



TROOP 523



NEWSLETTER

January 2004

IMPORTANT DATES

NOW

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

January 24

- Klondike Derby – Weather permitting, scouts may camp for the weekend or treat this as a one-day outing. Contact: Bob Gill

February 13-15

- Camping at Winnebago Scout Camp. We have reserved a cabin but scouts may elect to sleep in tents. Contact: Bob Gill

March 12-14

- Caving Trip – Scouts can explore underground in Pieper's Cave, PA. Contact: Carl Heitmeyer

March 20

- Bike Hike Preparation Run – Details to follow.

March 26-28

- Backpacking on the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania. Contact: Tom McCabe.

April 2-4

- Fifty Mile Bike Hike – Details to follow.

April 25

- BSA TROOP 523's First Annual Pancake Breakfast – Mark your calendars. See article on back of this page. Additional details to follow.

April 30 – May 2

- Snuffy Hollow Camporee at Thompson Park, Jamesburg. Contact: John Sprowls.

May 21-23

- Gateway Camping Trip

May 28-31

- Backpacking Trip – Details to follow.

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July 4-11

- Summer Camp – This year we will be attending an exciting camp, Camp Horseshoe, for the first time. The camp is located on the Pennsylvania-Maryland border. Cost per scout is \$230. This year's camp runs from Sunday to Sunday.
 - **February 10 - \$20 deposit (Scouts & Adults)**
 - **March 16 - \$105 payment (Scouts)**
 - **April 20 - \$105 payment (Scouts & Adults)**
- Adults are \$115 and must be registered Scouters. Leaders must also have a class A uniform to dine in the dining hall.
- Contact: Mike Taynor

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.

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The next payment of \$285 is due by January 27. This will bring the total per person to \$1020. The next payment of \$280 is due on March 30. This will leave a balance due of \$100 (total of \$1400 per person). Tom's original schedule of payments was correct. The last \$100 will be due on April 27. Questions on amounts due or currently paid – see Mike Taynor. All other questions – see Tom McCabe.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The committee has planned our first annual pancake breakfast for April 25, 2004. On the menu will be pancakes, sausage, coffee cake, coffee, tea and orange juice. Tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and juniors (under 12). In addition, all cub scouts in uniform will be admitted free. The Boy Scouts will serve as waiters. We will need parents to volunteer in the kitchen, to bake coffee cake, sell tickets and to work with the scouts. Not a baker? Don't worry, we have a coffee cake recipe that takes less than 1 hour and costs less than \$2-\$3 in materials. Contact Bruce Whitaker or Mike Taynor to volunteer as soon as possible.