



TROOP 523



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2006

CURRENT ITEMS

Many of our scouts attended the Junior Leadership Training held at KMSR during the weekend of September 22-24. We are sure that all of the scouts will agree that they learned skills that will help them in and out of scouting. Our Scoutmaster, Bob Gill, put in a great deal of time and effort in preparing and leading this training for which he has our thanks.

We also had 13 scouts and 3 adults turn out for the Inman Avenue Park area cleanup on September 30. We hope everyone has seen the article in the Colonia Corner concerning this event or viewed Bob Gill's interview on Channel 35.

Our scouts also provided service to their community through the recent car wash for the benefit of the SJV Building Fund. A total of 23 scouts and 5 adults washed and dried cars continuously for 3 ½ hours raising a total of \$500 for this worthy cause.

A total of 25 scouts and 8 adults participated in the Raritan Bay District's Fall Camporee. Ten of the twelve troops in our district participated. All three of our patrols did an excellent job at the stations which required a broad spectrum of scout skills and knowledge. We are proud to announce that two of our patrols received trophies, second place in the Junior Division and first place in the Senior Division.

Please see Mike Taynor if your scout attended summer camp and did not receive his group photograph.

EMAIL

If you did not receive the September or October newsletter by email, it means we do not have an email address for you or your scout. Please forward your email address to Mike Taynor (metsr@comcast.net) as soon as possible. Additional emails are also sent out as a supplement to our Patrol Telephone Chain so that everyone has an opportunity to participate in events or get notified of any last minute changes.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

It will soon be time for our annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, December 16th. This is our Troop's major social event and fundraiser for the year. It gives our scouts and families a chance to meet each other, members of our community to become familiar with our troop while at the same time raising funds to give our scouts the best program possible.

As in years past, we are asking each of our patrols to donate items to create two baskets per patrol. A separate flyer is attached with details. Tickets for presales will be handed out shortly. You may even have received them by the time you receive this newsletter. Presales assist us in planning our purchases of supplies. Presales are very important as it can be expensive if we purchase more than we need or if we lose sales because we did not purchase enough food. In addition, prizes will be awarded to our top sellers. We are also asking that each family prepare a dessert to be served at the spaghetti dinner. Please contact Marianne Barry or Mike Taynor if you have any questions.

HIGH ADVENTURE

We have reservations for two crews to attend the BSA Northern Tier High Adventure Camp next summer from July 20 to July 30. Scouts and adult leaders will be canoeing through the wilderness of Ontario, Canada. Both crews are completely filled at this time. We will maintain a waiting list in the event one of our scouts/adults is unable to participate. See Mike Taynor if you are interested or have any questions.

The troop is also planning to attend the BSA Philmont High Adventure Camp in New Mexico during the summer of 2008. We need to make reservations this fall for 2008. Please let Mike Taynor know by October 31

via email (metsr@comcast.net) if you are interested as we need to know how many crews to submit reservations for. Due to the high interest in Philmont, reservations are accepted on a lottery basis so we may not be able to add additional crews later on. In fact, there is a chance that we may be put on a waiting list for our initial request. Scouts must be 14 by January 1, 2008 or 13 and completed the 8th grade by the start of the trip.

POPCORN SALE

Popcorn orders are requested to be submitted no later than October 31 to Manny Pagan. Manny has preordered a number of items and is able to immediately fill most orders with the exception of the higher priced items which he can special order from council. We are asking each of our scouting families to participate in this sale as much as possible. You can email your orders to Manny at pagan347@comcast.net.

PIONEERING\WILDERNESS SURVIVAL WEEKEND

The troop's next camping trip will be to the Yards Creek Scout Reservation from Friday, November 3rd to Sunday, November 5th. The trip is open to all of our scouts. They will have the option of sleeping in tents, in shelters that they construct or under the stars. They will also be working on camping and pioneering skills as well as advancement requirements for the ranks of Tenderfoot to First Class. Permission slips are included with this newsletter. Interested scouts should sign up for this trip through their patrol leader and bring the permission slip plus \$10 for food to the parking lot on Friday, November 3rd. **IMPORTANT – Please notify your patrol leader no later than Monday, October 30, 2006 so that patrols can be formed and food can be purchased.**

SKI TRIP

Our annual ski trip will be at Shawnee Mountain. There will be skiing Saturday evening, January 6th, and all day Sunday, January 7th. Dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday is included in the price. Rentals and lessons will be available at an additional cost. Mary Cartwright has volunteered to organize this year's event. Please see the enclosed flyer for additional information and to sign-up.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 31 – Popcorn Orders Due (Contact: Manny Pagan)

NOVEMBER 2 – Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) Meeting

NOVEMBER 3-5 – Pioneering & Wilderness Survival Weekend (Contact: Bob Gill)

NOVEMBER 13 – Committee Meeting

NOVEMBER 14 – Parents' Meeting

NOVEMBER 19 – Orienteering Day Trip (Contact: Bob Gill)

NOVEMBER 25 – Eagle Court of Honor – Wayne Lamore & Kevin Mulligan

DECEMBER 3 – Eagle Court of Honor – James Esposito

DECEMBER 16 – Spaghetti Dinner (Contact: Marianne Barry)

JANUARY 6-7 – Shawnee Mountain Ski Trip (Contact: Mary Cartwright)

JANUARY 19-21 – Klondike Derby

MARCH 18 – Pancake Breakfast

JUNE 24-30 – Summer Camp at Rodney Scout Reservation

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