

Scoutmaster's Minute - March 2010

Dear Scouts and Parents:

I want to again welcome all the new Scouts and their parents to Troop 161. I know Scouting can offer your son some great fun and many new skills. I regularly send a "Scoutmaster's Minute" to all members of the Troop in order to keep everyone up-to-date with what is going on and what activities are coming up. Also, remember to bookmark the Troop web site at www.t161shoreham.org. We keep it as current as possible. There are many valuable links and much useful information there. You can also download a generic permission slip for an outing if needed. I have enclosed a Participation Policy for our new Scouts and parents to review.

The following is an up-dated list of activities:

- March 19-21 **Skills Weekend** – Important for everyone
- April 16-18 **Spring Camporee** – Local District Camporee – good for new Scouts
April 16-18 **West Point Orienteering** – For older Scouts
- April 23-25 **Harriman State Park** – Good for everyone - Backpacking opportunity for older Scouts, day hike for younger Scouts
- May 1 Sat. **Car Wash** – our only fundraiser – everyone should sell tickets and wash cars
Rain Day – May 2
- May 14-16 **Cedar Point Campout** – West Hampton – Good for everyone
- May 28 **50th Anniversary** Dinner for Troop 161 – Friday evening
- May 29 Sat. **Memorial Day Flag Placement** – Calverton
- June 5 Sat **Memorial Day Flag Removal** – Calverton
- June 4-6 **Delaware River Canoe Trip** – Good for everyone – especially new Scouts

SUMMER CAMP – See enclosed handout for Summer Camp.

LIFE SCOUTS – If you hope to make the rank of Eagle this year, be aware that the committee has set a tentative date of October 24 for an Eagle Court of Honor. I strongly recommend you have all your paperwork completed and ready to submit by the end of June. It is important to maintain participation in our activities and continue to demonstrate leadership at our meetings and camping activities. If you are not sure of where you stand, see me ASAP so we can review your status.

Yours in Scouting,

Dr. John Aloisio - Scoutmaster