

RED AND BLACK

Blood Drive

The annual blood drive will be held **Saturday February 9th from 8am -12pm at the Clifton Park Elk's Lodge**. We will need several volunteers to help greeting , registering, and passing out snacks to donors. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please see Ed Winegard (Macgregor's Dad) at Monday's meeting. If you would like to donate blood please go to redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. Donation takes about an hour. 16-18 year olds are eligible to give blood with parental consent. All donors will receive a coupon for FREE Chili's appetizer or dessert!

Washington, DC trip:

A block of rooms is being held for those going on the trip to Washington, DC at the New Carrollton Courtyard by Marriott. The rooms will only be held until 3/11, so be sure to get your reservations in early. Once you have a reservation, please let Mrs. Zeggert know. For the scouts attending without their families, please coordinate amongst yourselves the reservation and payment. Information on how to make a reservation was distributed last week.

A Metro pass will be needed that will give each person unlimited travel on the buses and subways of Washington. You can purchase them via the internet ahead of time (wmata.com), or at a Metro station once we arrive. The cost of the pass is \$57.50 per person.

There are various fundraisers planned to help offset the cost of this trip. You are encouraged to take advantage of as many as possible. Mrs. Stroud is coordinating the Hoffman's car wash sale, Mrs. Weaver the restaurant nights, Mrs. Chaturvedi and Mrs. Bennet the scout dinner, and Mrs. Miles the bottle drive. Look for more information from them as the fundraiser kick off.

The trip will be here before you know it!

Summer camp:

Even though there is snow on the ground, it's time to think about Summer Camp! Troop 246 will be headed to Wakpominee July 21st - July 27.

Just like last year, the camp is running a Loyalty Program. Scouts who get in a \$50 deposit to the troop by 3/11 will lock in last year's price of \$325. That's a \$25 savings! The remainder of the money will be due by 4/29.

Please make checks payable to Troop 246 and turn them in to Mrs. Zeggert or Ms. Whimple.

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Health Forms:

Don't forget to keep your health forms up to date! All scouts and adults must have their health forms updated this year. Check the dates to make sure you are all set for Washington, DC and summer camp! Contact Mrs. Bianconi at bianconi@Verizon.net with questions about health forms.

2013 Pow Wow Institute of Scouting

Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Siena College. <http://www.trcscouting.org/PowWow/>

It's a Scout leader's learning adventure! It is an action-packed, fun-filled single day of supplemental training where you choose the sessions that you wish to take. Sessions are led by experienced volunteers who will help you enhance your ability to deliver a fun and exciting program to the scouts. It offers a wide range of unique **adult leader training** courses. Open to all adult leaders – new or experienced and parents too. There is “something of value to be gained by any and all leaders”! The Pow Wow Institute of Scouting is much more than just another training course. It's a day long get together, a big, fun-filled experience where Scout leaders increase their knowledge, improve their skills, and gain enthusiastic attitudes about Scouting. In addition to the many classes and resources, this event provides participants with a chance to meet leaders from all over the Twin River Council area. It's designed for Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, District Committee members, Commissioners and parents. There is “something of value to be gained by any and all leaders”!

Pre-registration is a MUST, no walk-ins will be accepted at the door. Register early to ensure the best possibility of attending your desired courses. Though registrations can be done by mail, fax, e-mail or online. On line registration payments can be made via credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) or by electronic check. **We strongly encourage on line registration in order to secure your preferred courses though the Pow Wow website.** <http://www.trcscouting.org/PowWow/> Due to the nature of this event, we must ask that **ADULTS ONLY** attend Pow Wow. **CHILD CARE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

3rd Scout Sunday

4th MEETING @ELK'S 7 P.M.

8th ELK'S DINNER

9TH BLOOD DRIVE 8-12 @ELK'S

11TH MEETING @ ELK'S 7 P.M.

18th NO MEETING **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

23rd CUB SCOUT WINTER CARNIVAL

25th MEETING @ ELK'S 7.P.M.

MARCH

4TH MEETING @ Elk's 7 P.M.

COURT OF HONOR

9TH ELK'S WORKERS APPRECIATION DINNER

11TH MEETING @ Elk's 7 p.m.

15-17TH TENTATIVE CAMPING

18TH MEETING AT THE ELKS 7 P.M.

23rd LEADER'S POW WOW

25TH MEETING @ Elk's 7 p.m.

PLEASE check the troop website www.troop246bsa.org for more detailed information.

Meetings take place at the Clifton Park Elk's Lodge #2466
695 Mac Elroy Road, Ballston Lake, NY