



TROOP 523



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2004

PARENTS' MEETING

There will be an important parents' meeting on Tuesday, November 9 in one of the classrooms during the troop meeting. It is essential that at least one parent from each of our scouting families attend this meeting. The most up to date calendars will be available. The Scoutmaster and members of the Troop Committee will be available to answer your questions and address any concerns you may have. Topics to be covered will be upcoming outings including the ski trip, Jamboree 2005/Washington DC, summer camp and Gettysburg. One very important topic will be our annual spaghetti dinner. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success especially since we have lost midnight bingo. Contact Mike Taynor or Bruce Whitaker if you have any questions or have a topic that you would like covered at the meeting.

SKI TRIP

Our annual ski trip will be at Shawnee on January 8-9, 2005. See the attached flyer for details. Deposits of \$20 per person are due by November 16, 2004 with the balance due by December 14, 2004. See Mike Taynor or Bruce Whitaker if you have any questions.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our annual spaghetti dinner is scheduled for December 18, 2004. 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 7 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 Troop 523 hooded sweatshirt. See Mike Taynor if you need tickets.

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:

Falcon Patrol – Teen Boy Items, Automotive Items
Python Patrol – Christmas Items, Toy Items
Fierce Frontiersmen Patrol – Teen Girl Items, Dad Items
Salamander Patrol – Mom Items, Pasta Items
Wolverine Patrol – Baby Items, Sports Items
Sayboo Patrol – Family Items, Camping Items
Leadership Patrol & Adult Scouters – Memories, Scouting Items

Please bring these items in by December 7 in order to allow time for the baskets to be assembled. If you have any questions or wish to donate other items, please speak to Cindy Taynor, Lorie Esposito or Mike Taynor. As in the past, we are also requesting that each family make a dessert for the dinner. We hope that all of our scouting families and friends can attend our troop's biggest social event of the year.

FUNDRAISERS

Despite the loss of midnight bingo, the Troop 523 Committee is making every effort to avoid burdening our scouting families with endless fundraisers. The only fundraisers under consideration are the Popcorn Sale, Spaghetti Dinner and the Pancake Breakfast. Our newest troop families will find that our Spaghetti Dinner is more fun than fundraiser. Note that our scouts plan to run their own fundraiser, a car wash, in the Spring with the proceeds going to a worthy cause of their choice.

DUES

Once again there will not be an increase in our annual dues. Dues will remain at \$45 per scout as they are requested no later than Tuesday, January 11, 2005. In the past the registered adult leaders have agreed to pay their own registration fees to allow Troop 523 to spend the money on our scouts. These dues of \$10 per registered leader are also due no later than January 11, 2005. See Mike Taynor if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 5-7 – KMSR camping trip. Contact: Bob Gill.

November 9 – Parents' meeting. Our latest calendar will be available. Come hear the state of our troop. Leaders will be available to discuss upcoming outings and other scouting events. At least one parent from each of our scouting families is asked to attend.

November 11 – PLC Meeting. Rescheduled from November 4.

November 13 – Bicycling. This is a one day outing which will count towards the Cycling merit badge.

November 16 – Ski Trip deposits due.

November 20 – Scouting for Food. The troop plans to distribute bags the week before for pick up on this day. This is a very worthy service project which directly aids members of our own community.

November 26-28 – Slide Mountain Backpacking Trip.

December 2 – PLC Meeting.

December 7 – Money for the Spaghetti Dinner tickets is due to qualify for prizes.
Basket donations for the Spaghetti Dinner are due.

December 14 – Balance of ski trip money due.

December 18 – BSA Troop 523 Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the St. John Vianney cafeteria.

January 8-9, 2005 – Shawnee Mountain ski trip.

January 11, 2005 - \$45 Dues per scout are due.

January 21-23 – Klondike Derby at KMSR

March 6, 2005 – BSA Troop 523 Second Annual Pancake Breakfast

July 28-30, 2005 – Jamboree 2005 and Washington DC.

What: Troop 523's Annual Ski Trip

Where: Shawnee Mountain Ski Area

When: January 8-9, 2005

Who: Scouts, Parents and Family Members

It's time for our annual ski trip to Shawnee Mountain. As in the past, we will be staying at the Shannon Inn on Route 209. Room rates are based on four people to a room. Our package includes our room for Saturday night, lift tickets for Saturday night and Sunday until 5:00, Saturday's dinner and Sunday's breakfast. Rentals are extra. We will check in at the Inn at about 3:00 PM on Saturday and then go to Shawnee to pick up our equipment rentals, have dinner and ski. Last year our scouts enjoyed the Inn's heated indoor pool afterwards. We will leave directly from Shawnee on Sunday after a full fun filled day of skiing.

Please return this form as soon as possibly to reserve early with a check made out to Troop 523.

Write the names of those attending on the back so that we can determine room assignments based on scouting guidelines. Non-skiers may be entitled to a discount depending on the number of participants. Completion of the form on the back of this page should make it easier for us to have the rental forms completed before we arrive. We have made reservations for sixty people. If more are needed, we must reserve immediately. Contact Bruce Whitaker or Mike Taynor if you have questions.

Scout's name _____

Number of people _____ at \$70.00 per person: \$ _____

Number of ski rentals _____ at \$17.00 per person: \$ _____

Number of snowboard rentals _____ at \$24.00 per person: \$ _____

Number of ski lessons _____ at \$15.00 per person \$ _____

Number of snowboard lessons _____ at \$17.00 per person \$ _____

Deposit of \$20 per person due 11/16/2004 Total \$ _____

Balance due 12/14/2004

NAME	ADULT OR YOUTH A or Y	MALE OR FEMALE M or F	NON- SKIER Y or N	SKI RENTAL Y or N	SNOW BOARD RENTAL Y or N	SKI LESSON Y or N	SNOW BOARD LESSON Y or N
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