



Boy Scouts of America Troop 482 Floral Park, NY

September 19, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 scouting season. We are looking forward to another great year of scouting! We anticipate many exciting camping trips and eagle projects in the upcoming year.

- 1) **Troop Meetings.** Monday evenings at 7:30 to 9:00 pm. in the Floral Park School Old Gym.
- 2) **Calendar.** Refer to the Troop calendar for the 2010-2011 scouting year.
- 3) **Troop482.com.** Our official website that you can view Troop information, forms, photo gallery, merit badge counselors, plus much more.
- 4) **Media Release Form.** We post pictures of scouts when at scouting activities on the Troop482.com website, please complete the form indicating any restrictions. Please give the form to Fred Isoldi or any committee member.
- 5) **Dues & Registration.** We have reduced the annual fee to \$120 (instead of \$150) due to the very successful Wreath sale & Car Washes. If you have more than one boy in the troop, \$110 each. If you are unable to pay the full amount by November 22th, please speak to our treasurer, Juergen Seuling 516-328-0050.
- 6) **Troop Committee -** Troop 482 is run by committee consisting of the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairperson, Assistant Scoutmasters, Treasurer, Advancement Coordinators, Trip Coordinator and other interested parents. We meet monthly to discuss troop operations, plan trips, and events. These meetings are open and parents are encouraged to attend. Please see the calendar for the dates:-----American Legion Hall, 15 Elizabeth street -- 8:00 to 9:00 pm
- 7) **Volunteers -** Troop 482 is successful due to parental involvement. Each year, when scouts leave the troop, we lose parent volunteers. Please consider to volunteer to help share the responsibilities of running a successful Troop.

Boy Scout Policy mandates that there must be sufficient trained adults on each trip. We are down to only a few adults who are trained. Training can be easily completed in a couple of evenings and/or one weekend. Please consider becoming a trained member of our troop so that camping trips are not cancelled due to insufficient trained adults.
- 8) **Merit Badge Counselors -** Merit badges are a big part of the advancement process in Boy Scouts. The object of merit badges is to provide hands on experiences (small boat sailing, canoeing, archery, etc), to expose the boys to different career choices (salesmanship, computers, engineering, etc) and to provide the boys with skills necessary to succeed as adults (family life, personal management, personal fitness, etc). There are also badges for Fishing, Railroading, Music, Home Repair and other "fun" badges. Counselors do not need any specific expertise. They only need to agree to have read the merit badge book and advise the boys on how to complete the badge. Please consider becoming a merit badge counselor. You can speak with Fred Isoldi, or Michael Cangialosi.
- 9) **Scout Personal Data Form -** We need to have correct information in case of an emergency. We also need insurance coverage on vehicles that are used for troop activities. If your son is planning on going on any camping trips, you must be available to drive regardless of whether or not you plan to go camping. Input any information under *Allergies* or *other* that you think would be pertinent for us to know. **Even if you have filled this form out in the past, we need to have updated information, please fill it out again, and return it to Fred Isoldi.**
- 10) **Email -** On the personal data form please indicate your email address or if you do not have one. The troops email list will be kept confidential and only be used for scouting related information. If anyone would like to send out troop wide emails, just email Mr. Isoldi and he will send (scouting related) emails out to the troop.

Yours in Scouting,

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