PA DUTCH SCOUT SHOP NEWS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014

TWENTY FIRST EDITION

NEW ITEMS IN THE STORE

New Venture Program Materials are available. Think Holidays: Cub Scout Hoodies and BSA Hoodies are now in stock. Cub Scout Night Lights, Scrapbooking materials, and a Lighted Christmas stocking are also new to our store. We have a limited number of items and sizes.

BLUE & GOLD BANQUETS & SPECIAL AWARDS

February seems far off, but it is right around the corner. Start thinking ahead for special awards and banquet supplies you might need. Most items need to be ordered and we need 2 weeks advance notice. This includes plaques, trophies, certificates, patches, and paper products. Call the scout shop with the item number, description, quantity, and price to order.

STORE CLOSINGS

The Scout Shop & Office will be closed November 27th & 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday and December 25th & 26th and January 1st & 2nd for the Christmas & New Year's Holiday.

The Scout Shop will be closed December 23rd through January 4th for yearend inventory.

INTERNET ADVANCEMENT

Units are required to complete advancement through the internet advancement link. You will need the unit ID number which you can get from Karen at <u>karen.glover@scouting.org</u> or 717.394.4063. If you are having difficulties with internet advancement, you may bring your information to the Scout Shop and enter it on our computer.

UNIT STORE ACCOUNTS

Any Unit can set up a store account with funds for purchasing advancement, event registrations, membership, and other unit needs. It is recommended that the unit restrict use to specific unit leaders. A signature is required for all purchases. Reports can be run for treasurers to track purchases. Many units have found store accounts useful for tracking funds and purchases. It eliminates the need for adult volunteers to use their personal funds and then seek reimbursement. For more information or to set up an account contact Robin at <u>robin.kotzmoyer@scouting.org</u> or 717.553.4200.



IMPORTANT POPCORN DATES

Important dates to remember for this year's Popcorn Sale are:

Oct. 27 – Show & Sell Returns Oct. 29 – Take Orders Due Nov. 14 – Take Order Pick Up Dec. 8 – Final Payments Due

PINEWOOD DERBY TIME

Pinewood Derby cars are in stock. Call and reserve your unit's cars today! We will have them ready for pick up when you arrive at the store.

There are limited supplies of weights, lubricants, colored wheels, and decals. Don't wait, start planning this great event today!

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE:

- 1. Eagle applications and Eagle Scout Project workbooks are electronic. The link is under advancement at <u>www.padutchbsa.org</u>.
- 2. If your unit is not able to attend the Roundtable, then stop in the Scout Shop and check your unit mailbox to stay up to date on activities, trainings, and other special announcements.
- 3. Internet Advancement issues usually deal with compatibility. In Internet Explorer check your compatibility under tools. If you are still having problems contact the National Help Desk at 972-580-2489.
- 4. Cabin rentals are going fast for choice months. If you need a cabin for an activity this winter call today and reserve. Please do not send registration form without first reserving by phone.
- 5. Advancement Reminder: 1 copy of your unit's internet advancement report is to be turned in when purchasing advancement. Troops also need to turn in the Application for Merit Badge also known as the blue card. All ranks, webelos activity badges, & boy scout merit badges must be recorded.

Scout Shop Hours

Labor Day to Memorial Day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M Wednesday 9:00 A.M to 7:00 P.M

Scout Shop Contact Information

(717)553-4200. Fax: (717)394-7776 Email: <u>robin.kotzmoyer@scouting.org</u> A few notes about tour plan submission:

- 1. Tour Plans are needed whenever you leave the Council borders, camp overnight regardless of borders, or plan an activity requiring special training such as boating & swimming.
- 2. The tour plan leader and the committee chair or charter rep must sign the plan for hard copies.
- 3. One registered leader must have YPT and Hazardous Weather training. These trainings expire every 2 years. Packs need a BALOO trained leader.
- 4. Tour Plans can be faxed to (717)394-7776, mailed to the council office, or brought in. Tour Plans may also be filed electronically through the my scouting website.
- 5. Vehicle information is needed for anyone transporting people other than their own family members.
- 6. Please direct additional questions to Robin at 717.553.4200, Mike Manner at 717.553.4205, or your District Executive.

PLACING CATALOG ORDERS

Orders can be placed and picked up at our Scout Shop with no S&H charges from quarterly catalogs or for items seen on <u>www.scoutstuff.org</u>. Allow 10-14 days for delivery. Call (717)553-4200 to order.

Have a Happy Holiday season! November & December are great months for Community Service Projects! Lend a helping hand or bring a little cheer to someone in need of a smile!

TOUR PLAN REMINDERS