



TROOP 523



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2005

CURRENT ITEMS

This month's Parents' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. Information on upcoming events will be discussed.

The Court of Honor has been rescheduled for May 17 due to conflicts with school schedules. We hope all of our scouting family and friends can come out to honor our scouts' achievements. Scouts will be recognized for their achievements including rank advancements, merit badges, community service and other accomplishments.

There have been some recent additions to our scouting family. In addition to the group of new scouts mentioned in last month's newsletter, we would like to welcome Jonathan Demitus, Michael Thai and Jaelen Brown along with their families into Troop 523.

HIGH ADVENTURE

The Troop is currently organizing a High Adventure outing in the Adirondack Mountains for this August. The trip will be for five days and four nights, **August 17-21, 2005**. Details are being ironed out and will be made available as soon as possible. Anticipate 4 days of backpacking and 1 day of white water rafting. Due to the nature of the trip, there will be an age restriction. This activity is limited to scouts who are age 14 and over by the date of the trip. Scouts who are 13, first class and with backpacking experience will also be considered on a case by case basis. Interested scouts should contact their SPL, Kevin Mulligan, by May 3 so that we can prepare based on the number of crews required.

SUMMER CAMP 2005

The Troop will be spending summer camp at Camp Horseshoe from July 3-10, 2005. We reserved the two sites used last year in order to accommodate the size of our group. The full cost of summer camp this year is \$245 for scouts and \$122.50 for leaders. The cost for scouts paying after the due dates is \$255. Parents' Guides are available. The balance of \$235 was due no later than April 26, 2005. See Mike Taynor for a copy of the Parents' Guide or if you have any question. Our Scouts should be reviewing the guide with you to determine the merit badges that they plan to work on. See Bob Gill regarding the summer camp merit badge program. Currently 37 scouts have signed up for camp. Please note that there is still room for scouts, in particular our recent crossovers. Scouts can sign up and make payment at the Parents' Meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 29–May 1 – Snuffy Hollow

May 10 – Parents' Meeting

May 17 – Court of Honor

June 17-19 – White Water Rafting

July 3-10 – Summer Camp at Camp Horseshoe

July 28-30 – Jamboree 2005 and Washington DC.

August 18–21 - Adirondack High Adventure

For a detailed up to date calendar go to WWW.TROOP523.ORG