

BOYSCOUT TROOP 114

BEDFORD MASSACHUSETTS



Northwoods 2011

There was a great turnout of scouts that attended our annual trip to Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire this year. Once again, we returned to YMCA camp Northwoods in Tuftonborough - a favorite location for the scouts with its great water frontage, a lighted basketball court, and a lodge building with a fire pit for those rainy spells. We had a great time and the boys had opportunities to go waterskiing or tubing behind the motorboats that we had. The lake water was "refreshing" as the boys put it, but it didn't slow them down a bit.

This year, the Northwoods trip coincided with Matt Bridgemans' birthday. To celebrate, his patrol baked him a cake. As you can see, it turned out great. It takes "Be prepared" to a whole new level.

Northwoods 2011: More fun



DID YOU KNOW?

- Of the 12 men who would eventually walk on the moon, 11 were former Scouts.
- Nearly 1.2 million volunteers donate an average of 20 hours per month to the BSA, which totals 288 million hours of time during one year. Independent Sector projects the average value of volunteer time to be \$20.25 an hour. Given this hourly rate, the approximate value of the time given by Boy Scout volunteers is more than \$5.8 billion annually.
- Rafael Petit and Juan Carmona of Caracas, Venezuela, hiked to the 1935 National Scout Jamboree, only to find that it was canceled due to a polio outbreak. They returned for the 1937 Jamboree—a total of 8,000 miles.
- Norman Rockwell designed the first 12 Scout medals for the BSA.

Community Service Opportunities

Troop 114 continues to offer opportunities to “do a good turn daily” and “to help other people at all times.” There are weekly opportunities for unpacking and shelving food at the Food Pantry, most Mondays 3:00-4:00 at the yellow Town Center Building. The Troop also helps clean up at the Bedford Community Table on one Thursday evening a month from 6:00-7:00 PM, which is also held at the Town Center Building. On Veterans Day, November 11, we look for a large contingent of Scouts to help at the VA Medical Center to help bring patients from their rooms to the VA Chapel, and then back again at the end of the service. Eagle service projects are also being organized by the Eagle Scout candidates. As described in the Community Service Guidelines on the Troop 114 website, participation time should be reported to the adult or Scout leader for the event, who should then report the time to either myself or Matthew Bowers, the current adult and Scout community service coordinators.

A Call for Parent Volunteers

To be consistent with Boy Scout policy there should be at least two adults at every Scouting function. For community service events, this is best achieved by occasional and broad participation from parents. Our goal is for every parent to help at one or two events a year—a small commitment, but by all doing our part we greatly help our Troop. By including other parents in this rotation, we will ensure the best possible continuity and depth of coverage.

Remember that there are always opportunities beyond these scheduled events to help the community—please feel free to approach us with new ideas for community service projects for our Troop.



NEW ENGLAND BOY SCOUT STORE

400 Cummings Park
Suite # 1250
Washington Street
Woburn, MA

781-937-4282 (Call for hours)

The Woburn Scout store
can be hard to find!

400 Cummings Park is one of
the taller buildings on the
west side of Washington
Street, directly across
from Staples.

The Scout Shop is on the
south side of the building
facing 600 Cummings Park.

The shop entrance is on the
outside of the building, right
next to the loading dock.

Or, shop conveniently online
at www.Scoutstuff.org. This is
the Boy Scouts of America's
official retail store.



THE BOY SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Bedford Day.

This year, Bedford day will be held Saturday Sept, 17th. As usual, we'll be featuring a troop "yard sale". It's a great opportunity to clear out some of those things that don't need any more and have them sold to benefit the troop. All items can be dropped off at the booth next to the town hall to the left of the stairs (our usual location) at 9:30. In addition, the scouts will be showing off some of their lashing skills and create a complete bridge without a single nail. Thanks in advance to all the scouts and parents that signed up to help out at our booth this year. Last year we were able to raise close to \$400 for the troop for use on equipment and trips. Let's see if we can top that this year.

Upcoming Scout Skills weekend.

Scout Skills is coming! Starting on **Friday Night Nov.18 through Sunday Nov. 20**, we'll be heading over to Camp Resolute in Hudson. Last year was a huge success and enjoyed by all. And this year it'll be even better. We'll be revisiting several of our favorite activities plus, have a few more new things to look forward to. Hopefully the weather will be nice, but make sure you're prepared for the cold weather just in case. There will be camp fires, cinnamon apples and pioneering opportunities during the day, and who can forget the Golden Griddle Cook off. And as always, the adults will be treated to a special turkey dinner with all the fixings. Mark your calendars and get ready for fun.



COLD WEATHER CAMPING

With the leaves falling and winter approaching make sure you're prepared for camping in the upcoming months. Here's a few suggestions for staying warm.

- Wear layers of clothing.
- Wear a wool or synthetic stocking cap – a lot of heat is lost through the head
- Have gloves or mittens available
- Wear boots (not sneakers) with warm socks.
- Have rain / snow gear (raincoat, rain pants, ponchos, footwear) available
- Avoid overheating during daytime activities



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11
Veterans Day at the VA
Time TBD

October 7-9
Columbus day weekend
camping trip

November 18-20
Scout Skills Weekend

December TBD
Swim Event at Billerica
Boys and Girls Club