

TROOP 31 NEWS YOU CAN USE
October 4, 2010

The week of October 4th is Fire Safety week and our Scouts have the opportunity to earn a patch by participating in this event meant to save lives. Each Scout attending tonight's meeting will be receiving ten fire safety door hangers to put on neighborhood doors (not mailboxes since that is illegal) during this week if possible or during the month of October. If they hang the flyers; prepare a home safety plan and practice it with the family; and check the batteries in their home's smoke detectors and practice a fire drill, your Scout is eligible to receive the patch. If your Scout participates, have them see Mrs. Webber to answer a few questions.

On October 11 there is no regularly scheduled Scout meeting because there is no school. However, there will be an adult committee meeting so come join us for that. Same time and place as the regular meeting.

On Friday, October 15, our Troop will be carrying the large American flag into the football stadium of Oswego High School prior to the game. This is homecoming weekend, so it will be a big event because the school district is celebrating 50 years. For those who would like to help carry the flag, please be in the high school parking lot around 6pm so we're ready to practice and then go at 7pm. Scouts should be looking their best in Class A uniform and will get in free if they want to stay for the game. We need at least 30 people so if you haven't already expressed an interest, but want to be part of the ceremony, come join us.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, your Scout can earn service hours by helping members of our Troop who belong to the Chicago English Bulldog Rescue group. Our Troop will be helping them set up their event at the Fox Valley Kickers Club (1015 Harvey Road) on Saturday from 1pm – 5pm. Then on Sunday, we will be assisting with parking from 10am – 12pm and then tear down from 4pm – 6pm. If your son needs service hours or would like to participate in this worthwhile event, please have him sign up (or call us since there is no meeting 10/11) and we'll get him signed up. Scouts will need to be in Class A uniform and be dropped off and picked up at the event. Fox Valley Kickers Club is just north of Oswego East HS.

Popcorn order forms are due by Monday, November 1, so have your Scout bring their popcorn order form to the meeting to turn in to Mrs. Cabiness. Remember that Scouts earn about \$0.32 on the dollar from their sales to put into their Scout account.

On Saturday, October 23rd, there will be a Troop Court of Awards and Court of Honor. Please come to the Oswego Presbyterian Church by 3pm to see your son receive recognition for earned merit badges and rank advancements, and to honor the Pasch twins who earned Eagle rank.

Saturday, November 6, is the last day this year for Road Clean-Up. Again, your Scout can earn service hours for participating in this day of service. We will gather at 9am at the Oswego Presbyterian Church and we're usually done in two hours. Help beautify Oswego by keeping the road in front of the church clean.

Saturday, November 13, is the 6th Annual Training Academy at East Aurora High School. This is a day of fun and training for all Scout leaders or parents and for those Scouts who want to be trained as Den Chiefs. Registration begins at 7:30am; courses will be taught from 9am – 3:30pm and then there will be a short closing ceremony. Early bird registration by 10/31 is \$25 and includes lunch, snacks, a resource CD, a tote bag, commemorative patch and five course sessions. Den Chief Training fee is \$17 and includes lunch, snacks, Den Chief Handbook, program supplies TFC Training Academy patch and trained strip. Scouts must be in uniform and bring pencil, paper and an enthusiastic attitude. They should also complete the Den Chief online Fast Start Training Course, print the certificate and bring it to class. See Mr. Webber or Mr. Pasch for further information.

Saturday, December 4 is when the Troop will be helping to ring the Salvation Army Bell from 9am – 6pm at the Jewel Osco located on Douglas and Route 30 in Oswego. As it gets closer, a sheet will be available for Scouts to sign-up.

Monday, December 20 is the last meeting of this calendar year and, while there is no school, the Troop will be participating in Cosmic Bowling at Parkside Lanes located in Aurora from 9pm – 11pm. Pizza and pop will be included in the fees, which are not known at this time. Permission slips will be available later in the year.

We are still working on firming up a campout for November, hopefully 11/19-21/10. We have not heard back from the place we want to camp at yet, but we hope to do a First Class Trail Campout at this time. As we get confirmation, permission slips and further information will be available.

With the New Year right around the corner, yearly Troop fees for 2011 will be due soon. In early November another newsletter will come out with information on dues and a 2011 calendar.

Up-to-the-minute information is always available on the Troop website at www.oswegotroop31.org if you miss a meeting or need something. Until then, let us know if you have questions.

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