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Important Dates to Remember

Feb. 4	Troop Meeting (<i>Iditarod Prep</i>) Dater School – 7:30 PM	Feb. 25	Troop Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM
Feb. 7	Iditarod 2009 Crestwood Lake, Allendale	Feb. 26	Committee Meeting Municipal Building – 7:30PM
Feb. 8	Scout Sunday at your place of worship	Mar. 4	PLC Dater School – 7:30 PM
Feb. 11	Troop Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM	Mar. 11	Troop Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM
Feb. 14	Scout Sabbath at your place of worship	Mar. 14-15	Challenger Center overnight Airmont, NY 5PM-10AM
Feb. 18	Court of Awards Masonic Lodge – 6:30 PM	Mar. 18	Troop Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM
Feb. 21	District Ski Day at Belleayre Mountain (See www.nnjbsa.org for details)	Mar. 25	Troop Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM
		Mar. 28	Thunder Mountain shooting Ringwood, NJ

IDITAROD

Reminder: The famous Alaskan Sled Race comes to NNJ on February 7th. - **Join us for Iditarod 2009** - to be run on the frozen wastelands of Allendale's Crestwood Lake. Teams of 8 Scouts will test their skills as they trek their sled and gear to various "towns" in an effort to gather golden nuggets of skills & knowledge. See website for permission slip and details, or email: ASM Bill Welsh wwelsh123@hotmail.com.



CHALLENGER CENTER

Mission to the Moon at the Lower Hudson Valley Challenger Center
Saturday March 14th 5:00pm to Sunday March 15th 10:00am

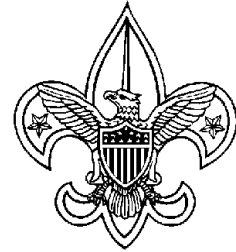
Take a 3 hour round trip to the Moon, and get a start on (or continue) your Space Exploration



merit badge! Be part of the crew on the spaceship or in mission control. We will be completing merit badge requirements 2 (Collector's card) and 7 (Design a space base), and we will be building a rocket for requirement 3. Later this year, launch your rocket with the staff of the Challenger Center to complete requirement 3. In March of 2010, we will complete requirements 1, 4, 5, 6, and 8 during a Mission to Mars. Drop-off is on March 14th at 5:00pm, and pickup is on March 15th at 10:00am. Pizza for dinner, bagels for breakfast. Spacefare is \$55, which includes a model rocket kit. Return your permission slip to Wayne Miller no later than February 28th, at wmiller@ftt.com, or 14 Peach Hill Court, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Have you had enough of the ice and snow yet? Has the cold started to get to you? Have you given up hope that your hands and feet will ever warm up? Well cheer up! I have some great news for you. We have started our planning for NoBeBoSco! Interest forms are in the works, so start getting ready! I wonder what the theme is going to be this year? Now is a good time to start thinking about which Merit Badges you would like to work on. I warmed up just thinking about NoBe!



You might have seen some Webelos wandering around Dater lately. That can only mean that it is time for Blue & Gold's and Crossing Over! Troop 31 will be welcoming several new Scouts into our family. Let's make sure we make them feel at home.

Lastly, remember the February Court of Awards will be held on Wednesday night 2/18 @ 6:30 at the Masonic Lodge. If you need a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review, act quickly before you run out of time!

Yours In Scouting,
Mr. McKiever
Scoutmaster, Troop 31

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