



Troop Trails



The Official Newsletter of Troop 303 Oceanside, New York

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Welcome Back! We hope you had a relaxing, rejuvenating and peaceful summer. The Leadership of Troop 303 has been hard at work this summer planning, organizing and getting ready for our best year ever! Read on to see some of the things you can look forward to in the coming months.

New Leadership

Following the Senior Patrol Leader elections in the spring, we reorganized the Leadership Corps. Congratulations to:

Thomas Montefinese – Senior Patrol Leader
Will Misitano – Asst. Senior Patrol Leader
Kevin Weber – Troop Guide

The following young men will be working directly with the adult leaders to enhance their leadership development.

Joe Viola – Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster
Greg Gromling – Special Asst. to the Scoutmaster
CJ Sporing – Special Asst. to the Scoutmaster

The Patrol Method

The Leadership Corps has reorganized the Patrols to continue the "Patrol Method" in the Troop. They have selected the following Patrol Leaders:

Matt Demartino
Nick Daskalakis
Joey Kocaj

Patrols will meet weekly, plan their own menus & cook on camping trips, and participate in inter-Patrol competitions on a regular basis. At the end of the year, we will award the Patrol of the Year!

Troop Leadership Positions

As we are blessed to have many older Scouts in the Troop, most of them have been assigned a Troop Leadership position. We need each and every member to fulfill the duties of their position to ensure that the Troop runs smoothly.

Monthly Troop Outings

We are again committed to providing at least one outdoor activity each month for the Troop. We See page 2 for more details.

FIRST TROOP MEETING SEPTEMBER 14TH

Troop Dues

Please remember, we need you to pay your annual dues promptly in order to continue to provide a high quality program. See the attached flyer for details.

Parents' Responsibility

In order to provide the very best program we can to your sons, we need every family to commit to helping us with one event this year. It may be driving to a campout, or accompanying us on a day trip, but rest assured that we cannot do this without your help. Please promise yourself now, that when we call with a request, you will say YES!

Scout Information Update

As we continue to try to become more organized, we have computerized all of our Troop records. We will be distributing a "Scout Update Sheet" at the first few meetings. Please ask your Scout to complete the form and return it ASAP! Please also ensure that your (parental) email is included on the Update Sheet so that you too will receive all of our correspondence.

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

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Troop 303 Schedule

2009-2010

(proposed)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/ Outing</u>
Sept. 14	First Troop Meeting (School #3, 7:30pm)
25-27	Schiff Scout Reservation (camping)
28	Court of Honor (School #3, 7:30pm)
Oct. 11	Orienteering Meet (Caumsett State Park)
18	Bear Mountain Hike
Nov. 13-15	Backpacking (Onteora Scout Reservation)
Dec. 6	Bluenose Training (1 st Class & 13 y.o.)
13	Sagamore Hill (Oyster Bay)
21	Court of Honor (School #3, 7:30pm)
Jan. 16-18 or 22-24	Clear Lake (winter cabin camping)
Feb. 13-15	Bluenose (older scouts)
28	American Museum Natural History
Mar. 26-29	Gettysburg?
Apr. 24	Kayaking (Earth Day)
May 14-16	Camporee (backpack to RVC)
June 13	Freeport Fishing Boat
14	Court of Honor (School #3, 7:30pm)