

# Troop 29 Newsletter

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Hello to everyone in the troop. Everyone is probably excited for the end of school, but while the year of school is winding down, we have more activities coming up than we have all year so far...

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

Our troop is turning 50 years old! Make sure that you attend the celebration from Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the scoutcraft area at the church and the cost is only one dollar. You will need to bring food for all of your meals except dinner on Saturday and of course all of your necessary gear for camping. Your form needs to be in to Mr. Johnson with your \$1 camping fee by June 9<sup>th</sup>. Also, set up will take place on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. and on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Sign up! Make sure you are at this celebration, it is sure to be a weekend to remember.

## **100<sup>TH</sup> EAGLE FOR TROOP 29 UP FOR GRABS**

So who will it be? We currently have 99 Eagle Scouts in Troop 29 with several Eagle Candidates who have a project-in-progress. Who will carry the distinction of being the ONE-HUNDREDTH EAGLE SCOUT? In the running are Chris Ballentine, Matt Johnson, Matt Stanley, and long shots Ben Steinberg and Joe Yarka. No matter who snags the illustrious honor, they should all be proud of potentially becoming an Eagle Scout and representing our troop and Scouting. Good luck to all of you!

## **TROOP 3 IN COLLEGE HILL**

Some of you may have heard that there will be a new troop starting up in College Hill this Fall. Well, the rumor is no more – it's now close to being a hard fact. As Troop 29 could no longer accept all of the prospective Scouts who wanted to join each year due to our space limitations, it was inevitable that another troop be created to absorb the overflow. This Fall, Troop 3 will begin its new life. Troop 29 will work closely with this new troop to assist in planning trips and share equipment as they begin the start-up process. More than likely, they will be pseudo-29er's even though they wear the number THREE on their sleeves. There is also a possibility for some of our Scouts to transfer over to the new troop. If this happens, this may be an excellent opportunity for them to become part of the new troops Leadership Corps and play a vital role in its early development. If you are thinking about moving to the new troop, it would be helpful for us to get a handle on the numbers, so please speak with either Mr. Ralph Horton or Mr. Bill Brodniak about the possibility. We welcome the new Troop 3 to our community and look forward to sharing the Scouting experience with them!

## **ANNUAL PLANNING CONFERENCE**

We're in the process of changing things up a bit here at Troop 29. Besides laying out a new leadership plan to carry us forward into the next 50 years, we are also revising the way we plan out our annual calendar. At our Troop's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Camp-out, we will be planning the next SIX months of troop activities. This revision in the way we lay out the calendar will give EACH SPL the opportunity to take part in the planning of the troop's outings. It will also give the troop an opportunity to be more hands-on in the short-term scope of activities. It seems that when events are planned out a year at a time, they lose some of the luster they might have had when first conceived. So, I am asking ALL SCOUTS to put on their thinking caps and start considering the trips they would like to go on starting in September 2009 and going through February 2010. **ALL Patrol Leaders and Troop ASPL's will need to attend the planning meeting to be held on Saturday evening after dinner on June 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## **SPL ELECTIONS ON THE HORIZON**

Yes, I know it's only June, but before you know it, August will be here and it will be time for another new SPL! If you are considering running for SPL in August, please speak with Ben Steinberg and Mr. Brodniak to learn more.

## **Cooking/ Camping Weekend**

The cooking/ camping weekend is drawing ever closer. It will take place some time in August or September. Make sure you sign up!! The trip leader is Mr. Marino, questions can be directed to him.

## **Scuba Diving at Palmer Pool**

A few members of our troop have discovered the fun activity of scuba diving. Now on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, you can try it for yourself. It will take place at Palmer Pool and the cost will be \$25. Make sure you bring a towel, sun block, sunglasses, and any medical issues that the scuba patrol would need to know about. Money and form is due to Mr. Johnson by June 6<sup>th</sup>. The time is 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Any questions, see Mr. Johnson.