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Important Dates to Remember

Oct 1	PLC Dater School – 7:30 PM	Oct 26	Ramsey Centennial Parade TBD
Oct 3-5	District Fall Camp-o-ree Camp Yaw Paw, Mahwah, NJ	Oct 29	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM
Oct 8	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM	Nov. 5	PLC Dater School – 7:30 PM
Oct 12	Court of Awards Masonic Hall – 2:00 PM	Nov 5-8	Gettysburg Camping Gettysburg National Park, PA
Oct 15	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM	Nov. 12	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM
Oct 22	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM	Nov. 19	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM
Oct 23	Committee Meeting Municipal Building – 7:30 PM	Nov. 26	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM
Oct 25	Float Building for Parade TBD	Nov. 29	Harriman Park 5 & Dime Hike Harriman, NY – 8AM-3PM

DISTRICT CAMP-O-REE

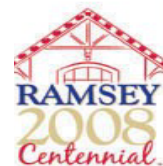


The 2008 Fall Camp-O-Ree was October 3-5 at Yaw Paw in Mahwah, and this year's theme this year was "Backwoods Living." Twenty of our scouts did a fine job and represented the pack well. Thanks to Mr. Welsh for doing a great job organizing this event.

RAMSEY CENTENNIAL PARADE

The Ramsey Centennial Parade has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 26th.

- On Saturday, October 25th, we will be gathering to build our float on a flat-bed truck. More details will follow soon.
- On Sunday, October 26th, Troop 31 will be marching with our float. Scouts will be dressed in full Class A uniform. The specific time and meeting place is still to be determined.



GETTYSBURG HISTORIC HIKE

The Troop is planning a four-day trip to Gettysburg National Park on November 6-9th. We have received enough interest that the Oak Lodge at Camp Tuckahoe has been reserved. There are only six bunks still open in the cabin and we are extending the sign up for this trip until those slots are filled. Please go to the Troop website and click on the permission slip for this trip, the third page of that document is a flyer giving more information about this event. See the five-part



patch that can be earned by going to the Visitor Center, hiking the Johnny Reb and Billy Yank trails, visiting the Eisenhower residence and downtown Gettysburg. See hundreds of Civil War memorials and actually hike across on the same field that was the site of Pickett's Charge. For more general information go the National Park Service website <http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm>. Please contact ASM Baxer to reserve a spot on this trip. Remember, the trip is limited to the first 12 scouts that respond, first

come, first served.

NOVEMBER 5 & 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.



2009 REGISTRATION

Have you 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 also available on our website.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Troop 31 Ramsey Day booth. The Sunday raindate turned out to be a great event!



SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Well, the Fall Season has arrived. There is a crispness in the air. Some leaves are just beginning to change, and the sweet smell of the wood burning in fireplaces fills the air. Off in the distance you can hear the band playing at halftime during the football game.

Fall is also the traditional time for outdoor Scouting activities. It's a great time for hiking and spending a night under the stars. We have several outings planned that fit into this tradition. The Scout Leadership team organized these events, and all you have to do is sign up, then show up to have some fun!

Remember, Scouting isn't all about Troop meetings and showing up on Wednesday night. Scouting, and in particular Troop 31, has its roots in the great outdoors. One of the most enjoyable ways to spend a fall night is to sit around a campfire after a tasty dinner, surrounded by your friends, swapping stories or enjoying a skit. It is a memory that will stay with you for the rest of your life!

So check out the calendar and sign up for an outing. Be part of that memory.



Yours In Scouting,
Mr. M. McKiever
Scoutmaster - Troop 31

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