



Boy Scout Troop 76

Ridgefield, Connecticut

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Dear Scout Family,

Welcome back! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We are just two and a half weeks away from our first Troop meeting. Our Troop committee worked hard in June to plan a great year in Scouting and I can't wait to get it going. We will be making a few interesting changes this year but have made sure to include our more popular Troop events too. Seventeen Scouts and four adult Scouters spent three days with full backpacks hiking the rugged trail over Mt. Greylock in Massachusetts earlier this summer for our traditional Big Trip. I was very impressed with the toughness of these Scouts on such a rigorous hike. Thirty-two of our Scouts attended Scout camp in Rhode Island this summer with five lucky adult Scouters and me and, at least from my perspective, everyone appeared to have a really great time. Two of our Scouts attended the National Jamboree in Virginia! Congratulations to Neil Doran and Zach Horowitz! We will celebrate the success of all these Scouts and the awards they earned at the October Court of Honor. I have listed below some important Troop information as well as some upcoming events and dates. There will be more detail in the Troop calendar.

- ◆ We will continue to conduct Troop meetings in Martin Hall on Tuesday nights. The meetings will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 9:00 PM.
- ◆ Our first Troop meeting is Tuesday, September 4.
- ◆ The last Tuesday of each month will be used for Patrol Leader Council meetings (Patrol Leaders only) and Boards of Review. Meetings will be held in Wesley Hall. There will be no regular Troop meeting.
- ◆ We may occasionally conduct a Troop meeting at an alternate location for an alternate activity. We will give you advance notice of when and where.
- ◆ A Troop calendar will be available at the first Troop meeting.
- ◆ Our Troop will help out again this year at the St. Mary's Fall Festival on Saturday, September 8. All Scouts must work a minimum of one, two hour shift. All Scouts must wear their full Class A uniforms. All hours worked will count as service hours.
- ◆ Our first campout will be on September 15 & 16 at Hammonasset Beach State Park!
- ◆ Our Fall Court of Honor will be on Tuesday, October 9, in Martin Hall.
- ◆ The Scatacook District Fall Camporee will be on October 12, 13, and 14 and will be a Native American Camporee. This special event is not to be missed. Event will be dedicated to the memory of former Troop 116 Scoutmaster Randy Link The event is being held at Hoyt Scout Reservation.
- ◆ Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Adam Lubin, Tim DeJesu, and Tom Carpenter, Saturday, November 3, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, at the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, North Hall.

Please give me a call if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or can't wait to volunteer for something! See you September 4!

Yours in Scouting,

Michael Carpenter