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Important Dates to Remember

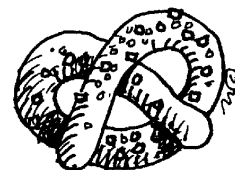
Sept. 2	PLC <i>Masonic Lodge – 7:30 PM</i>	Sept 26	Beaver Day <i>Camp Glen Gray, Mawwah, NJ</i>
Sept 9	Troop Meeting <i>Masonic Lodge – 7:30 PM</i>	Sept 30	Troop Meeting <i>Masonic Lodge – 7:30 PM</i>
Sept 12	Ramsey Day <i>10am – 10pm</i>	Oct 2-4	Camporee <i>Fri, 6PM – Sun, 11AM, Camp Lewis, NJ</i>
Sept 16	Troop Meeting <i>Masonic Lodge – 7:30 PM</i>	Oct 7	PLC <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>
Sept 19-20	YawPaw to Glen Gray overnight <i>Sat, 7AM – Sun, 12noon, Mahwah, NJ</i>	Oct 14	Court of Awards <i>Masonic Lodge – 6:30 PM</i>
Sept 23	Troop Meeting <i>Masonic Lodge – 7:30 PM</i>	Oct 24-25	Philadelphia Historic Hike

RAMSEY DAY

It is time for the annual Ramsey Day town-wide celebration! Ramsey Day will be Saturday, September 12th (rain date September 13th). Each year our Troop makes and sells pretzels, lemonade and sno-cones. Scout and Adult volunteers are needed to staff our booth to ensure success.

Shifts are available as follows:

10:00 - 12:00 - set-up
 12:00 - 2:00
 2:00 - 4:00
 4:00 - 6:00
 6:00 - 8:00
 8:00 - 10:00



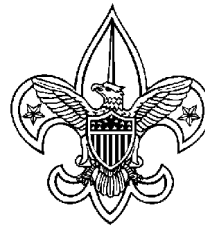
Each scout is asked to bring 2 bags of ice and 1 roll of paper towels with them to their shift. Please wear your Class B T-shirt and be sure to sign-in to receive credit.

Please contact Mary Ellen Endress at endresme@yesbank.com or 201-294-0435 today to confirm your participation.

TROOP 31's Great Showing at NoBeBoSco!

Here are some of the accomplishments Troop 31 earned while at Camp!

Honor Troop
9 Honor Patrols (100%!)
2 Ocsobebon Awards
6 Trail to Eagle
8 First Class Adventure
NoBe Marksman Award
52 Achievement Awards
45 Watchful Eye Pin Awards
over 150 Merit Badges earned!
Thursday Flag Ceremony Troop
2nd place for the games
2nd place overall



Lots of fun and many happy memories!
Can't wait until next year!

YAW PAW TO GLEN GRAY OVERNIGHT HIKE



Enjoy our beautiful Ramapo Mountains on a hike from Camp Yaw Paw to Camp Glen Grey. Join us on Saturday, September 19 for a 5 mile day hike, followed by an afternoon of scout activities in Bobcat Hollow, and then a night of tent camping. This is a great opportunity for scouts of all ranks to work on rank advancement. We'll break camp on Sunday morning and return to Ramsey by midday.

PHILADELPHIA HIKE / BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY / CAMDEN AQUARIUM

Be prepared for a fast paced, exciting weekend in October. We will begin by our trip on Saturday morning by taking a hike through historic downtown Philadelphia. We will visit a number of locations that were famous in the founding of our Country. After the hike, we cross the river to bunk down in the Battleship New Jersey. We will get a tour of the ship and sleep on board that night. On Sunday morning we stop at the Camden Aquarium to view the exhibits before returning to Ramsey. The trip is planned for Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25. This is a limit space trip and there is only room for 20 scouts and 5 adults. Reservations for this trip will be on a first come, first served basis. Due to reservation policies on the Battleship, all permission slips will have to be received by ASM Baxer by September 23, 2009. Please go to the Troop website to secure a



permission slip or call Mr. Baxer at 201-934-0818.

CAMP-O-REE



Calling all Scouts! Be prepared to put your scouting skills to the test at the Fall Camp O Ree, October 2nd -October 4th at Camp Lewis. The theme has not been disclosed just yet, but you can be sure we'll use all the basics and more: knot tying, orienteering, fire-starting, and knife-throwing, just to name a few. This is a fun-filled weekend, close to home, with minimal cost. Don't delay - sign up today with permission slip on website. Questions? Contact ASM Bill Welsh wwelsh123@hotmail.com.

SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

Where did the summer go to? It only seems like yesterday that we were planning our NoBe Adventure! I hope you are all well rested and ready to go! September is here, and so is Scouting! Of course this is in addition to school starting, meet the Teacher nights, sports getting under way, band, and dare I say it? Homework.

One of the life skills you're learning now is Time Management. Use your time wisely. Find a good balance between schoolwork and other activities. You'll be amazed at how much you can accomplish by doing a little bit each day.



As you can tell by our Troop Calendar above, we really have a lot of events scheduled. The Leadership Team has focused on Outdoor activities and Skills. There is an opportunity for you to complete the requirements you started at NoBe. These overnights are close to home, and a great way to learn new skills.

Finally, I'd like to know how proud I am of this Troop. At NoBe, you were a fine example of Scouting at its best! On more than one occasion, this was mentioned to me. There will be more about NoBe at the Court of Awards next month.

Yours In Scouting,
Mr. McKiever
Scoutmaster
Troop 31

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