

Red N Black Monthly Newsletter November/ December 2011

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11 Veteran's Day/ NO school
12 Scouting for Food Bag Drop Off
12 Matt Coughlin Eagle Court of Honor
14 Troop Meeting
17 SM & ASM Training Part III
18-20 Tentative Camp out at Elks
19 Scouting for Food Bag Pick-up and Delivery
20 TC Mtng 7 pm Elks
21 Troop Meeting
Ethnic Dinner and POPCORN pick-up
24 Thanksgiving
28 NO Troop Meeting

December

5 Troop Meeting
Webelos Watch
10 Hockey Scout Night @ Glens Falls Civic Ctr.
Call Civic Center for Tickets
12 Troop Meeting
13 Roundtable
19 Troop Meeting
Holiday Bingo!
25 Christmas
26 NO Troop Meeting
Winter Break
Jan. 2 NO Troop Meeting

Troop registration was due on Oct. 24. If you have not handed in your scout or adult registration do so ASAP! There are separate forms for the scouts and adults. Registration fees for council have remained as they were last year so our Troop 246 registration fee this year remains as it was last year, at **\$50.00** per scout. Adults must complete their Youth Protection Training before council will accept your registration. Be sure to hand in a copy of your completed training with your registration. Troop 246 will re-charter this month and accurate registrations are a must! Thank you to all registrants!
Checks should be made out to Troop 246.

The Popcorn Sale is over!! Many, many thanks to the scouts who were able to sell \$250.00 or more! We had several scouts well exceed this number. Since this is our biggest fundraiser of the scout year, popcorn sales will help to bring various activities, programs and equipment to our troop. Great job!! We extend a gracious thank you Mrs. Motyl who worked very hard to motivate the sellers and track the scout's sales and set up several opportunities for the scouts to sell popcorn outside of the neighborhood. For scouts that chose the buyout, payment can be made to Troop 246. Please be sure to hand them in to Mrs. Motyl asap. [Popcorn pick up will be on Nov. 21 for delivery by Thanksgiving.](#)

The CP Elks are celebrating their 40th Anniversary with a dinner on Fri. Nov. 11. They are looking to Troop 246 to assist with serving and clean-up so the members can enjoy their celebration. Watch for sign ups to help at our next Troop meeting.

Matt Coughlin will hold his Eagle Court of Honor on Sat., Nov. 12 at 2 pm at the CP Elks. Matt has been an active member of Troop 246 for several years. Please come and help him celebrate this milestone in his scouting career. For younger scouts that have not been to an Eagle Ceremony, it is a special event! Congratulations to Matt and his family!

Scouting for Food (SFF) will be held over the next 2 Saturdays, Nov. 12 and Nov 19. SFF bag drop off will be held Saturday morning Nov.12. Scouts will meet in the parking lot of the (former) Old Dater

Tavern on the corner of Farm to Market Road and Route 9. Neighborhoods maps will be available and scouts will be given street assignments for bag drop off. Troop 246 will gather once again on the next Sat. Nov. 19, for Bag pick up at the Elks in CP. Scouts will receive street maps and complete the bag pick up. Collected bags will be delivered to the Jonesville Food Pantry where the scouts will help out with sorting. The Jonesville Food Pantry relies on our Food Drive to stock their shelves for the Holiday season, so please join us for the food drive. We will also need many adult volunteers to take the boys to their assigned locations.....please sign up to help!

Mrs. Meyers organizes our Scouting for Food Program. This will be her last year coordinating and she is looking for a scout and a parent to volunteer to work with her this year and take it over for next year. If interested please contact Mrs. Meyers at wiscnew@earthlink.net .

Troop 246 is planning a campout on Fri. and Sat. night during our Scouting for Food bag drop off weekend. This is Nov. 18-19-20. We have a couple of other scouting activities that weekend, so camping out at the Elks will keep us together and available for the activities. Watch for sign-up sheets at Troop meetings.

The CP YMCA HoopShoot will be held on Sat. Nov. 19th from 10-2 pm. Scouts are needed to sign up to assist with the program for the day.

Congratulations to all the scouts that were recognized at our **Fall Court of Honor**. Scouts earned many merit badges during the summer months and while at camp! Impressive! We had many scouts receive rank advancement as well and the evening was full of kudos and scout spirit all around! Our New Senior Patrol Leader, Nathan Laing, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Alex Granger, were officially sworn in to their new positions. Congratulations to all!

Our Holiday Ethnic Dinner will be held the Mon. before Thanksgiving, Nov. 24. This is a meal for scouts and leaders. Scouts are asked to bring a dish to share with the troop that identifies the scout's heritage. We should get a wonderful variety of scout friendly foods.....please consider a main dish, a side dish, an appetizer or a dessert. Drinks will be provided. This is always a fun night of camaraderie, laughter and scout spirit! Scouts should arrive by 7 pm. Popcorn pick up will begin at 6:30. Scouts will participate in a Community Service activity prior to the dinner by signing holiday cards for military personnel overseas. This will be a great way to start off our holiday celebrations!

Troop 246 prides itself on our Community Service. Scouts needing community service hours can participate in any of the activities of service the troop organizes. Scouts are also encouraged to organize a community service project of their own.

Any scouts interested in organizing a community service project involving a cleanup at a local park (before the snow falls again!) should contact Mrs. Butler at nbdoggs@aol.com.

Here's what's coming in the weeks ahead.....

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

A Tree for the Troops! Scouts will select 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 will be asked to purchase items listed on the tags (hot chocolate, cheese n cracker snacks, hard candies, etc) and bring them to troop meetings where they will be gathered and sent off to be packaged and sent overseas to our deserving troops. A great way for us to show how much we care! Be watching for the "Tree"

Another scout favorite.....**Holiday BINGO!** Coming in Dec! **Holiday BINGO is coming back!!** Troop 246 will enjoy Holiday BINGO at our Dec. 19 scout meeting. Scouts will gather to test the bingo balls again this year and try to go home with a hand selected prize! Like last year, we will ask for any appropriate donations from families that may make a great BINGO prize for the boys. Some well sought after gifts last year included appropriate DVDs, camping gear (flashlights, headgear, etc.), gift cards were a big hit too. We hope to gather enough prizes to guarantee every scout goes home with something. If you'd like to make a prize donation, please see Mrs. Clark!

Here's a great scout and family opportunity.....

Come see the Harlem Globetrotters!!!

Troop 246 has reserved seats for watching this incredible basketball team. Details below.

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!

