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## September 2008

### Important Dates to Remember

Sept 3	PLC Ramsey Rescue – 7:00 PM	Sept 24	Meeting Masonic Lodge – 7:30 PM
Sept 5	Float Building for Ramsey Day Municipal Building – 5:00PM	Sept 25	Committee Meeting Municipal Building – 7:30PM
Sept 6	Ramsey Day Parade – 10AM / Booth – all day!	Sept 27-28	Beaver Day Camp Glen Gray
Sept 10	Meeting Masonic Lodge – 7:30 PM	Oct 1	PLC Dater School – 7:30 PM
Sept 14	Tyler Buysee Eagle Ceremony Masonic Lodge – 3:30 PM	Oct 3-5	District Fall Camp-o-ree Camp Yaw Paw
Sept 17	Meeting Masonic Lodge – 7:30 PM	Oct 8	Meeting Dater School – 7:30 PM
Sept 20-21	Palisades Historic Hike Alpine, New Jersey		

### SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Welcome back! I bet that you're going to hear that many times in the next few weeks. I hope you all enjoyed your summer.

The Troop had a very busy summer. We have a new Senior Patrol Leader, Chris Keosayian. He has his Leadership Team in place and is already working hard to make sure we have another great year in Scouting. There are many adventures ahead, lots of outdoor activities, and plenty of opportunities for advancement. It's going to be an active year! So plan on getting in on the fun!

Make sure that you have your Scout Book up to date, and submit any "blue-cards" that you completed over the summer. This will help you understand what you need to do for advancement. After a fun filled summer, it's easy to forget what you've completed or still need to do!

Finally, remember to check the Troop Website. It's the place to see what Troop events or outings are planned, your link to permission slips and packing lists, and lots of other timely information. Visit it often and stay informed!

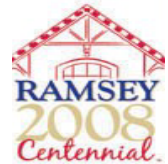
So lets hit the ground running and lets have a great year! Once again, welcome back!

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

### **RAMSEY DAY**

This year's celebration will be bigger than ever!

- On Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be gathering at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Building to build our float on a flat-bed truck for the parade.
- On Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Troop 31 will be marching with our float in the Centennial Parade. Scouts will be dressed in full Class A uniform. The specific time and meeting place is to be determined.
- From 10am – 8pm, we will be selling pretzels, lemonades and sno-cones. Each participating scout will need to bring two bags of ice and a roll of paper towels. Support the Troop and sign up for a shift. Shifts are available in two-hour increments beginning at 8am and ending at 8pm. If you haven't already signed up, contact Mary Ellen Endress at 201-294-0435 or via email at [endresme@yesbank.com](mailto:endresme@yesbank.com).



### **PALISADES HISTORIC HIKE**

Our first hike of the year and what a deal. We will be starting at the Fort Lee Historic Park which combines history with scenic beauty. There are reconstructed gun batteries, an authentic 18<sup>th</sup> century soldier's hut with well, wood-shed, and baking oven. We will also attend the Visitor's Center which has information on the role of Fort Lee in the American Revolution, exhibits, audio-visual displays, and a short film presenting the story of General George Washington's retreat through New Jersey. Then it is a nine-mile hike along the Palisades to Camp Alpine where we will tent-camp for the night. The view of the Hudson River is spectacular. Saturday lunch will be a brown bag on the trail. Supper and Sunday breakfast will be cooked in camp. Please contact ASM Baxer by Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to reserve a spot on this trip. The [permission slip](#) is posted on the Troop website.



### **GETTYSBURG HISTORIC HIKE**

The Troop is planning a four-day trip to Gettysburg National Park on November 6-9<sup>th</sup>. The number of scouts for this trip will be limited due to the size of the cabin that will be rented. Please go to the Troop website to see a flyer giving more information about this event. A [permission slip](#) is also posted on the Troop website. Please contact ASM Baxer by Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to reserve a spot on this trip. Remember, the trip is limited to the first 12 scouts that respond, first come, first served.

### **GLEN GRAY'S BEAVER DAY**

Please hold the date of Saturday, September 21 for Glen Gray's Beaver Day. I hope we can be well represented and deliver a large crew to the camp. They have been very good to us and have gone out of their way to help our Troop and Eagle Candidates.

In scouting, Bob Sundermann

## **2009 REGISTRATION**

It's time to register for Scouting! Look for your packet in the mail next week. Please be sure to get your registration forms & payment (both scouts and leaders) back to Laurie Stephen no later than September 30th. Please call Laurie at 201-934-4941 if you have any questions. The forms will also be posted to the website.

## **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

A big thank you from Jackie Gersht and Joan Baxer, co-chairs of the Centennial pool party, to all the adults and scouts who volunteered that day. Troop 31 should be proud to have sponsored the event. Everybody had a great time!



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