



# TROOP 523



## NEWSLETTER

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### CURRENT ITEMS

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](mailto:metsr@comcast.net) and we will add you to our contact list.

### SUMMER CAMP

We know it is only November and that winter hasn't started yet. However, it is time to start thinking about summer camp. The troop will be attending summer camp at the Rodney Scout Reservation in Maryland. This camp boasts excellent facilities and knowledgeable staff. It is located on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay allowing them to offer merit badges not normally found at camps such as motor boating and water skiing. We are sure your scout will have no trouble in finding merit badges to fill his days at camp in the Parents' Guides which were handed out at the Parents' meeting and at troop meetings. In fact there may be a problem in narrowing the selection down.

There is a deposit of \$25 due per scout by January 17, 2006. Please contact Mike Taynor if you have any questions or need a copy of the Parents' Guide.

### 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

#### Inman Clean-up

On Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> the scouts of troop 523 performed a service project at Inman Park. This was part of Colonia clean up day. We have worked before to clean up this park. A large number of the scouts were in attendance and performed many service hours. Scouts can use these hours for advancement. The scouts had a fun time doing service for the community. As expected, John Altieri was wet in the river. There is also an upcoming eagle project that will take place in this park. This project is for a scout from another troop that stayed with John, Robert and Vincent at the National Jamboree.

#### Fall Camporee

On the weekend of October 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 21 scouts participated in the events at the Fall Camporee. In total 25 scouts attended. This camporee was organized for 9 other troops by Mr. McCabe, our former Scoutmaster, and the other leaders of Troop 523. Four scouts, namely two JASMs, Matt Taynor and Kevin Mulligan, our SPL, Jimmy Esposito, and ASPL, Robert Gill ran stations for the scouts. The Roadrunner Patrol lead by Brett Hoffmann finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in junior Boy Scout patrols. They won five 1<sup>st</sup> place medals and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Kevin and Matt, with the help of the whole troop, made a bonfire for all the participating scouts. It was over ten feet tall and burned for about three hours. After comparing the scores we will establish what activities we need to work on for the rest of the year and for the Snuffy Hollow Camporee.

## **SKI TRIP**

The sign up form for the ski trip is on the Troop web site under Newsletters. See the due dates below.

## **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.

Raccoon Patrol - Teen Girl Basket, Toy Basket

Salamander Patrol - Mom Basket, Teen Boy 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 / Automotive 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**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Popcorn Sale. Due to your efforts, the troop earned over \$500 towards providing a meaningful and fun program for our scouts.

## **LOST & FOUND**

There are two heavy-duty sleeping pads and one sleeping bag with a liner left from summer camp. If anyone is missing one, please see Mr Gill. Additionally, if anyone is missing a roll of five dollar bills with a rubber band around them, I found the rubber band.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**November 11-13** – KMSR Advancement Trip

**November 19** – Scouting For Food – Bag Collection

**November 22** - Ski Trip Deposit & Sign Up Forms Due

**November 25-27** – Backpacking Trip

**November 29** – Gift Basket Items Due

**December 10** – Orienteering Day Trip - Holmdel

**December 17** – Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**December 17** – Last Day for Dues

**January 10** - \$25 Summer Camp Deposit Due

**January 14-15** – Annual Shawnee Ski Trip

**January 20-22** – Klondike Derby

**March 5** – Third Annual Pancake Breakfast

**For a detailed up to date calendar go to [WWW.TROOP523.ORG](http://WWW.TROOP523.ORG)**