

# SMOKE SIGNALS



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## Advancement News

June 7th marks the date of our final Court of Honor for this Scout year. We have all been very busy earning merit badges and rank advancement. A lot of hard work has resulted in many of the partials from last year being finished up.

A special note should be made for Chris C. finishing his rifle shooting merit badge. After finishing the classroom portion of the badge very easily, Chris was struggling a little with the shooting for record. He did not finish the required targets during the class. But, he did not give up. For the next several weeks (four or five), Chris went to the fish and game club on Friday nights to practice his marksmanship. After showing a lot of determination and marked improvement, Chris finished the required targets, and earned his merit badge.

A total of 37 merit badges have been earned.

### Rank Advancement

Chris C.—First Class

Jessie S.—Tenderfoot

Patrick L.—Life

Morris M.—Star

Andrew R.—Star

## Summer Camp

We are getting ready for summer camp. Once again, we will be going to T. L. Storer on Sunday July 16th. By now, everyone has selected the merit badges to work on. Medical forms must be given to Mr. O'Brien SOON. So if you have not turned in your form, make arrangement to get the form to Mr. O'Brien.

Because camp falls on the week before the Allagash trip, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Lynch nor Mr. Regan will be attending camp for the week. They will be there for the first and last day, as well as stopping in to say hi once during the week. Mr. Early and Mr. Garbenis will be at camp the entire week. As well as Mr. Crabb and Jeff on a part-time basis. So, we have plenty of leadership coverage. We will also be sharing the campsite with the Troop that is normally across the road from us.

This year, lets make a good effort to finish all of the merit badges. As we have seen this year, trying to complete partial merit badges can be difficult.

## Elections

- Kyle D.—Senior Patrol Leader
- Andrew R.—Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Chris A.—Patrol Leader
- Patrick L.—Patrol Leader
- Morris M.—Patrol Leader

The Patrols will be rearranged to account for the changes in leadership.

## Getting to Know You—Mr. Lynch

Our second installment of “Getting to Know You” will spotlight Mr. Lynch

- Was a member of Troop 124 in Peabody
- Earned his Eagle Scout in 1979
- Earned his Bachelor and Master degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University.
- Earned his Masters degree in Computer Science from Boston University.
- Worked for many years as a mechanical engineer for AGFA. Then he switched careers and is now a software engineer with Monotype Imaging where he works on software for printers and cell phones.
- Cub Scouter Key, Scouter’s Training Award, OA Brotherhood
- Assistant Cubmaster for 5 years, Assistant Scoutmaster for 4 years
- Shu Shu Ga Trained
- Woodbadge NE-I-221
- Assistant Scoutmaster for National Jamboree Troop 118, 2005

When asked what was his most fond memory of Scouting as a youth, Mr. Lynch answered that his Troop went on some sort of outdoor activity, either camping or a hike every month. ■

## Where was May’s *Smoke Signals*?

While *Smoke Signals* is a monthly publication, we did miss the May issue. As it turned out, the editorial staff (Mr. Lynch) was on a business trip to South Korea just prior to press time.

## Isacc Davis Hike—April 22/23

Six Scouts and 5 Leaders camped in Acton for the Isaac Davis Trial hike. Left the farm at about 8:30AM on Saturday. We decided to pack light on this trip, and did not take the carport. This may have turned out to be a bad thing. The weather on Saturday was cold and rainy. We did a lot of standing around in the cold. For the end of April, we were very surprised by the weather.

Joey and Chris got to work on their Second and First Class requirements. They had fun cooking, and the food was pretty good. After seeing the flag presentation program and some skits, we headed back to the site at about 8:30 and retired to our tents. It rained off-and-on throughout the night, but nothing too bad. 5:00AM came real early and we had a quick breakfast before catching the bus at about 6:00 to go to the start of the hike. We followed the Isaac Davis Trail for about 7 miles learning some history along the way

## Allagash Trip—Itinerary

July 24, 2006 Leave Peabody Mass. 9.00 Am in assigned vehicle to Mt. Chase

Lodge (Patten Maine) Arrive around 3:00 PM

July 25, 2006 Depart Patten, Me after Breakfast (7.30 AM) Arrive BSA Maine High Adventure Area, Grand Lake Matagamon Approx. 8.30AM

Orientation and Trip Planning, Gear Check out Camp in inbound Crew Area, MHAA Base

July 26, 2006 Depart base for trailhead

Wed. July 26 through August 2 Allagash Wilderness Waterway Journey

Chamberlain Lake north to Allagash Village

August 2 2006 Return to MHAA Base, Return gear "Lumberjack Supper" at MHAA base camp, stay in Outbound Crew Area

August 3 2006 Dry breakfast at MHAA Base Depart Grand Lake Matagamon in the AM Arrive Peabody mid- to late day.

## Website Update

There have been a couple recent additions to the web site.

- **Receive the news letter by e-mail.** Want to get the newsletter sooner than everyone else? We will be sending *Smoke Signals* out via e-mail once it is ready. This mail will be going out up to a week before being handed out at the meeting. Just send an e-mail to [smokesignals@119peabody.org](mailto:smokesignals@119peabody.org) to get on the mailing list.
- **Trip Reports**— After any trip that we take, a short trip report will be written up and put on the web site. This would be a great job for the Scribe, any takers?
- **Leaders Page**—This is a password protected area on the site for leaders only. See the webmaster for user name and password.

## Leaders in the News

At a recent District Awards Dinner, two of our own were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Scouting program.

- Mr. O'Brien was awarded the District Award of Merit. This was one of only two such awards this year from the Aquila District.
- Jeff Serre earned the Boy Scout Training Award.

## News from the Pack

The Pack finished a great year with their Blue and Gold banquet. Many awards were presented, and Mr. McGinn put together a fantastic slide show.

After doing a wonderful job this year, Mr. O'Brien handed the Cubmaster role to Mr. Lynch

## Scoutmaster's Minute

Afar in our dry southwestern country is an Indian village, and in the offing is a high mountain, towering up out of the desert. It is considered a great feat to climb this mountain. So that all the boys of the village were eager to attempt it. One day the Chief said; "Now boys you may all go today and try to climb the mountain. Start right after breakfast, and go each of you as far as you can. Then when you are tired, come back; but let each one bring me a twig from the place where he turned." Away they went full of hope each feeling that he surely could reach the top. But soon a fat, pudgy boy came slowly back, and in his hand he held out to the Chief a leaf of cactus. The Chief smiled and said, "My boy, you did not reach the foot of the mountain, you did not even get across the desert." Later, a second boy returned. He carried a twig of sagebrush. "Well," said the Chief, "You reached the mountain's foot but you did not climb upward." The next had a cottonwood spray. "Good", said the Chief, "You got up as far as the springs." Another came later with some buckthorn. The Chief smiled when he saw it and spoke thus: "You were climbing; you were up to the first slide rock." Late in the afternoon, one arrived with a cedar spray, and the old man said, "Well done. You went half way up." An hour afterward, one came with a switch of pine. To him the Chief said, "Good, you went to the third belt; you made it three quarters of the climb." The sun was low when the last returned. He was a tall, splendid boy of noble character. His hand was empty as he approached the Chief, but his countenance was radiant, and he said: "My father, there were no trees where I got to; there were no twigs, but I saw the shining sea." Now the old man's face glowed, too, as he said aloud and almost sang: "I knew it. When I looked on your face, I knew it. You have been to the top. You need no twigs for token. It is written in your eyes, and rings in your voice. My boy, you have felt the uplift, you have seen the glory of the mountain."

Oh ye Scouts, keep this in mind, then: the badges that we offer for attainment are not "prizes." Prizes are things of value taken by violence from their rightful owners. These are merely tokens of what you have done or where you have been. They are mere twigs from the trail to show how far you got in climbing the mountain.

## Month Events

**June 7th**  
**7:00 St. John's**  
**Troop Meeting—Court of Honor**

**June 16th**  
**5:30 Brooksby Farm**  
**Overnight Camping with the Cub Scouts**

**June 23rd—25th**  
**Onway**  
**OA Induction Weekend**

**July 16th**  
**T. L. Storer**  
**Summer Camp**

**July 24th**  
**Maine High Adventure**  
**Allagash Canoe Trip**

**Always look to the calendar on web site for the latest schedule!**

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# Fun and Games

Let's take a quiz for a change. The answers will be available on the web site, or in the next issue of *Smoke Signals*. Good luck, this is a pretty hard test

**1. What year did Cub Scouts cease to be an experimental program?**

A—1930 B—1931 C—1932 D—1933

**2. What important program was started in 1982?**

A—Varsity Scouting B—Scouting For the Handicapped C—Tiger Cubs Cub Scout D—Wood Badge

**3. Den Mothers became den leaders in what year?**

A—1964 B—1967 C—1972 D—1976

**4. The first religious body to formally adopt Scouting was?**

A—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints B—Catholic Church C—Baptist Church D—Methodist Church

**5. The twelfth point of the Scout Law, a Scout is reverent, was added by whom?**

A—Ernest Thomspson Seton B—Daniel Carter Beard C—James West D—Robert Baden-Powell

**6. In 1976, women were officially allowed to serve as?**

A—Scoutmasters B—Cubmasters C—Merit Badge Counselors D—Committee Chairman

**7. An advisor is a leader in what part of Scouting?**

A—Learning For Life B—Order of the Arrow C—Sea Scouts D—Exploring

**8. The patron saint of the world brotherhood of Scouting is?**

A—St. Elmo B—St. George C—St. Augustine D—St. Aloysius

**9. The fleur de lis is also known as?**

A—French Flower B—North Star C—Trefoil D—Arrowhead of the Sea

**10. Cub Scouts in the United States was once known as?**

A—Wolf Cubs B—Cubs USA C—Junior Scouts D—Cubbing