



August 27, 2016

Dear Scouts,

On behalf of the Troop leadership and committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2016-2017 year of scouting with Troop 103. Once again, the addition of several new scouts in the troop brings the opportunity for new friendships. We will be kicking off the year with our registration night meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Fox Hill School. Note that Fox Hill School will continue to be our usual weekly meeting location. After a short welcoming talk, the scouts will start their first meeting, while parents will have a short orientation meeting. As usual, scouts should wear uniforms and bring their scout handbooks to all meetings.

We have many fun activities planned for this year. In addition to our weekly meetings, each month has an outing including: camping, climbing, skiing, and our turkey feast. Of course, we also have a week of Summer Camp where scouts will have opportunities to camp, enjoy water activities, archery, shooting (shotgun and rifle) and earn a variety of merit badges. Summer camp includes a Trailblazer program tailored specifically for those new to Boy Scouts. Our first campout is the weekend of September 24-25 to Mt. Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH. Also, the troop is planning a 4 day trip from April 18 - 22 to Washington, D.C! Mark your calendars!

Attached to this email, you will find a variety of forms that the troop requires for smooth operation. New and returning scouts: please print, fill these out, and bring to our first meeting to expedite the registration process.

- Scout / adult information form.
- Medical form – parts A and B are required now. Part C is to be filled out by your healthcare provider and is required for any campout over 72 hours (e.g. summer camp). If you already have a medical form on file with Troop 103, it is valid for 12 months from the date of your last medical exam. This will require updating before summer camp.
- Permission to treat form – in case of emergencies.
- Resource survey – allows the troop to effectively involve adults in our activities.
- What you need list – checklist of items you will want to obtain.
- Please bring \$110 cash or check (payable to Troop 103) for troop dues (\$90 for a second son in the same family).

I look forward to seeing all of you at our first meeting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

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