

Troop 185

Wellesley, Massachusetts



August, 2009

Dear Parents and Scouts,

It is hard to believe that school starts in a few days. (Sorry guys but its time to face reality!)

This year we will be starting meetings on MONDAY, August 31st at 7:30 PM. at St. John's Church in the School basement.

This year this meeting will again involve both Scouts and parents. We would like at least one parent from each family to attend, and bring your calendar & checkbooks with you. The Troop Committee and Junior Leaders have been working hard to put the program together for the upcoming year and we will be presenting it, along with copies of the Troop calendar at this time.

Attached are: (All Forms are also available on the website www.troop185wellesley.com)

Troop Code of Conduct Please sit down & read this over with your son. It has been updated from last year. We will be collecting & talking about this at the meeting.

Medical Form for you to fill out on your son, we need to update these each year. Bring on the 3rd. They do not have to be signed by the doctor. We don't need these for the Scouts who went to Resolute with the Troop; Copies have been kept.

Troop Resource & Parent Assistance Survey – New this year we will be collecting this data online. In particular we need Merit Badge Counselors to assist with several of the Eagle required badges. Please go to <http://troop185wellesley.org/survey/>. You will need the logon “member185” and password “a1troop” to sign on.

Scout & Parent Participation Survey - We are also collecting this information online at <http://troop185wellesley.org/survey/trip.php> (you need the above log on & password). Please note all the dates online are currently off by one day. You can go online before the meeting on the 31st or after if you want more info about any of the trips, which we will talk about at the meeting. Please go over the dates of the trips so you know if your son wants to go that you do not have a conflict.

This is for interest & planning only, once you sign the permission slip that is the commitment.

Also note that the Date of the first Campout, the **Saco River Canoe Trip**, is September 11- 13, 2009. The attached permission slip should be brought to the Troop meeting on the 31st, if your son is planning on going. The boys will also be spending time planning for this trip on the Aug. 31st. The Nantucket bike Trip will be the weekend of Oct 10-12th (Columbus Day weekend – Sat – Mon) so plan now.

We hope to see you all on the 31st. If **you can not attend**, but you plan on remaining active with Troop 185 give SPL Braden Tierney (237-6073) a call or email (bt19941@gmail.com). If you are no longer interested in what the Troop is doing please email me (jofortin@bsamail.org) and we will stop sending you information.

Don't forget the permission slip, medical form, your calendar and your checkbook (we will also be taking non-refundable deposits for King Pine Ski Trip (\$75 per person) and Dues for the 2009 - 2010 year - \$40).

See you all on the 31st at St. John's.

Yours in Scouting,

John Fortini

Scoutmaster

Jan Anthos

Co-Committee Chair

Shari O'Leary

Co-Committee Chair