



BOY SCOUT TROOP #24

May 2009 Newsletter



New Account Policy

A significant part of Boy Scouts is learning responsibility, managing financial affairs and planning ahead. Because of that, the Committee has established a new policy for Scouts who have a negative account balance.

Scouts who have an account balance that is "in the red" (with a negative balance) are urged to bring that account to zero or a positive balance through participation in fund-raising activities or by contributing to their account. Scouts who carry a negative balance greater than -\$50 will be required to pay up-front all costs associated with any activities, trips or camping excursions before participating in that activity.

By thoughtful planning throughout the year and participating in the fund-raising activities, a Scout and his parents/guardians can raise enough to participate in almost all activities. If you have extenuating circumstances, discuss them with Scoutmaster Tom Owlett to learn about what options are available.

If you have any questions about your account balance, contact Committee Treasurer Andi Pfisterer.

Rafting Trip Rescheduled

The rafting/caving trip scheduled for May 15-17 on the Cheat River in West Virginia has been rescheduled due to Scouts being unable to participate because of other activities. The new date will be scheduled as soon as possible. The new information will be disseminated through e-mail and at meetings.

Please Welcome

Please welcome our newest member, Chase Barnes to the Troop. Chase, who hails from Missouri, is a Life Scout. He is one merit badge and an Eagle project away from Eagle. An interesting fact is his former Troop gave color-coded beads to each Scout for attending an overnight camp out. Chase has over 30 beads. Each color is significant since it depicts the type of weather or event on the camp out – such as blue for cold, black for rain; there is a color for summer camp. Chase has white, red, purple beads to name a few colors.



Court of Honor is May 19

A Court of Honor has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. Scouts and their parents are invited to recognize the Scouts who have advanced in rank and/or earned merit badges. Congratulations to all the Scouts for their hard work and accomplishments.



Time to Prepare for Summer Camp

Summer camp is a mere two months away! The Troop is scheduled to attend Camp Brulé from July 19 through July 24. Campership applications (the troop will match the district contribution) have been distributed and must be returned to the Scout Store at the Arnot Mall **BY MAY 1**. Turn applications in to the Scout leader at the next meeting on **APRIL 28**.

Scouts who want to take advantage of the Early Bird Special rate of \$255 (\$20 off the regular price) must have that amount in their account or pay it **BY MAY 15**. Remember, you can earn money at the STPR T-shirt fund-raiser the week-end of June 6 and Laurel Festival parking the weekend of June 20.