

## **BSA TROOP 161**

### **SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE – NOVEMBER 2011**

#### **Dear Parents, Scouts and Scouters:**

Even though we have been going paperless this fall, I thought I would send a mailing for my final Scoutmaster's Minute for the year. There is a fair amount of important information at this time of the year. Since our first meeting in September, we have had many great activities and campouts. We were well represented at the **September 11 Memorial** at the Shoreham Firehouse. We enjoyed great camping at **Cedar Point**, Rock Climbing in **Vermont** and a well run **Webelos Campout** on Indian Island. Our boys and leaders hiked over 20 miles on the **Fall Camporee** and thanks to the efforts of ASM Bob Kohlus, our first ever **Washington DC/Mount Vernon Historic Campout** was an incredible success. I also want to thank ASM Terry Davis for his efforts in running our Car Wash, our only fund raiser.

Out **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Steak and Lobster Beach Campout** at Hither Hills is coming on November 5-6. Many have signed up but if you still want to go, the absolute deadline is this coming Wednesday, Nov 2. Go to our web site ([www.t161tshoreham.org](http://www.t161tshoreham.org)) for a flyer and permission slip. Our final day trip for the year will be to **Ellis Island** on November 19.

**Rank advancement** is very important in Scouting. Take a few minutes to review your son's progress. We will have **Boards of Review** on Wednesday **Nov16, Nov 30, and Dec 7**. There is no meeting on Wed. Nov 23.

The **Troop Court of Honor** is scheduled for **Wed. Dec 14 at 7:30 PM** at St. John's Church in Wading River. Check the web site to be sure this date does not change. Parents and Scouts should attend for this is where we recognize your son's achievements. Bring the whole family, refreshments will be served.

Our first campout for 2012 will be the **Winter Camporee** at Baiting Hollow (Jan 20-22) followed by our annual **Ski Trip** to Okemo Mountain (Feb 10 – 12).

The continued success of our Troop is no doubt due to the dedication of so many adult leaders. We are able to offer your boys a wide range of activities and always have enough *trained* adult leaders to see that things run smoothly.

If you have not paid **dues** for you son, now is the time. \$60 covers all registrations and insurance and helps pay for ranks, badges and various extras. We will be re-registering in a few weeks, and cannot re-register a boy if dues are not paid.

**Visit our web site for Holiday gift ideas.**

Yours in Scouting  
John Aloisio - Scoutmaster