



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TROOP 31 RAMSEY, N.J.

SERVING THE
YOUTH OF
RAMSEY
SINCE 1912

Visit the Troop 31 website at www.bsa-troop31.org

[Click here to print a
copy of this newsletter!](#)

November 2008

Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 5	PLC Dater School – 7:30 PM	Nov. 28	Tree Delivery Ramsey HS Tennis Courts - 7AM
Nov 5-8	Gettysburg Camping Gettysburg National Park, PA	Nov. 29	Harriman Five & Dime Hike Harriman, NY – 8AM-3PM
Nov. 12	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM	Dec. 3	Tree Setup (no PLC) Ramsey HS Tennis Courts - 7PM
Nov. 19	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM	Dec. 6-7	Tree Sale Ramsey H.S. – Tennis Courts
Nov. 20	Troop Committee Meeting Municipal Building – 7:30 PM	Dec. 13-14	Tree Sale Ramsey H.S. – Tennis Courts
Nov. 21	Troop 31 Parents Party Knights of Columbus – 7:00 PM	Dec. 20-21	Tree Sale (if necessary) Ramsey H.S. – Tennis Courts
Nov. 26	NO Troop Meeting Happy Thanksgiving!!	Dec. 30	Rock Climbing Gravity Vault - Upper Saddle River

NOVEMBER FIVE & DIME HIKE

Come and attend the 7th annual Five OR Dime hike. Work off all those extra calories and enjoy Harriman Park. You pick the hike - 5 miles or 10. Both qualify for the hiking merit badge. See the famous Lemon Squeezer on the 10 miler. We will take a different route to the squeezer this year. Cubs and parents have been invited to attend the 5 miler. We need some scouts to help teach basic map reading and compass use. The permission slip is on the web site. ([click here](#))



2009 REGISTRATION

If you haven't registered yet please be sure to get your registration forms & payment (both scouts and leaders) back to Laurie Stephen ASAP. Please call Laurie at 201-934-4941 if you have any questions. The forms are available on our website.

TROOP 31 PARENTS PARTY

Troop 31 parents are invited to enjoy an evening out on Friday, November 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Mechanic Street in Ramsey. The price is \$20 per person. Please see the website or contact Kim Floyd at (201) 818-0854 for additional information.

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

THE ANNUAL TROOP 31 CHRISTMAS TREE SALE.....Every year Troop 31 holds their annual Christmas Tree Sale on Saturdays and Sundays in December. This is our major fundraiser and helps to support the troop. All scouts and their families are expected to help out. Scouts will earn money for his troop account and when a parent works with their son earns twice as much. **Signups for shifts will be held at the Wednesday night meetings on November 12th and 19th.** Please note the following important dates:

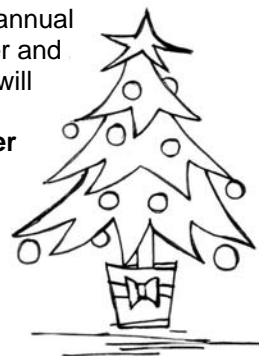
November 28, 2008 7am - Unloading the Trees/Constructing the racks

December 3, 2008 7pm (Wednesday)– Tree setup at the High School

December 6-7 – Tree Sale

December 13-14 – Tree Sale

December 20-21 – Tree Sale (if necessary)



INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING

Mark your calendars... On Tuesday December 30 the Troop will be going on their annual Indoor Rock Climbing trip at the Gravity Vault. This is a great opportunity to “Invite a Friend” for the 1st Class requirement #11. All adults who are trained belayers are asked to contact Paul Knipp 201-818-7899 so that we can put together our belay team. A permission slip will be posted soon.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

We would like to thank those parents and scouts who helped design and build the Troop 31 float for the Ramsey Centennial Parade.

Jay McMahan (and the bear!)

Paul & Chris Keosayian

Tom & Thomas McCabe

Ed McDermott

Griffin and Erik Endress

Judy and BJ McCarthy

Nick Venturini

Bob Sundermann

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

It's hard to believe that it's already November! I feel like we just started the Scouting year, and now look at us, getting ready for the upcoming Holidays! Troop 31 started the year off at the "Top of its game". First place for our campsite at the District Camporee! We held our own at all the Backwoods Events too! Just wait until the Iditarod in January!



With Thanksgiving right around the corner, now is a good time to reflect on all the things we can be thankful for. The length of this list might vary from Scout to Scout, but the fact that we each have a list is reason in itself to be thankful. We are truly blessed to be living here, at this particular time and place. Lets all try to remember those who are less fortunate. Better still, lets try to do something about it. Not just now because it's Thanksgiving, but throughout the entire year.

See you at the Troop Meetings!

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. M. McKiever

Scoutmaster - Troop 31

Please make sure that we have your correct email addresses!!!

If you are not receiving the newsletter email check your spam filter for email from

Troop31@ebiztechonline.com

*If you wish, a paper copy of the newsletter can be mailed to you,
please let the Webmaster or Scoutmaster know.*