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# TROOP 31

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## June 2009

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### Important Dates to Remember

June 3	<b>Annual PLC</b> <i>Dater School – 6:00 PM</i>	June 24	<b>NoBe Set-Up Meeting</b> <i>Time &amp; Place TBD</i>
June 5-7	<b>Pine Barrens Canoe Adventure</b> <i>Mullica River, Atsion, NJ – 5:30PM</i>	June 25	<b>Committee Meeting</b> <i>Municipal Building – 7:30PM</i>
June 10	<b>Court of Awards</b> <i>Masonic Lodge – 6:30PM</i>	July 8-12	<b>Summer Adventure Trip</b> <i>Cape Cod, MA</i>
June 17	<b>Troop Softball Game</b> <i>Finch Park – 6:00 PM til dark</i>	August 2-8	<b>Summer Camp</b> <i>Camp NoBeBoSco, NJ</i>

### NEW TROOP LEADERS

Congratulations to Jarrett Floyd on being elected as the new Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) for Troop 31. Along with Jarrett we would like to congratulate the following scouts who will be the '09-10 patrol leaders.

- Adventure - Dave Sroczynski
- Badger - Chris McKiever
- Flaming Arrow - Griffin Endress
- Pedro - Eric Shin
- Scorpion - Craig Altorfer
- Tree - Nick Venturini



Good luck this year!

### CARE PACKAGES ARRIVE IN AFGHANISTAN



On April 4<sup>th</sup>, four of the “care package” boxes for troops overseas were delivered to the Ramsey Post Office, containing over 160 pounds of assorted items. The following brief message was received on 5/27 from the Navy Seal stationed in Kabul who had directed where those boxes should be sent: “I heard from the guys down south where your shipment of supplies and cheer was gratefully received. They arrived "home" from an extended stay in the field where they found your packages awaiting with the other mail. Many Thanks to everyone concerned from the crew down there!” Everyone in the Troop 31 family should feel proud to have participated in supporting the soldiers who are fighting for the freedom that we recognize each week at our meetings.

## NoBeBoSco REGISTRATIONS AND MEDICAL FORMS



We are just over two months away from heading off to the wilds of Blairstown, NJ, but some scouts have yet to submit their summer camp registration form. (This is different from the earlier "interest form" and requires a parent's signature and additional information.) Additionally, *most* scouts have not yet submitted their completed medical forms and copies of a parent's insurance card. Please be sure to make your appointment for your physical exam ASAP if not done already and then get the completed forms to Mr. Floyd right away!

### SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

It's hard to believe that a whole Scout year has passed. Looking back, I realize how active our Troop has been. I am proud of the way Troop 31 has represented itself. I am proud of you.

Troop 31 has lived by the Principals of Scouting. Our Eagle and Service projects, outings, and helpful attitude have enriched both the Community and the Scouts participating. We welcomed a whole new Patrol into our ranks, and "Graduated" some well prepared friends into the community.



I could go on reviewing the past year. However, I'm looking forward to the future. There is still so much more to do! Our Program is truly year round! The adventure continues!

The Pine Barrens Canoe Adventure is booked solid. What a great outing this is! A Scout will have to use all of his Scouting skills on this trip. The Cape Cod Trek is finalized and how nice is it to spend some time on the Cape in the Summer. Don't forget NoBe (who could?!) We might set a record with all the Scouts participating this year! Just imagine the Polar Bear Swim! (I know, but you still have to go down to the lake!)

The Court of Awards is also scheduled this month. Make sure you have all your Blue Cards and Requirements signed off. The ASM's will be available to update your Handbook.

Finally, I would like to share some personal observations. As I said earlier, I am proud of this group of Scouts. They are a great gathering of America's Youth. I would like to thank Chris Keosayian for all his hard work and time well spent as our SPL. Chris did a fantastic job. I am also looking forward to working with our New SPL, Jarrett Floyd. I am positive that Jarrett will continue our tradition of outstanding SPL's! I want to thank the "Backbone" of our Troop, its ASM's. Week in and week out, they are there for the boys and the Troop. Thank you all for making Troop 31 what it is! I would like to thank the Parents of the Scouts for deciding that Scouting will enhance their son's lives. Thanks for lending that hand and keeping the ball rolling! And now finally (really!) I want to thank my family for putting up with me and all those hours spent on Scouting. We all know it's worth the time and effort!

Yours In Scouting,  
Mr. McKiever  
Scoutmaster  
Troop 31

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