

**Red N Black Monthly Newsletter  
October/November 2008**

**Calendar**

**October**

- 3-5 Fall Camporee** at Ft. Ticonderoga
- 6 Troop Meeting**  
Scout Master Conferences, BOR  
Troop Elections
- 13 NO TROOP MTNG.** Columbus Day
- 14 Roundtable** in Saratoga
- 18 Car Show** at Elks  
Stand Down in Albany
- 19 Pancake Breakfast**
- 20 Troop Meeting**  
BOR/ Blue cards due
- 24-26 OA Fall Fellowship** at Wakpominee
- 26 TC Meeting** 7 pm Elks
- 27 COURT OF HONOR**  
Troop dues DUE today

**November**

- 1 Double H Clean up Day**
- 3 Troop Meeting**  
Popcorn Orders and \$ due
- 7 Troop Sponsored dinner** at Elks
- 8 Scouting For Food** Bag drop off
- 10 Troop Meeting**
- 15 Scouting For Food** Bag pick up & sort
- 17 Troop Meeting**
- 23 Popcorn pick up** TODAY  
TC Meeting 7 pm Elks
- 24 Troop Meeting/Ethnic Dinner**

**Troop registrations** are due now! Registration forms were placed in all mailboxes and are also available on our website at [www.troop246bsa.org](http://www.troop246bsa.org). Annual registration fees are \$40.00. Boys Life is ½ price this year, at \$6.00, which you can add to your registration fees for a total of \$48.00. Please make checks payable to: Troop 246. All paperwork should be directed to Troop 246 Committee Chair, Mrs. Komoroske. As always, if there are financial difficulties, please contact our Scoutmaster, Mr. Lumpkins or Committee Chair, Mrs. Komoroske. Please note that families with more than one scout in Troop 246 should see Mrs. Komoroske or Mrs. Laing prior to sending in registration. Medical forms also need to be updated yearly. If you went to camp in July, you should be all set. All others please see Mrs. Robak.

**All forms and dues must be handed in by Oct. 27.**

Our **Popcorn Sale** is half over! All scouts should be well on their way to accomplishing their sales goal. Please remember to bring copies of your order forms to each meeting so that our popcorn advisors, Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Powell, can chart your progress! Prizes are available to all scouts reaching the \$150.00 mark! Keep this date in mind: Nov. 3 when all popcorn orders and monies need to be turned in. Popcorn will be ready for pick up on Saturday, Nov. 23. Keep selling!! You still have time left!!

**Car Show at the Elk's Club** on Sat., Oct. 18. Older scouts are needed to assist with parking beginning at 8 am. Sign up at Troop meeting. For details please contact Mr. Bloss or Matt C.

**Stand Down for Veterans** is scheduled for Oct. 18 in Latham. A Stand Down is part of the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs' efforts to bring services to homeless veterans. The Stand Down is used to reach out to homeless veterans by providing services such as food, shelter, clothing and health screenings. Troop 246 is collecting gently used clothing for men and women at

each troop meeting until Oct. 18. Look for the box labeled Stand Down at our meetings. There are also sign up sheets if scouts would like to work a 2 hour shift at the VA in Latham on Oct. 18. For more details please see Sean D.

Our next **Pancake Breakfast** is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 19. We will need cooks in the kitchen, scouts to serve and bus tables and lots of hungry attendees. Flyers will need to be distributed into the community, as well as to family and friends. Watch for volunteer list at troop meetings. Please contact Nate B. for more information. Plan to come hungry!!

We are getting ready for our **Fall Court Of Honor (COH)**. Check your calendar for deadline dates for SM Conferences, BOR schedule and for blue card turn in. Scouts will be recognized for the merit badges they earned over the summer and for the rank advancement they've achieved. COH is open to ALL scouts and families. Scouts must present in FULL CLASS A. COH begins at 7 pm at the Elks, but scouts should arrive by 6:45 pm. Scouts are needed to set up at 6:30 pm. If you are interested to help with set up, please contact Chris C. Hope to see you there to join the celebration!!

As November begins, we will hold our **Annual Fall Clean up at Double H Hole in the Woods** on Saturday, Nov. 1. This is a great opportunity to do a service project as a Unit. Volunteers will need to bring rakes, gloves, water and lunch. Plans include departure from Elks at 8:30 am with return in mid afternoon. Please contact Mrs. Colvin for further details.

**Scouting For Food (SFF)** is our biggest community service project of the year. We'll need EVERYONE to participate. Bag drop off is Sat., Nov. 8 and food pick up and sort is on Sat., Nov. 15. Korrey and Mrs. Meyers will coordinate this project for Troop 246. All food items will be donated to our local food pantry (at Jonesville Methodist Church on Main Street). With the holidays approaching, we hope to stock their shelves full! Adult drivers are needed.

Our **Ethnic Dinner** is coming up on Nov. 24 and is for scouts and leaders. Scouts are asked to bring a dish from their ethnic background (we are not all Italian!!) to share. Be proud of your heritage! We'll break bread, have a laugh and give thanks. We'll have to time to reflect on our thanks. Come prepared to share your thoughts, if willing. Starts at 7 pm. A fun night.

Events to watch for:

**Shoes for the Homeless**.....chair, Lee G.

**Route 146A Clean up**.....chair, Nate B.

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**What it means**.....

**On my honor**.....By giving your word, you are promising to make every effort to live by the high ideals of the Scout Oath. Your success is a measure of your honor. As a scout, you must hold your honor sacred.