

# RED N BLACK Monthly Newsletter

## March/ April 2012

### March

- 5 Troop Meeting/ **Court of Honor**  
Intrepid Trip \$ Due  
Early Bird Summer Camp deposit Due
- 10 POW WOW (Leader Training) at Siena
- 10 Tentative Elk Workers Appreciation Dinner
- 13 Adult Recognition Dinner at Elks
- 14 Troop Meeting  
Troop Birthday #15  
OA Elections
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 18 TC Meeting at Elks 7 pm
- 19 Troop Meeting
- 25 Elk Installation Dinner
- 26 Troop Meeting
- 27 SM & ASM Leader Specific Training

### April

- 1 Palm Sunday/ Pancake Breakfast
- 2 Troop Meeting  
Troop Elections (position to begin 8/1/12)  
**Summer Camp CAMPERSHIPS due!**
- 9 NO Troop Meeting (due to Spring Break)
- 10 Roundtable
- 12-15 **Gettysburg Trip!**
- 16 Troop Meeting
- 21 **Intrepid Trip to NYC!**
- 22 TC Meeting at Elks 7 pm
- 23 Troop Meeting
- 27-29 Outdoor Leader Training at Wakpomee
- 27 Scout Sponsored Dinner at Elks
- 27-29 Tentative New Scout Overnight at Elks

The **Winter Court of Honor** was held on March 5. We applaud the scouts that advanced in Rank as well as those that earned merit badges and special recognitions during the fall and winter months. Thank you to the families and friends that support the achievements of the Troop, it means a lot to the boys that you are here! Please note deadlines for Intrepid Trip \$ and Early Bird Summer Camp deposits are due on this date!

Many thanks to everyone that participated and volunteered during the **American Red Cross Blood Drive** that Troop 246 sponsored on Feb. 11. The event went smoothly and was highly successful in that 25 pints of blood were collected for the Red Cross blood supply. We welcomed 2 first time donors! Thank you to our Troop 246 members who rolled up their sleeves and gave the ultimate donation! You are our heroes!! Great job to Austin Weaver who helped to organize the Blood Drive this year!

Troop 246 will be **celebrating its birthday on March 12 as we turn 15!** Troop 246 continues to thrive during all of those 15 years! Thanks to the dedicated scouts and leaders and the families for keeping Troop 246 active and moving forward! Come join us for cake as we celebrate another year of adventure, challenge, camaraderie and community involvement! Scouts are asked to wear their Class A uniforms as we'll take our annual troop photo! Bring your smiles!! Please be at the Elks by 6:45 pm. Order of the Arrow elections will take place at this meeting. Please see Mr. Murphy **before** this election night if you think you are eligible for selection. Newly elected OA candidates will not be revealed until the Tap Out Ceremony at the Spring Camporee.

Our next **Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday morning, April 1** at the CP Elks. We will be looking for scout volunteers to help set up, serve, bus tables and clean up. We will need adult volunteers to help out in the kitchen and cook our fine feast! Older scouts will be able to help out in the kitchen too. Please watch for more information about shift assignments and sign ups. Spread the word too, we'll need lots of hungry friends and families to come enjoy the meal with us!

## SUMMER CAMP IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ FOR DUE DATES AND DEADLINES!

- Summer Camp for Troop 246 will be **Sun. July 22 thru Sat. July 28, 2012** at Wakpominee.
- To lock-in last year's camp fees of \$310.00 Deposit had to be received by Nov 1, 2011.
- Early Bird Summer Camp fees for 2012 are \$325, with \$50.deposit made by March 5 to Troop 246.
- Full payment for Summer Camp is due by April 16 to Troop 246 (for the \$325. fee)
- Payments after this date will increase to \$375.
- New scouts will receive a due date extension for the \$325 camp fee if paid in full by June 1 (payment to Council because Troop 246 will have already turned in camp fees by this date).
- Campership applications will be accepted to Troop 246 until April 2. Forms are available on the council website at [www.trcscouting.org](http://www.trcscouting.org). All decisions on camperships are made by council. At most, camperships will cover ½ of Early Bird Fee.
- If you apply for a campership, you will still need to submit half payment of early bird summer camp fee of (\$162.50) to Troop 246 by Apr. 16.
- All Scouts must have a Summer Camp Permission Slip completed and turned in.
- All Scouts and adults attending summer camp must have **Medical forms A,B,C** completed and turned in for review by June 4.
- **All camp forms will be emailed to parents and are available on the council website (listed above).**
- All checks should be made out to : Troop 246
- Be sure to review the Summer Camp Refund Policy.
- ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL.....contact Mrs. Zeggert or Mrs. Colvin.

**What is Scout Credit??** Scout credits are earned through specific fundraising programs and occasional community events where scouts will receive a portion of the return for their efforts. The Fall Popcorn Sale is a great way for scouts to receive credits. If scouts meet their sales goal they will earn credits back in an account specifically set up for them. If scouts participate in certain community events where the troop receives income, the profits are divided by the participating scouts where they will be placed into their individual accounts. New scouts crossing over from other troops may bring credits from their previous packs. These credits will be rolled over into their new account. Scouts automatically have an account set up for them when they become registered in Troop 246. The credits can be used towards scout summer camp fees or for other troop activities. They can also be used to purchase items at the Council Scout Store. Just remit the scout credit slip with what you want your credits to go towards and we'll take care of the rest! Scout credits can be requested at any time, but they will be disbursed twice a year by our Treasurer, Mrs. Laing. See Mrs. Zeggert, Mrs. Colvin or Mrs. Laing if you have questions.

### *Boy Scout Gettysburg Trip*

Thursday April 12th 8:30am returning Sunday April 15th

#### **Trip includes:**

\*Charter Bus ride to and from Clifton Park \*3 nights camping at Artillery Ridge Camping Area \* All scheduled meals on the trip \* All fees into the National Park for Friday and Saturday \*Guided Bus tour of the National Park and cemeteries Saturday morning \*2 different actor re-enactment performances \*General Pickets All~ You ~Can ~Eat Buffet Friday Night in Town \* A Ghosts walk of Gettysburg \* The Billy Yank Trail Hike Friday \*Johnny Reb. Trail Hike on Saturday

## **INTREPID TRIP!! Troop 246 will be spending a day in NYC on Saturday, April 21, 2012!**

Bus leaves early (5:45 AM) from Clifton Park and arrives 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.

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.

**Troop 246 is offering a one-time credit of \$50.00 to scouts** for use at one of the activities below, to help with the cost of the selected program. If you plan to participate in one of these events, please see Mrs. Zeggert or Mrs. Colvin for further details.

Eligible programs include: Gettysburg Trip, Intrepid Trip or Summer Camp

**Our new scout overnight will take place the weekend of April 27-April 29** (Fri to Sun). We've had great weather so far this (winter) so we'll hope to be as fortunate! All scouts participating will gather at the Elks Lodge in Clifton Park on Fri. night and set up camp behind the pavilion. A parent of the new scout must attend with your son. Scouts will be working on rank requirements during the weekend so be sure to bring along your scout handbook. Scouts should also get a blue card for the camping Merit badge from Mr. Murphy and have it signed by Mr. Lumpkins **before** the campout begins. This way all scouts will begin working on the requirements for this Eagle required MB too. Additional planning for the overnight will be done at future troop meetings.

Scouts are once again invited to sell/purchase **Great Escape tickets this year!** Each ticket is good for one visit on one of the following days: May 19, 20, 25 – 28, 30, June 1-3, 6-10, 13-17 The cost is \$22.50 per ticket, and scouts earn \$5 in Scout credits per ticket sold. Scout credits can be used towards any troop event or summer camp. Scouts can purchase at the Park a special C'Mon Back ticket any day during the season for \$20 plus tax.

Tickets can also be upgraded to a season pass for an additional \$34.99 plus tax (at the park). Tickets can be ordered by contacting Mrs. Laing at [wmlaing@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wmlaing@nycap.rr.com) or at weekly troop meetings and will be sold through June 10, 2012.

**Community Service:** Troop 246 is presently making fleece blankets to be donated to Captains in CP. If you have an idea for a community service project, either for the troop or for a small group of scouts, please contact Mrs. Butler at [nbdoggs@aol.com](mailto:nbdoggs@aol.com).