



TROOP 523



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2005

CURRENT ITEMS

The skies cleared up just in time for the Colonia Cleanup on Saturday, October 15. Sixteen scouts joined other community volunteers in picking up trash and debris in the Inman Avenue Park next to the library.

Our special thanks to Rich Valente and the Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation for their recent generous donation to Troop 523 and our scouts.

The troop would like to acknowledge the generosity of the scouts and their families for the donations of personal items for the people in the gulf region suffering from the destruction from the hurricane. The collection of items that we collected was delivered to Lucent Technologies. Lucent added those items to the items collected from their employees and trucked them over to the distribution center in New Brunswick for shipment to the gulf region.

We are still trying to get an email address for each family. If we do not have your email address or if you are not sure that we do, just send a note to metsr@comcast.net and we will add you to our contact list.

DUES

Our annual dues are now due. Thanks to our successful fundraisers, we have once again been able to keep our dues at \$45 per scout. There has not been an increase in dues since the last century. Please submit your payment to Mike Taynor no later than December 17, 2005. Parents of new scouts may ask, what does my scout get for his dues? Well, his dues go for many things. It pays for his registration fee and subscription to Boys' Life. Each scout gets a brand new Class B shirt every year. Dues help pay for trip expenses such as the subsidy for the Beach Jam and canoe rental fees. Dues also help pay for registration fees for camporees including the Klondike Derby and for the many patches and badges earned by the scouts which are awarded at our Courts of Honor.

A WORD FROM OUR TROOP HISTORIAN

By Joseph Massaro

Canoeing and Retreat

In the last weekend of September there were two trips. One was a canoeing trip to Bass River and the other was a retreat. The retreat was attended by three scouts including SPL Jimmy Esposito who said: "I had great time, and a lot of fun." Some of the high school scouts needed this retreat as a requirement for The Pope Pius XII religious emblem. Bass River was attended by a large majority of the scouts. JASMs Wayne Lamore and Kevin "Wacky" Mulligan had grand adventures of piracy on the high seas. Reports have said that the food was "delicious" and "extraordinary". Looking forward to many good trips till the end of the year.

Beach Jam

On the Weekend of September 30-October 1, thirteen scouts went to the Beach Jam in Wildwood. We were there with thousands of other Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturing Crews and Girl Scouts. We set up camp right on the beach and we even had an entrance way. We all had a great time. We had passes for unlimited rides (except go-karts) and played football on Saturday and Sunday. The Sea Serpent and Great White, the biggest wooden roller coaster on the east coast, were only some of the rides we went on. Thanks to Mr. Destasio, we were treated to pizza for dinner because the free lines were to long. Lunch at Snow whites' was delicious. Three words; Philly-Cheese-Steak. We had two of our newest scouts accompany us and they had a great time. Hopefully we will return to beach jam next year.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The annual Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner will be on Saturday, December 17. As in past years, the troop is requesting donations from each patrol for the gift baskets. The troop will also appreciate the donation of any other new items, baskets or other suitable containers in addition to the suggested items.

Poppin' Panthers Patrol - Teen Boy Basket, Automotive Basket

Raccoon Patrol - Teen Girl Basket, Toy Basket

Salamander Patrol - Mom Basket, Christmas Basket

Pine Tree Patrol - Dad Basket, Memories Basket

Fierce Frontiersmen Patrol - Baby Basket, Sports Basket

Road Runners Patrol - Family Basket, Camping Basket

Leadership & Old Goat Patrols – Cooking Basket, Home Repair Basket

Please send your items in as soon as possible. We will be accepting items until November 29. Contact Cindy Taynor, Lorie Esposito or Mike Taynor if you have any questions.

POCORN SALE

The troop is currently in the middle of the annual BSA Popcorn Sale. All money and order forms are due no later than Tuesday, November 1. Please see Mike Taynor if you have any questions or if you need additional order forms.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 18 – Parents' Meeting

October 28-30 – Fall Camporee at Thompson Park

November 1 – Popcorn Orders and Money Due

November 1 – Halloween Party

November 5 or 12 – Scouting For Food – Bag Distribution

November 11-13 – KMSR Advancement Trip

November 19 – Scouting For Food – Bag Collection

November 25-27 – Backpacking Trip

November 29 – Gift Basket Items Due

December 17 – Annual Spaghetti Dinner

December 17 – Last Day for Dues

January 10 - \$25 Summer Camp Deposit Due

January 20-22 – Klondike Derby

March 5 – Third Annual Pancake Breakfast

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