



June 2010

Official Newsletter of Boy Scout Troop 359, Wilbraham, MA

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WHITE WATER RAFTING

JUNE 11TH TO JUNE 13TH



Troop 359 will enjoy a whitewater experience on the Deerfield River with Crab Apple Whitewater Inc. The Troop will travel down the Fife Brook Section which has Class 1 to Class 3 rapids! Please review their website at www.crabappleinc.com/massachusetts/deerfield-fife_brook_itinerary.shtml

Everyone must wear a life jacket and helmet, which will be issued by Crab Apple. Also, you will receive safety and paddling instructions.

The Troop will depart from St. Cecilia's on Friday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m. Please eat before you leave as dinner is NOT part of the trip on Friday night. Upon arrival we will set up camp at Barton Cove in Grill MA (part of Northfield Mountain First Light Power). After we finish rafting on Saturday, we will return to Barton Cove for dinner and later on enjoy a Cracker Barrel. We expect to return to St. Cecilia's around 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 13th.

There are canoe rentals available and if you are interested please visit www.firstlightpower.com/northfield/canoe.asp



Scoutmaster Minute

Dear Parents and Scouts:

As you know the President gives his state of the union address and the Governor also addresses the state. They do this to give us an update as to what they have accomplished over the past year and to let us know what they plan to do in the coming year. Almost a full year has passed since I stepped in as Scoutmaster. During this time the Troop has completed fifty-one merit badges, 18 rank advancements, including two new Eagle Scouts. We also enjoyed great trips, including rock climbing; TSF weekend; and the Battle of Lexington and Concord just to name a few. Over the next year, I plan to focus on the advancement program and help each Scout advance to their desired goal. We can do this by offering more merit badges and skills throughout the year. The Scouts will be planning the calendar for the coming year on June 5th. I also plan to continue offering exciting trips, which will include Florida Sea Base for those that are going.

Additionally, I would like to thank Mr. Brian Toole for all his hard work over the last few years on the outdoor program. He has planned and arranged numerous enjoyable Scout trips for our Troop. Mr. Toole will be stepping down from his position as the Outdoor Coordinator; but, he will continue to assist the Troop as he is available. Please join me in thanking Mr. Toole for the outstanding job he has done!

I hope to see you all on June 17th at 6pm at Spec Pond for our annual Troop Picnic and Court of Honor.

Yours In Scouting,

Ken Lynch, Scoutmaster

Ken Lynch



Summer camping will be fun at Moses Reservation!

Join other Scouts and work together towards rank advancement, merit badges, & special awards all while having fun! The cost for this fun filled week is only \$325. Campership applications are available and Scout account money may be used to cover camp costs! See Mr. Scully for more information!

**Summer Camp
July 18 - 24**

PLANNING MEETING

On Saturday, June 5th at 1 pm join us at St. Cecilia's Parish House to help plan our 2010-2011 events!

This event follows the bottle drive.

All Scouts are strongly encouraged to attend!

Pizza and soda provided!



Calendar of Events

June 3rd

Troop Meeting
Social Center 7 pm
PLC Meeting 7:00 PM

June 5th

Bottle Drive, 8 am to Noon
St. Cecilia's Parking Lot

Planning Meeting
St. Cecilia's Parish House
(following the bottle drive)

June 10th

Troop Meeting
Social Center 7 pm

June 11th- 13th

White Water Rafting

June 17th

Troop Court of Honor/Picnic
Spec Pond 6 pm

June 27th—July 3rd

National Youth Leader Training
 Chesterfield

July 18th -24th

Moses Summer Camp

RECYCLING

Troop 359 needs Scouts to sign up for weekly bottles on 7/3, 7/10, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 9/11, 9/18, 10/9, 10/16, 11/6, and 11/13!

This is a great way to earn money for your Scout account!

If you are interested please contact Mr. Liston.



Historical Merit Badges

Only in 2010...

You will have the opportunity to earn the following merit badges:

- ◆ Tracking
- ◆ Carpentry
- ◆ Pathfinding
- ◆ Signaling

For more information please see Mr. Lynch or visit

www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/AdvancementsAwards/MeritBadges.aspx

Troop 359's bottle drive will take place on Saturday, June 5th from 8 a.m. until noon in St. Cecilia's Parking Lot!



Remember you can increase the number of bottles collected by offering to collect bottles from friends, families, neighbors and even from your parents' workplaces ahead of time! Memorial Day picnics should be a great source of bottles!

Contact Mr. Liston with questions.



NEW Eagle Scouts

Colton Allen

Justin Murphy

Celebrate with them!

Eagle Court of Honor

August 20th

7 P.M.

St. Cecilia Parish Center

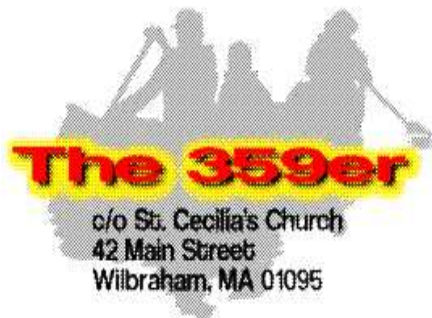


Troop 359 would like to invite Scouts and their families to a picnic on June 17th at Spec Pond at 6pm rain or shine. There will be a court of honor recognizing scouts for their advancements since the last court of honor. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs.

Each family is asked to bring something for others to enjoy such as a dessert, salad, or your family's picnic favorite!

Watch for more details...

June theme is ... Hobbies!



For the scout and family of: