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Important Dates to Remember

Nov 4	PLC / Troop Leadership Training <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>	Dec. 2	Tree Set-up <i>Ramsey High School tennis courts (No PLC)</i>
Nov 11	Troop Meeting <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>	Dec. 5-6	Annual Christmas Tree Sale <i>Ramsey High School tennis courts</i>
Nov 14	Geocache Outing <i>New Jersey & Lower New York State 8:30PM – 5:00PM</i>	Dec. 5	Home for the Holidays Parade <i>Main Street, Ramsey</i>
Nov 18	Troop Meeting <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>	Dec. 9	Troop Meeting <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>
Nov 25	No Meeting <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	Dec. 12-13	Annual Christmas Tree Sale <i>Ramsey High School tennis courts</i>
Nov 28	Five & Dime Hike <i>Harriman State Park, NY 8AM-3PM</i>	Dec. 16	Holiday Party <i>Masonic Lodge</i>
		Dec. 19-20	Annual Christmas Tree Sale <i>Ramsey High School tennis courts</i>

GEOCACHE OUTING

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment. Troop 31 is planning such an outing for Saturday, November 14th. Please come on out and test your GPS skills in the great outdoors. *Please note that you do not need to have your own GPS unit to participate. The Troop will provide one.* The permission slip is on the website. Contact ASM Cicciari for more information.



FIVE AND DIME HIKE

Attend the 8th Annual Five or Dime Hike. Explore historic Harriman State Park. Hike the Appalachian trail. See abandoned iron ore mines. Can you make it through the famous Lemon Squeezer? November 28th is your day to do this and more! Work off those excess Thanksgiving meals and enjoy a day in the wild. Either a 5 mile or a ten mile option. You decide, but be there. Scouts are needed to welcome and assist Webelos II Scouts. The permission slip is on the website. Contact ASM Sundermann for more information.



WEST VIRGINIA TRIP – SUMMER 2010

This promises to be a fun trip to West Virginia from July 10 – July 17 of next summer. Activities will include underground hiking in the Lost World Caverns, canoeing/kayaking the Greenbrier River and Bluestone Lake, hiking Heritage Point at Pipestem Resort State Park, aerial tramway, miniature golf and more. The permission slip will available soon on our website. Please contact ASM Rutkowski if you are interested.



ANNOUNCING... **TROOP 31 SCOUTS 24/7!**



The Eagles are soaring high this Fall scouting season at Troop 31. Congratulations to Ryan McDermott, Dave Sroczynski, and Brendan Walsh for a job well done in attaining the Eagle rank. Special mention to Eric Stephen who will be joining them shortly.



A Scout is Reverent. Congratulations to Matt Lynch and Christopher McKiever who both received their Confirmation last month at Sacred Heart Church.



We also would like to congratulate Matthew Zweighaft who had his Bar Mitzvah October 24.

If you or a Scout you know, would like to be included in this column, please forward the information to Scoutmaster McKiever.

SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

Thanksgiving is almost here. Time for traditional football games, the World Series is finally over (any Yankee fans out there?), getting ready for the big feast and spending time with family.

Some of us will reflect on all we have to be thankful for. Others might spend some time in spiritual thoughts. It's good to stop and count your blessings. This can be a pause in our busy lives. Sometimes we forget what we already have in our lives in our quest to "get ahead". All of us in Troop 31 have something to be Thankful for. The list would be too long to include in the newsletter! So take some time and look at the big picture. Give thanks to where it belongs.



Enjoy the Holiday, and I'll see you at the Troop Meetings!

Yours In Scouting,

Mr. McKiever
Scoutmaster
Troop 31

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