

Red N Black Monthly Newsletter January/ February 2012

January

2 NO Troop Meeting
Holiday Break
7-8 OKPIK
8 Troop Committee Mtng. 7 pm Elks
9 Troop Meeting
10 Roundtable

16 NO Troop Meeting
Martin Luther King Day
23 Troop Meeting
Webelos Watch
29 Pancake Breakfast
30 Troop Meeting

February

3-4 Tentative Campout for Klondike Derby
4 Klondike Derby
5 Scout Sunday
6 Troop Meeting
Scoutmaster Conferences
11 American Red Cross Blood Drive at Elks
12 TC Mtng 7pm Elks
13 Troop Meeting
Scoutmaster Conferences/ BOR
14 Roundtable
17 Scout Sponsored Dinner at Elks
20 No Troop Meeting
President's Day/ Winter Break
25 Cub Scout Winter Carnival at Elks
27 Troop Meeting
BOR/ Blue cards Due

HAPPY NEW YEAR to Troop 246 Family and Friends! Hopefully you have all enjoyed your holiday celebrations and are now ready for the New Year ahead! We have just concluded a year full of scouting adventures and we have many new and exciting activities ahead as we begin 2012! Here we go!!

Holiday BINGO was a great night of fun and camaraderie and we had many enthusiastic winners!! All the scouts went home with prizes and we thank all the Troop 246 families that donated gifts and prizes for the scouts. This end of the year program is a wonderful way for the scouts to celebrate the season. We extend our thanks to Mr. Lumpkins for enthusiastically calling the BINGO numbers all night! Congratulations to our movie basket winners this year!

A Tree for the Troops! Thank you to all our scouts and families that donated items for A Tree for the Troops project. The items collected were sent to our military service men and women serving overseas. This is a tough time of year to be so far away from families and Troop 246 did a great job in letting them know how much we appreciate them! Thank you to Mrs. Butler for organizing!

Troop 246 will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning, Jan. 29 from 8 am – 11 am. We will be looking for help from scouts and adults to make this successful! Younger scouts will be in the dining room serving the prepared breakfast items and clearing tables when patrons are done and adults will be needed in the kitchen to cook a fine meal! Then we need hungry attendees! We will need a scout to organize the breakfast and prepare sign-up sheets for shift coverage. Please see Mr. Lumpkins if you would like to organize the breakfast. This is a great opportunity for scouts needing leadership for rank advancement. Proceeds from this breakfast will be used to purchase materials for Troop 246 to make and then donate blankets to Captain.

Mark your calendars for the Klondike Derby!! The Klondike Derby will be held on Feb.4 at Boyhaven. Troop 246 has planned a weekend of camping around this great event. There will be team competitions throughout the Derby so be sure to watch for sign ups and start thinking about those contests! Watch for details at troop meetings.

Troop 246 is sponsoring our 5th Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Elks Lodge on February 11 from 8 am – 1 pm. (Set up will be earlier in morning) **Adult volunteers will be needed to donate blood** (must be at least 16 years old), scouts will be needed **to make phone calls** for appointments and **scouts will be needed** to work at the Blood Drive **to greet donors** as they arrive, **hang posters** around the community, **to hand out juice and refreshment** to the donors. Class B uniforms should be worn by scouts volunteering for this event. This is a great opportunity for scouts to earn

community service hours. Mr. Bissett will be overseeing the Blood Drive and will need a scout or two to help organize. If you need leadership hours, please contact Mr. Bissett asap!

Time's running out to order tickets for.....**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 To order, please contact Lori Bennett tbkb2@nycap.rr.com

Here's what's coming.....

Troop 246 is going to New York City!!

Mark your calendars!! **Troop 246 will be spending a day in NYC on Saturday, April 21, 2012!**

Bus leaves early (5:45 AM) from Clifton Park and we'll arrive at 10 AM at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in NYC. We'll spend 2 hours aboard the ship checking out all there is to see and do. If you are at least 48in. tall you can ride the Transporter Simulator too!

We'll leave the Intrepid at noon and arrive next at the American Museum of Natural History where we'll enjoy the exhibits, planetarium, take a journey to the stars and hit the IMAX Theater! We'll depart NYC just before 6 PM and head back to Clifton Park for a 10:30 PM arrival. PHEW!!

Troop 246 will pick up the cost of the charter bus for all, so scouts can attend the day in NYC for \$40.00. Registered adults can attend for \$45.00.

If there are additional seats available, they will be available for \$45.00.

Watch for sign up details coming very soon! Payment must be made by March 5 to secure a seat on the bus for scouts and registered adults.

It's not too early to start thinking about summer camp!!

Troop 246 will be attending Summer Camp this year the week of July 22-28, 2012. Mark your calendars NOW!! It's also not too early to start preparing your scout's Health Forms. All scouts and adults must have their Health Forms updated every year. If your scout has a physical coming up in these winter months, be sure to provide your physician with the BSA health forms and get them completed during your appointment. **This year your scout can attend summer camp for last year's price IF you get a deposit of \$50.00 in by March 5.** Avoid the summer panic!! All forms are available on the Council website at www.trcscouting.org .With any other questions related to medical forms please contact Mrs. Bianconi at bianconi@Verizon.net . Contact Mrs. Colvin with any summer camp questions.

Here are the recent appointments for Troop 246. These positions will run through July 2012 for rank advancement.

Historian: Matt Lewis

Librarian: Austin Weaver

Troop Guides: Robert Robak, Evan Laing

Webmaster: Josh Grazda

Quartermaster: Nathaniel Kinkaid