

Boy Scout Troop 41
PO Box 41
Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046
September 2008

Scout meetings begin on Monday, September 8, at 7:30 pm at the Community Church
First campout is September 19 – Camp Dolly!

Dear Scouts and parents,

Members of the troop participated in a fun and challenging canoe trek at the Sabattis Adventure Camp in the beautiful Adirondacks in upstate New York. Troop 41 made yet another solid showing at our second year at Camp Winnebago summer camp. The Scouts had a lot of fun, made great strides in advancement and won the Gate Way competition (again), Honor Scout, Patrols and Troop, cooking contest and old man of the mountain shooting competition. Seven Scouts from the Troop attended Trail to Eagle, which brings older Scouts together to focus on required merit badges, tips for the Eagle project and completion of the paperwork.

The first Court of Honor scheduled for October 13 will be full of pictures and tales of the summer madcap mayhem. Be sure to contact me if you need a Scoutmaster conference and Mr. Watrous to schedule a Board of review before the COH.

This year is going to be one of the best. The PLC has planned some great adventures -- The State Police Camporee in Sea Girt NJ, Cabin Camping at Glen Gray, the Appalachian Trail, the Freeze Out and other exciting trips await you. Don't miss a single one.

Parents - Important items to bring on Monday September 10:

1. **Bring a check, payable to Troop 41. Annual dues \$80.** Part of this money is forwarded to the National BSA office to pay for re-chartering, insurance, Boy's Life magazine, national Scouting activities, and administration. The portion that the Troop keeps is spent on badges, etc.
2. **Bring another check for the September 19th campout at Camp Dolly, if attending, payable to Troop 41. Fees for camping and meals is \$25 per person.**
3. **Be prepared to complete and sign the bottom of page 2 of the Policy Manual** – these will be provided at the meeting. The policy manual is available from the Troop Website (mtnlakes.org).
4. **Bring the completed Transportation and Event Signup form** -- at the end of this letter.
5. **A profile from our Troop database will need to be reviewed at the meeting, which will be provided upon your arrival. Parents of new Scouts must complete a new form with information for the database.** It is very important to review telephone numbers, your automobile information (because we do need you to drive and depend on the information from the database to obtain the necessary tour permits) and your driver's license number.

Until the dues are paid and the forms in items 3 and 4 above are completed and submitted to the Troop Leadership, a boy is not considered to be registered with the Troop and cannot participate in Troop activities. In addition, parent participation in Troop outings is critical to the success of our program. Please be sure to complete item 4 with a minimum of two outings for driving, one which an adult can be present throughout the event. Otherwise, we will need to randomly assign events to parents of scouts in order to ensure full coverage.

Thank you for supporting Troop 41 and being part of your sons scouting experience. Please call me with any questions at (973) 263-0497.

Very truly yours,
Andy Kohler, Scoutmaster

The 2008-2009 Program The PLC has met and has established this calendar that is subject to change:
(MARK YOUR CALENDARS!)

Troop meetings are scheduled for Monday evenings. Meetings are at the Community Church church hall and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. Camp-outs will typically meet at the Church on Friday at 6:00 p.m. (BUT CHECK THE CALENDAR) and return Sunday at about Noon. As events are subject to change, details will be provided at Troop meetings and emails in advance of any event. Committee meetings are usually held at the Church on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

September 2008

09/08	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church – Parent’s Night
09/15	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
09/19-21	6:00 pm	Campout	Camp Dolly – Belvidere NJ
09/22	7:30 pm	PLC	Community Church
09/27	09:00 am	Fundraising	Popcorn Sale – King’s Supermarket (9AM to 5PM)
09/29	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church

October 2008

10/01	7:30 pm	Committee	Community Church
10/06	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
10/13	7:00 pm	COH	Court of Honor - Community Church
10/17-19	6:00 pm	*Camping*	Paterson Diocese Catholic BSA Retreat – Optional Campout
10/19	TBD	Color Guard	Spirit 5K Color Guard
10/20	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
10/24-26	6:00 pm	Camping	Valley Forge Camping
10/27	7:30 pm	PLC	Community Church

November 2008

11/03	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
11/05	7:30 pm	Committee	Community Church
11/06-08	7:30 am	Camping	Meet at Church - Appalachian Trail backpacking
11/10	7:30 pm	PLC	Community Church
11/17	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
11/19	3:30 pm	Service	SCEEP Thanksgiving – Community Church
11/24	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church

December 2008

12/01	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church – Weblos 2 Meeting
12/03	7:30 pm	Committee	Community Church
12/5-7	6:00 pm	Camping	Glen Gray - Cabin Camping w/ Weblos 2
12/08	7:30 pm	PLC	Community Church
12/15	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
12/22	7:30 PM	Meeting	Community Church Holiday Party
12/24&31			Winter Recess - Happy Holidays

January 2009

01/05	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
01/07	7:30 pm	Committee	Community Church
01/12	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
01/19	No Meeting		No Meeting – M.L. King Holiday
01/26	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church

01/31	7:30 am	Outing	District Klondike Derby – TBD
February 2009			
02/01	9:30 am	Scout Sun.	Scout Sunday – Community Church
02/02	7:30 pm	PLC	Community Church
02/04	7:30 pm	Committee	Community Church
02/09	7:30 pm	COH	Community Church – Court of Honor
02/16	No Meeting		Winter recess
02/23	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
02/28-3/1	7:30 am	Outing	Freeze Out
March 2009			
03/02	7:30 pm	PLC	Community Church
03/04	7:30 pm	Committee	Community Church
03/09	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
03/16	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
03/20-22	6:00 pm	Camping	Philadelphia Historic Visit
03/23	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
03/30	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
April 2009			
04/01	7:30 pm	Committee	Community Church
04/03-05	6:00 pm	Camping	Fishawack District Camporee
04/06	No Meeting		Spring Recess
04/13	7:30 pm	PLC	Community Church
04/20	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
04/27	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
May 2009			
05/01-03	5:00 pm	Philmont	Watchu Weekend for Philmont Crew
05/04	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
05/06	7:30 pm	Committee	Community Church
05/11	6:00 pm	Meeting	Community Church
05/15-17	7:30 pm	Camping	Rafting Trip
05/18	7:30 pm	PLC	Community Church
05/25	10:00 am	Parade	Memorial Day Parade – Wildwood School
June 2009			
06/01	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
06/03	7:30 pm	Committee	Community Church
06/08	7:30 pm	Meeting	Community Church
06/15	7:30 pm	COH/Camp	Community Church – Court of Honor - Summer Camp Meeting
July 2009			
07/01-15	6:30 am	Philmont	Philmont Trek
07/19-25	12:00pm	Camping	Winnebago

Name: _____

2008-2009 Transportation & Event Signup

Enter your choice 1 through 4 for each category (Event Participation and Driving), 1 being your first choice, 4 meaning you can do this date and prefer another date.

As with many Troops throughout Scouting, 41 has a policy that parents or guardians must also participate along with the boys. Safe transportation to and from Troop outings is a priority. Ample staffing of events by parents or guardians is also necessary to make certain that the events are safe and successful. Sharing this responsibility is a duty of all Scout parents or guardians. Events for this Troop include, but are not limited to, the service projects, two Courts of Honor, December Holiday Party and Scouting for Food. At the beginning of each Scouting year a form with the calendar of events will be distributed seeking input for driving assignments and events. A parent or guardian for each boy must signup for two driving assignments and one event. From the completed forms, assignments will be made to ensure that ample transportation and staffing is available for each outing. Until the dues are paid and this form is completed and submitted to the Troop Leadership, a boy is not considered to be registered with the Troop and cannot advance. It is very important that everyone contributes to the transportation responsibilities and the staffing of events. Parents or guardians who are scheduled to provide transportation for an outing or staff an event, but cannot for any reason, are responsible to coordinate a replacement driver to ensure that all boys are able to participate. In the event of a date change, you will be contacted in ample time to confirm availability or coordinate a replacement. The Committee chair may grant the exemption to the Transportation and Events requirement for those persons that are elected and serve in the Adult Committee Leadership (See Appendix 6 in the Principles and Policies Manual), in the capacity as Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster, or agree to serve as a Grub Parent for the entire Scouting year.

Transportation and Campout Participation (bold items needed most)

Date 2008- 2009	Location	Enter your Choice here for Participating in the Event	Enter your Choice here for Driving
09/19-21	Camp Dolly – Belvidere NJ		
10/24-26	Valley Forge PA		
11/6-8	Backpacking Appalachian Trail		
12/05 – 07	Camp Glen Gray, Oakland, NJ		
01/31	District Klondike, NJ		
02/28- 03/01	Freeze Out		
03/20-22	Philadelphia Historic Tour		
04/03-05	District Spring Camporee		
05/15-17	Rafting – Lehigh PA		

Adult Roles to be filled

Position	Description	Volunteer Name
Asst. Scout Master	ASM with focus on New Scouts	
Transportation Support	Coordinate driving support for outings	
Outing Support	Make camping reservations, obtain tour permits	