

Red N Black Monthly Newsletter December 2011/ January 2012

December

- 5 Troop Meeting
Webelos Watch/ Fire Skills
- 10-11 Hockey Scout Night @ Glens Falls Civic Ctr.
Overnight outing /Pick up scouts in am
- 12 Troop Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 19 Troop Meeting
Holiday Bingo!
- 20 Hanukkah begins
- 25 Christmas
- 26 NO Troop Meeting
Winter Break

January

- 2 NO Troop Meeting
Holiday Break
- 7-8 OKPIK
- 8 Troop Committee Mtng. 7 pm Elks
- 9 Troop Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 13-15 Tentative Troop Winter Camping
- 16 NO Troop Meeting
Martin Luther King Day
- 23 Troop Meeting
Webelos Watch
- 29 Pancake Breakfast
- 30 Troop Meeting

Scouting for Food was a great success and we thank all the scouts and families that turned up to help with bag drop off, pick up, sorting and delivery of the food to the Jonesville Food Pantry. Thanks to Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. Chaturvedi who helped to organize this event this year. If you still have any maps or signs, please return asap!! They will be stored for use again next year. Troop 246 will continue with a food collection program throughout the year to assist the food pantry. Listen at meetings for dates of collection.

The Ethnic Dinner was a great night and our scouts and leaders enjoyed some delicious dishes and desserts! The boys seemed to have some favorites and we thank everyone for the great variety of scout-friendly foods! It was a nice evening where the boys were able to sit and enjoy each other's company. The holiday cards that the scouts signed at the dinner have been sent overseas in time to reach our troops for the holidays. Thank you to all that participated!

Holiday BINGO is quickly approaching!! This was a great night last year and we are hoping to repeat it on Dec. 19. BINGO begins at 7 pm so please be on time! We are hoping to send every scout home with a prize or two by the end of the night. If you would be willing to donate an item to the prize table, please bring it, unwrapped, to the next troop meeting. Thank you to those who have already brought in items for BINGO night! All items should be brought in by Dec. 12 in order to give us time to collect enough gifts by Dec. 19. **Need a gift idea?** How about a \$5.00 gift certificate to any food shop in town!? Maybe a scout item like a headlight or a camping item!? Ask your scout for a good idea!! This is a night for the scouts to enjoy, in order for us to have enough scout prizes we ask that parents make alternative arrangements for siblings and thank you in advance!

A Troop 246 Community Service program you won't want to miss.....

A Tree for the Troops! Scouts have selected tags off our Holiday Tree in support of our military service men and women serving overseas at the holiday. This is a tough time of year to be so far away from families and Troop 246 wants them to know how much we appreciate them! Scouts should bring in the

items they purchased from the tags selected so we can gather and send off the items to our deserving troops. A great way for us to show how much we care! Thank you to Mrs. Butler for organizing! Coming on Dec. 10-11.....**Scout Night at the Glens Falls Civic Center!** Scouts will watch a Phantoms hockey game and then enjoy a night on the ice after the spectators have gone home! The boys will camp out in the Civic Center overnight and will participate in various planned activities. Sign-ups have already begun to be sure to get your name on the list so you won't miss out!

There are still tickets available to go see the Harlem Globetrotters!!!

The Harlem Globetrotters 2012 World Tour

Sunday, February 5, 2012 at the Times Union Center, Albany

1:00 PM (doors open @ 12:00 noon)

\$19/ ticket with scout discount (regularly \$35 seats) Section 107, Rows P & Q

Plus \$1 per family to cover the Times Union Center's service fee

Each attending scout will receive a patch

Orders due by Monday, January 9, 2012

Limited tickets available – first come, first served!

To order, please contact Lori Bennett – tbkb2@nycap.rr.com or 877-4914

Tickets will be distributed after full payment is made to the Times Union Center

Parents, these would make great Christmas gifts!

Roundtable. What is it? Calling all Committee Members, Assistant Scoutmasters and parents! Roundtable is a monthly district meeting where troop representatives learn about new programs, gather information on district and council activities, learn what's new in the council and have a general exchange of ideas. Roundtable for the Saratoga District is held the 2nd Tues. of the month and is listed in our monthly newsletter. Troop 246 tries to have at least one representative at the meeting each month so we don't miss out on any important information for our troop. Would you be willing to go to one meeting this year? See Mrs. Colvin or Mrs. Zeggert for available dates if you'd be interested to go!

Any scout needing to contact the Troop Librarian for Merit Badge Counselor names please contact our SPL Nathan Laing at egghead50112@yahoo.com. The winter break is a great time to work on merit badges outside of troop meetings to help you move ahead in rank advancement before the next COH.

Webelos Watch is coming! Webelos Watch is coming! Troop 246 will hold 2 nights of activities for area Webelos that are searching for a Boy Scout troop to join as they end their Cub Scout programs. Each year we are fortunate to host a few scouts in hopes of them joining our troop. We plan to work on scout skills and other activities and will look to our boys to provide some fun and guidance. This year we will hold our first Webelos Watch Program on Dec. 5 and will hold our second Webelos Watch Program on Jan. 23. It's great to have all our scouts and leaders participate with these important events.

Scouts we still have some popcorn available for purchase. Please contact Mrs. Motyl if interested!

Lastly.....Enjoy your holidays with family and friends, stay safe and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!!