



Troop 27

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Aaron Egensteiner
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Kyle Barber
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Dumb Einstines

Joshua Kreitler
Patrol Leader
Purple Turkeys

Ryan Caruso
Patrol Leader
Radioactive Bacon Burgers

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Mark Alterio
Kyle Caopccitti
Patrick Chrislip
Logan Clair
Luke Clair
Ryan Cyr
Kyle Drost
Matthew Gannon
Harrison Infante
Vincent Infante
Jake Johnson
Zachary Johnson
Christopher LaPinta
Andrew Miller
Stephen Miller
Michael Pertoso
Thomas Pertoso
John Saksa
Thomas Savarese
Steven Schmidt
Wesley Sekelsky
Matthew Tarini
Robert Tartaglia
Jackson Taylor
Christopher Turechek
Zachary Tuskowski
Daniel Vigezzi
Matthew Vittori
Gregory Wresilo
Michael Yevich

Scoutmaster's Message:

This is our first newsletter in quite a long time. It has proved to be very difficult to coordinate all those involved to put this together. In the future, we hope to get one out at least every other month.

This past month and this next month, we will have had a number of scouts join our troop. Nine crossed over from Pack 27, one is crossing from Pack 3, one is a transfer from Troop 28, and one is new to scouts. Please help me make them feel welcome as they join our scouting family.

Over the past few months, we've had a busy schedule. In January, we held our belated Holiday Party/Court-of-Honor. Four scouts were presented with the Star Rank, and 2 scouts received their Life Rank. We also attended the Klondike. In February, eight scouts attended Winter Camp at Edmund Strang Scout Reservation (ESSR) and we held a Second Class Skills event. A few weeks ago we skied at Mohawk Mountain while we camped indoors at ESSR.

The Scoutmaster's corps has their work cut out for them; scheduling activities to help the second year scouts achieve the rank of First Class in the Spring, while helping the new scouts achieve the rank of Tenderfoot. In addition, they need help from the older boys to keep the program interesting for everyone. All this, in a troop that has grown to 35 scouts.

I'm tired just thinking about it all!!!

We are planning to change the patrols around in the next few weeks. Then the patrols will vote on their new patrol leaders, which will give the current ones a final break. They have been in their current positions for an entire year. We hope to have this process completed by the March 27th Court-of-Honor.

Many thanks go out to Marlene Drost who acted as our Popcorn Kernel this year, and Jenette Kreitler who ran our Court-of-Honor/Holiday Party. Also thank you to Margie Mingrone and Sharon Pertoso for running the Election Day Bake Sale.

Finally, everyone should be thinking about Summer Camp. This is a great place to learn scout skills, earn merit badges, make friends and have fun!!!

Attend Summer Camp and don't miss out on the FUN!!!

Next up – Court-of-Honor. I hope everyone can make it!

Yours in Scouting!
Bob Mingrone
Scoutmaster

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 27th: Court of Honor & Lock-in?

Wednesday, April 1st: Troop Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 5th: Pancake Breakfast

Monday, April 13th: Roundtable (Council)

Friday, April 24th - Sunday, April 26th: Sleeping Giant Camping Trip

Friday, May 15th - Sunday, May 18th: Spring Camporee

Friday, June 19th - Sunday, June 21st: Block Island Camping Trip

Friday, June 26th: Court of Honor Picnic

Sunday, July 12th - Friday, July 18th: Summer Camp

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Troop Committee

Robert Mancini
Charter Org. Rep.

Michael Yevich
Committee Chair

Bob Mingrone
Scoutmaster

Kevin Barber
Assistant Scoutmaster

Gary Chrislip
Assistant Scoutmaster

Warren Egensteiner
Assistant Scoutmaster

Eric Gourley
Assistant Scoutmaster

Brendan Gourley
Assistant Scoutmaster

Timothy Tarini
Assistant Scoutmaster

Frank Turechek
Assistant Scoutmaster

Michael Vigezzi
Assistant Scoutmaster

Gregory Wresilo
Assistant Scoutmaster

Rob Vittori
Treasurer

Margie Mingrone
Advancement Chair

Marlene Drost
Committee Member

Stuart Drost
Committee Member

Gary Johnson
Committee Member

Jenette Kreidler
Committee Member

Holly Miller
Committee Member

James Pertoso
Committee Member

Sharon Pertoso
Committee Member

Olga Yevich
Committee Member

John Zaleski
Committee Member

Senior Patrol Leader's Corner:

I want to personally welcome all of the new scouts to our troop. This year, the Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) has been hard at work planning and actually running the meetings and events. I hope all of the previous members of our troop have found the meetings to be more enjoyable.

We have the Court-of-Honor, Pancake Breakfast, Sleeping Giant camping trip, Camporee, Block Island camping trip, Summer Camp, and a hike or two scheduled into the summer months. So put on your hiking boots, or uniforms, or rain gear, or WHATEVER!!!!

It should be a great next few months!

See you at the Court-of-Honor in a few weeks!

Thomas Mingrone
SPL

Schedule or Events:

Court-of-Honor: Friday, March 27th at 6:00 PM at the White Hills REC Center or Shelton Community Center.

Troop Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM at the Shelton Community Center.

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, April 5th at the White Hills REC Center.

Roundtable Meeting (Council): Monday, April 13th at 7:30 PM at the Housatonic Council Office.

Sleeping Giant Camping Trip: Friday, April 24th - Sunday, April 26th at Wawatasi campground.

Spring Camporee: Friday, May 15th - Sunday, May 18th at Edmund Strang Scout Reservation.

Block Island Camping Trip: Friday, June 19th - Sunday, June 21st

Court-of-Honor Picnic: Friday, June 26th

Summer Camp: Sunday, July 12th - Friday, July 18th

Treasurer:

2009 dues are now due, but the troop will not collect it until after the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. This will allow scouts to apply money they earn from this event to their dues. Scout earns \$2.50 per ticket for each ticket sold before April 3rd. After the Pancake Breakfast I will forward a statement to each family showing the balance in each scout account. You may use this toward the scout's dues if so desired. Troop 27 dues are as follows:

Dues: \$50 (\$10 discount for each additional family member) per year

Equipment fee: \$35 (one time, first year scouts only)

Rob Vittori
Treasurer

Welcome New Scouts!!!

New Scouts:	Previous Scouting Experience	New Scouts:	Previous Scouting Experience
Kyle Capoccitti	Pack 27	Steven Schmidt	Pack 27
Luke Clair	Pack 27	Robert Tartaglia	Pack 27
Zachary Johnson	Pack 27	Jackson Taylor	Troop 28
Christopher LaPinta	Pack 3	Zachary Tuskowski	Pack 27
Michael Pertoso	Pack 27	Gregory Wresilo	New to Scouts
John Saksa	Pack 27		

Rank Advancements:

Scout	Rank	Scout	Rank
June 12, 2008		July 18, 2008 (Continued)	
Mark Alterio	First Class	Wesley Sekelsky	Tenderfoot
Kyle Barber	First Class	Matthew Tarini	Tenderfoot
Ryan Caruso	First Class	Christopher Turechek	Tenderfoot
Ryan Cyr	First Class	Daniel Vigezzi	Tenderfoot
Kyle Drost	First Class	Matthew Vittori	Tenderfoot
Jake Johnson	First Class	Christopher Cavuoto	Life
Joshua Kreitler	First Class	Andrew Miller	Life
Mike Yevich	First Class		
July 18, 2008		December 15, 2008	
Patrick Chrislip	Tenderfoot	Kyle Barber	Star
Logan Clair	Tenderfoot	Jake Johnson	Star
Matthew Gannon	Tenderfoot	Joshua Kreitler	Star
Harrison Infante	Tenderfoot	Mike Yevich	Star
Thomas Pertoso	Tenderfoot	Aaron Egensteiner	Life
Thomas Savarese	Tenderfoot	Thomas Mingrone	Life

Troop Committee Report:

I would also like to welcome all our new Scouts and their families to our Troop. The Scouts and families of Troop 27 have a long history of supporting the Troop and Scouting in general. That being said, I would like to remind everyone of some important items.

The first is the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. At our last meeting, FOS pledge cards were handed out. If you didn't receive one, please see Scoutmaster Mingrone. FOS is very important to our Council. It provides a major source of funding for the superior, award-winning, program we all enjoy. If you haven't sent in your donation, please consider this worthwhile investment in our Scouting program.

Second is the various Council Committees that need representation from Troop 27. These Committees (listed below) set the direction for our Council programs and events and we need to be involved. If you can spare some time, please let me know if you are interested in joining any of these Committees.

- o BS/CS Activities - meets 1st Monday of the month but may vary due to holidays (see Calendar)
- o Advancement - meets 4th Monday of the month at Council, 7pm
- o Camping - meets 4th Tuesday of the month at Council, 7pm
- o Membership - meets twice a year, Spring and Fall, at Council, 7pm (no set dates)
- o 100th Anniv, Good Turn, Training, Fundraising - No set meeting dates

Thank you,

Mike Yevich

Troop Committee Chair

Spotlight on Advancements:

Currently we are running both the *Family Life* and *Communications* merit badges. We will be offering *Camping* and *First Aid* in the near future.

We will keep you posted.

Margie Mingrone
Advancement Chair

P.S.:

Please check out our gallery of photos at our website at www.troop27whitehills.com.