as follows:

Bullfighters Patrol – Teen Boy Items, Automotive Items

Frogs Patrol – Christmas Items, Toy Items

Frontiersmen Patrol – Teen Girl Items, Dad Items

King Scorpions Patrol – Mom Items, Pasta Items

Dragons Patrol – Baby Items, Sports Items

King Cobras Patrol – Family Items, Camping Items

Leadership Patrol & Scouters – Memories, Scouting Items

If you have any questions or wish to donate other items, please speak to Robin Freeman, Lisa Flynn or Mike Taynor'

Additional details will be distributed next month. However, if you have any questions about the dinner, please contact Mike Taynor or Bruce Whitaker.

## **SLIDE MOUNTAIN TRIP**

The Troop will be have a three day backpacking, camping and hiking trip to Slide Mountain in the Catskills. The trip will run from Friday, 11/28, to Sunday, 11/30. This will be a challenging trip under cold conditions. Last year our Troop encountered below freezing weather and snow. The trip will entail backpacking to our campsite on Friday, day hikes up and down the mountains of Saturday and then backpacking back out from our campsite on Sunday. Due to the nature of the trip and the long drive, it is important that any scout or adult interested in attending sign up no later than Tuesday, November 11.

## **BINGO**

Our participation in Bingo continues to be successful. We are scheduled for the last Friday of every month. If you have questions on what bingo night's you have been assigned, see our Committee Chairperson, Bruce Whitaker.