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## May 2009

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### Important Dates to Remember

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| May 3     | <b>Orienteering Course</b>  | May 23   | <b>Rocket Launch</b><br><i>Rockland Community College</i>               |
| May 6     | <b>PLC</b><br><i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>   | May 27   | <b>Troop Meeting – Troop Elections</b><br><i>Dater School– 7:30PM</i>   |
| May 7     | <b>Swim Test</b><br><i>Rockland Community College<br/>Suffern, NY – 7-9 PM</i>  | May 28   | <b>Committee Meeting</b><br><i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>               |
| May 13    | <b>Troop Campfire</b><br><i>Campgaw rear field – 6 PM</i>   | May 30   | <b>Deep Sea Fishing</b><br><i>Atlantic Highlands</i>                    |
| May 15-17 | <b>Camping</b><br><i>Cabin Camping &amp; Merit Badge Fair<br/>/ Shoebox Adventure Camping /<br/>New Scout Tent Camping -<br/>Camp Glen Gray, Mahwah</i> | June 3   | <b>Annual PLC</b><br><i>Dater School – 6:00 PM</i>                      |
| May 16    | <b>Service Project – Plant Sale</b><br><i>Masonic Lodge – 8 AM</i>  | June 5-7 | <b>Pine Barrens Canoe Adventure</b><br><i>Mullica River, Atsion, NJ</i> |
| May 20    | <b>Troop Meeting</b><br><i>Dater School– 7:30 PM</i>  | June 10  | <b>Court of Awards</b><br><i>Masonic Lodge – 6:30PM</i>                 |
|           |   | June 17  | <b>Troop Softball Game</b><br><i>Finch Park</i>                         |
|           |   | June 24  | <b>NoBe Set-Up Meeting</b><br><i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>             |

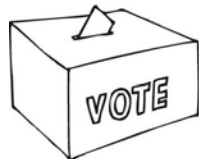
### CABIN CAMPING



Are you ready to get away for a couple of days? Need to brush up on your camping skills? I have just the cure for you. Troop 31 is conducting its annual Cabin Camping event, where you can participate in the Merit Badge Fair! Why not pick up a badge before NoBe? For information on the camping trip or the Merit Badge Fair, contact any ASM. The overnight is just around the corner, so act fast!

## **TROOP ELECTIONS**

Troop 31 is proud of the fact that it is a boy-led Troop. We have had some outstanding SPL's in recent years. They have all worked hard and put together a fantastic program. We are looking forward to continuing this tradition!



On May 27, during the Troop Meeting, we will be conducting a Troopwide election for Senior Patrol Leader. If you are interested in becoming "That Guy", the one who everyone looks to for an answer and leadership, please contact Scoutmaster McKiever.

## **GONE FISHING!**

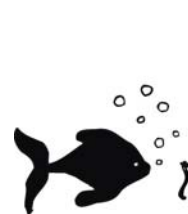
Ahoy Troop 31 Scouts!

Get your fishing gear ready for the deep sea!

Troop 31 will be "going fishing" on May 30.

We are in contact with a Charter Boat out of Atlantic Highlands and it looks like smooth sailing!

Keep an eye on the Troop Website for the permission slip!



## **PINE BARRENS CANOE ADVENTURE**



Time is running out as well as space for the June canoe trip – a continuous trek down the beautiful Mullica River in the Pine Barrens. This is a 2-day trip where we bring everything needed with us and overnight in a wilderness campsite. It's a great time to swim, go off rope swings, and eat as much watermelon as you can. Work on your canoeing skills. Space is limited, and we are already more than half full. Get your permission slips in quickly to reserve your space. Contact ASM Sundermann with any questions.

## **SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER**

Every time I look at the calendar another month has past. It only seems like yesterday that we were watching the leaves fall and were getting ready for winter. The calendar says May, and that is our busy month!

It's time for the Merit Badge Fair, and for the New Scouts to head to Bobcat Hollow to get those requirements done. It's time for swimming tests, rocket launches, shoeboxes and orienteering. It's time for bonfires, skits, Iron Chef and Webelos. It's time to check up on your equipment and lists for NoBe. It's time to see who will lead the trip to NoBe as our new SPL. It looks like it's time for fun! We sure are busy, and I guarantee you that there is something for everyone this month!

Enjoy the great weather. Have fun outside. This is your time to be a Scout!

Yours In Scouting,  
Mr. McKiever  
Scoutmaster  
Troop 31

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