



# TROOP 523



## NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2006

### CURRENT ITEMS

**Sunday, April 2nd**, daylight savings time begins and so does our **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**. Presales are real important to help us with head counts. Remember to get your basket items to the Valente's. Any adults who will be available to help cook, please let Rich Valente know ASAP (732-382-7309). Tickets are still available and also at the door. Help your Troop earn money to fund our programs, bring you family and friends for great time. Remember Scouts are in full class A uniform and will be serving. See you there!

Congratulations to our scouts who were elected to the Order of the Arrow (OA). The OA is an honorary society within the Boy Scouts of America. Scouts may only become members once they have met the requirements and are elected by their peers. This year we have five scouts achieving this honor. Congratulations to Tim Valente, Mike DeStasio, Matt Heitmeyer, Eric Hoffmann and John Altieri.

The troop would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new scouts who recently crossed over from Webelos and to their families.

### PARENTS' MEETING & SUMMER CAMP

The next parents' meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11. The main topic for the meeting will be summer camp. At this time, the remaining balance of \$225 is due. It is not too late to sign up for summer camp even if you missed the \$25 sign up deposit. Payment in full of \$250 would be due at the meeting. Please see Mike Taynor if you have any questions.

Our thanks to all of the scouts who made the commitment to summer camp with their deposits. Without this commitment, we would not have been able to retain our reservation.

### TROOP HISTORIAN

#### Klondike

The Klondike was a very big success for the Troop this year. This year's Klondike was fun despite the lack of snowfall. We had three patrols representing the Troops. The Bulldogs and the Hiking Vikings were both senior patrols. The Salamanders were a junior patrol. The Bulldogs finished third place in the Senior Division and Third overall with three first places, one second and a one third place. The Hiking Vikings finished fourth in the Senior Division and fifth place overall. The Hiking Vikings won one first place, one second place and two third place ribbons. The Salamanders won two seconds and one third place ribbons. All of the scouts had plenty of fun playing ball inside. Also a few sleds were playfully misplaced in ditches and on the dining hall roof but everyone still had an amazing time.



The Hiking Vikings in action.

### Spaghetti Dinner

This year's Spaghetti dinner was very crucial for raising funds for the Troop. The Troop would like to extend a thank you to all the scouts who were there to help wait tables, as well as the scouts that provided exceptional musical entertainment for the holidays. The Troop would also like to extend a Thank You to the parents who helped in the kitchen, brought baked good and donated goods for the baskets. Lastly the Troop would like to thank everyone who came to support our Troop.

### Ski Trip

The Annual Ski Trip to Shawnee Mountain was not the most successful ski trip that our Troop has ever run. There was not a lot of snow and plenty of rain. On a more positive note, the trip was injury free. But due to mechanical difficulties, several scouts were stuck up on the ski lift for a short period of time.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**April 2** – Third Annual Pancake Breakfast

**April 7-9** – Caving Trip

**April 10** – Committee Meeting

**April 11** – Parents' Meeting & Summer Camp Meeting

**April 28-30** – Spring Camporee

**April 30** – Matthew Taynor's Eagle Court of Honor

**May 5-7** – Snuffy Hollow

**May 26-29** – Slide Mountain High Adventure Backpacking

**June 2-4** – West Point Trip

**July 2-8** – Summer Camp at Rodney Scout Reservation

**July 20-27** – Florida Sea Base Sailing High Adventure

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