



# Troop Trails



The Official Newsletter of Troop 303 Oceanside, New York

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Happy New Year and welcome to the second half of our Scouting year. More fun and adventure awaits you, so read on and be ready for fun!

## Court of Honor

We will kick off the new year with a Court of Honor to recognize the individual accomplishments of our Scouts, and there are certainly a lot of them! The Court of Honor is scheduled for Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup> in the School #3 auditorium. We ask that all parents who are able attend to support our Scouts.

## Ten Mile River

Our January trip will be cabin camping at Ten Mile River Scout Camp in Narrowsburg, NY. We will leave on Friday, January 21 at 6:00pm. Bring your bag supper to eat on the drive. Be sure to pack warm clothing so you can play outside on the frozen lake and try ice fishing. We will return on Sunday, 1/23 in the early afternoon.

## Sagamore Hill

Due to the rain, there were only a few who showed up for our day trip to Teddy Roosevelt's home in Oyster Bay, Sagamore Hill. We are planning to reschedule the trip for February. We need a group of at least 15, and an informal poll of the boys indicated that we had at least that many interested. So on February 13<sup>th</sup>, we will leave from School #3 at 9:00am. Bring your lunch and we will eat there.

## Looking for Outgrown Uniforms

We are looking for Scout uniforms that some of the older boys may have outgrown. We have a large number of younger Scouts who are beginning to need new uniforms, so if you have any uniforms, especially pants that no longer fit, bring them in and we will find them a new loving home.

## Merit Badges

Merit Badges aren't just for summer camp. We had a great majority of the Troop earn two limited edition Centennial Celebration merit badges this fall, Carpentry and Pathfinding. Each Scout should plan to earn at least one more merit badge this winter, and one more during the spring. There are currently 126 merit badges that a Scout can earn, but only 12 of those are required for Eagle. There are many opportunities to learn about possible careers and hobbies in those merit badges. Go out and discover something new!!

## SeaBase

Seabase is one of the three (soon to be four) high adventure camps of the BSA, Philmont and Northern Tier being the other two. SeaBase is located in the Florida Keys and offers week long sailing adventures. These are not vacations; participants will be the crew of a sailing ship (captained by camp staff). We are considering taking a group of 6 – 8 boys in during the winter break (February 2012) on this trek. Trip costs will probably be in the range of \$1500. Anyone who will be 14+ by next winter who is interested should speak with Mr. Leathem.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to call one of us.

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