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**Upcoming Events**

Troop Planning Meeting- Date TBA

Adults in the troop will be meeting in “the pit” (where our meetings are held) to discuss activity in the Troop.

April Vacation- April 19-23

This is school vacation, and we will NOT have a Troop meeting April 20 of that week.

Troop Meetings- April 13th, 27th

Regular Troop meetings; wear you’re Class A (this includes a neckerchief, applets, numbers). Also bring a small notebook, pen, and $1 for dues.

**Merit Badge Information**

Scouts who are working on Communications with Mrs. Rourke finished up on their speeches this month. We learned all about hockey, Barnum and Bailey, homeschooling, tarantulas and hedge hogs.

Here is a list of the Merit Badges offered within the Troop. Any Scout who wants to start a badge should talk to the counselor, as well as find another Scout who wants to do the Badge as well.

**Merit Badge- Counselor’s Name:**
Communications- Sandy Rourke
Family Life- Mary Ellen Anzalone
Citizenship in the Community- Mary Ellen Anzalone
Citizenship in the Nation- Mary Ellen Anzalone
Citizenship in the World- Mary Ellen Anzalone
Pioneering-Larry Buckley
Cooking-Larry Buckley
Camping-Larry Buckley
Personal Management- Paul Kelley
Personal Fitness- Ted Anzalone\*\*(Ted will not be doing the Merit Badge after April, as he is in the Air Force and is being deployed this month.)

**Troop/Patrol News**

The Troop has a new website: troop546.weebly.com. On it there are links for just about everything, including Summer Camp, Troop documents, and a calendar. You can also join the mailing list and let us know via the website if you are attending Summer Camp or other upcoming trips.

Because our Troop has doubled in size, we need to form a new patrol! We also need to delegate new Troop jobs. We will be doing this at one of the coming meetings.

This coming Tuesday, April 13, an OA rep will be coming to the meeting to hold an election for our eligible Scouts.

We are also in need of ideas for a Troop fundraiser. Funds are somewhat low, and we need to bring them back up! IDEAS, ANYONE?? Many people seem to be interested in a car wash or a “rent-a-scout”. “Rent-a-Scout” is when we sell raffle tickets for a group of Scouts to come to the winner’s house to do yard work.

**Other News**

We welcomed 6 new Scouts into the Troop at the Camp Sayre crossover: Mathew, Trevor, Michael T., Michael C., Chris and Sean.

More info is coming soon about Peter’s Eagle project. He is still in the process of meeting with the Pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church to see what needs to be done.

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