

Troop 185

Wellesley, Massachusetts



August, 2008

Dear Parents and Scouts,

It is hard to believe that school starts in a few days. (Sorry guys but its time to face reality!)

This year we will be starting meetings on MONDAY, September 8th at 7:30 PM. at St. John's Church in the School basement.

This year this meeting will again involve both Scouts and parents. We would like at least one parent from each family to attend, and bring your calendar & checkbooks with you. The Troop Committee and Junior Leaders have been working hard to put the program together for the upcoming year and we will be presenting it, along with copies of the Troop calendar at this time. We will also be talking about the Troop Code of Conduct and several Troop policies regarding trips.

Attached/Enclosed are: (All Forms are also available on the website www.troop185wellesley.com)

Medical Form for you to fill out on your son, we need to update these each year. Bring on the 8th.

I don't need these for the Scouts who went to Resolute with the Troop; I made copies and kept the originals.

Troop Resource Survey - if you didn't fill one out last year or want to update it, please do so. Bring this with you on the 8th.

Parental Assistance Sheet - Figure out what your interests are and what will work for you. Check you schedules and bring the sheet to the meeting to let us know what you want to do to help your son's Troop. We are looking for people to help with Trip planning, the Tree & Wreath sale, Webelos recruiting & merit badges.

Scout & Parent Participation Sheet - Please go over the dates of the trips before the meeting so when we talk about them, and your son wants to go, you know if it conflicts with family activities or not.

We will talk about the trips at the meeting and give you time to finish filling it out.

This is for interest & planning only, once you sign the permission slip that is the commitment.

We will discuss next summer's "**Southwest Adventure**". So be prepared to sign up if you want to join us on it. Dates are July 25 – August 9, 2009. Projected cost \$1800 per person.

Also note that the Date of the first Campout, the **Saco River Canoe Trip**, is September 12- 14, 2008. The attached permission slip should be brought to the Troop meeting on the 8th, if your son is planning on going. The boys will also be spending time planning for this trip on the Sept. 8th. The Nantucket bike Trip will be the weekend of Oct 11-13th so plan now.

We hope to see you all on the 8th. If **you can not attend**, but you plan on remaining active with Troop 185 give SPL Forrest Gasdia (235-2971) a call or email (wellesleyastronomy@gmail.com). If you are no longer interested in what the Troop is doing please email me (jofortin@bsamail.org) and we will stop sending you information.

Don't forget the permission slip, medical form, your calendar and your checkbook (we will also be taking deposits for King Pine Ski Trip (\$75 per person) and Dues for the 2008 - 2009 year - \$40).

See you all on the 8th at St. John's.

Yours in Scouting,

John Fortini

Scoutmaster

Mary Beth Crane

Co-Committee Chair

Jan Anthos

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