

TROOP 89 NEWSLETTER

Medfield, Massachusetts



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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WHY SCOUTING

The Boy Scouts of America, like any organization, has a purpose: It's to grow boys into upstanding citizens. The BSA manual states it the best:

For almost 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Today, these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential as they were in 1910. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

The Boy Scouts of America provides youth with programs and activities that allow them to

- Try new things.
- Provide service to others.
- Build self-confidence.
- Reinforce ethical standards.

While various activities and youth groups teach basic skills and promote teamwork, Scouting goes beyond that and encourages youth to achieve a deeper appreciation for service to others in their community.

Scouting provides youth with a sense that they are important as individuals. It is communicated to them that those in the Scouting family care about what happens to them, regardless of whether a game is won or lost.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Scouting promotes activities that lead to personal responsibility and high self-esteem. As a result, when hard decisions have to be made, peer pressure can be resisted and the right choices can be made.

~ <http://www.scouting.org/Visitor/WhyScouting.aspx>

If you know someone who's interested, please share this newsletter with them. Invite them to attend a meeting so they can meet the adults and boys involved in Troop 89. Thank you.

GENERAL NOTES:

- Any Scout not returning this fall, please contact the Scoutmaster and let him know. Mr. Hatch's phone number is 508-242-5219.

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS:

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FIRST MEETING FOR THE 2017 – 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR AND CANOE TRIP SIGN UP

Will be held Thursday, August 31, at 7 p.m. at the Dale Street School.

This is an important meeting because not only will we collect the annual registration fee for the Troop but we're also signing up scouts to attend the year's first outing, the Charles River Canoe Trip, on the weekend of September 9 & 10, the weekend following Labor Day. The annual registration fee this year is \$75.00 per scout. If a family has additional scouts, the fee for each additional boy is \$65.00.

REGISTRATION – Important Information

- **The annual registration fee** includes a subscription to Boy's Life magazine. When registering scouts during August 31st meeting at the Dale Street School, please return the attached Troop 89 BSA Permission Slip and Medical Release Form with a copy of your insurance card. We need a new copy of the release form each year as well as a new copy of your insurance registration card. Participation in Troop events is prohibited until this paper work is completed.
- **Parents** – we need updated vehicle/cell phone information for everyone who has even a remote possibility of driving scouts this year so you're covered by BSA insurance. If your information has changed since last year, or you did not provide it, please come prepared with license, plate numbers, insurance coverage amounts and cell phone information. See the attached T89 Adult Personal Data Collection Form.
- **Parents & Scouts** – Please bring in any records that pertain to **advancement/awards/badge work** completed over the summer outside of the Troop week at Camp Squanto so that it may be recorded.

CHARLES RIVER CANOE TRIP

- This trip starts on Saturday, Sept. 9th, at 8:30 am when we meet at the Scout Shed. Patrol leaders and grub masters will gather at 8. We will organize gear and proceed with the canoes to the put-in landing on the Charles in Medfield. The trip will take the scouts to the South Natick dam on Sunday, the 10th. Approximate arrival is noon. The scouts will have lunch. The scouts and adult leaders on the trip will need to be picked up and brought back to the Scout Shed with all their gear. Scouts will be dismissed from the Shed after normal procedures for unloading and sowing gear are completed. Trip details are attached to this newsletter. Adults are needed for this trip – please contact Mr. Bruce Raine or Karl Kemp if you can help out on this trip.
- **BE PREPARED** – Make sure you pack all the suggested equipment, clothes and safety items. This is a lightweight trip because all gear must be brought on the canoes. Please see the attached form for the canoe trip for additional information about the trip and all requirements.
- **The cost per Scout for the trip is \$35. We need this payment on Thursday, August 31, during our meeting. Thank you.**
- Scouts who are participating in the September Order of the Arrow Ordeal weekend are reminded that your **paper work and money are due to Old Colony Council by September 11th**. No Exceptions. Sign-up details and forms are available on the OA website <http://www.oldcolonycouncil.org/news-upcoming-events/65142>. **Please remember to bring your BSA Medical Form.** The forms used at summer camp and returned to scouts at the end of summer camp should be used.

Like any organization, Troop 89 doesn't run by itself. We continue to look for adults to serve in a variety of capacities. Please contact Bruce Raine or Jim Hatch if you're interested in helping to fill any of the positions described below:

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- **Assistant Scoutmasters** - Assists the Scoutmaster and occasionally fills in on his behalf at meetings, trips and other program activities
- **Committee Members** - Attends Committee meetings and helps ensure the troop makes informed decisions regarding the general operation of the troop. Assists with special troop logistical or administrative needs as necessary. (NOTE: All parents of troop members are welcome to attend Committee Meetings. While we are looking for parents to commit to being on the Troop Committee, we also welcome other parents who would like to come to observe/participate in a Troop Committee meeting.)