

Boy Scout Troop 48  
Troop Auxiliary  
Berlin, NJ

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Dear Scouting Parents:

The philosophy of Troop 48 is to involve all our boys in rewarding and challenging adventures in safe and structured circumstances. Under the leadership of our scoutmaster, Gary Lake, we have been very successful in making our philosophy the order of the day. In 1992, Troop 48 was recognized by Camden County Council, BSA for having the most outstanding outdoor program in the Council.

Because of the dynamic nature of our troop and what it has to offer the boys, it has become a very popular organization. At the present time, we have 45 scouts on the roster with expectations of an additional 10 boys joining in the fall.

This rapid increase in membership has put us into a bind especially in terms of equipment and our ability to transport the scouts on trips. Recently, a fifth patrol was formed to accommodate our new scouts, and it is anticipated that a sixth will be set up in the fall. Additionally, we have begun to rent vans for our remote trips such as to Gettysburg and Annapolis.

The cost of outfitting the new patrols and renting the vans has started to strain our budget, and the prospect of more ambitious trips, such as to the White Mountains of New Hampshire this summer, is only compounding the problem. Also, we recognize that there is a limit as to how much we can expect our scouting families to carry in terms of these additional costs. Along these same lines, we hope to establish a scholarship fund for those boys in the troop whose family financial means might limit their participation in our programs.

To address these problems, the Troop Committee has elected to form a troop auxiliary whose principal function will be to assist in fundraising so that we can meet our needs without further burdening the scouts and their families.

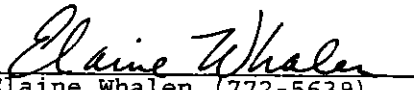
To this end, the Troop Auxiliary is exploring a number of options which we would like to present to you here.


1. We are participating through the County Council in the Strawbridge & Clothier Charity Day program. In this regard, we hope to raise enough money early on to cover the cost of the van for the New Hampshire trip.
2. We are proposing that we hold a Troop-wide yard sale at the Church sometime in September. Beside selling material donated by our families, we would hope to rent tables to other participants as well as selling baked goods, etc. With this in mind, we would ask that you hold onto any yard sale items until the fall. More information will follow.

3. If it can be arranged, we are considering a carwash at the Church sometime prior to the New Hampshire trip.
4. We would like to pursue the possibility of donations from local businesses as well as from the employers of scout parents. If you have suggestions in this regard or have an employer who has a corporate giving program, please let us know so that we might pursue a donation in the most appropriate fashion.
5. We would like to coordinate future fundraisers such as the annual hoagie sale so that they will make the biggest impact and be the most effective use of our resources.

In conclusion, we need your support and your ideas to make the Troop Auxiliary an effective tool in promoting the philosophy of Troop 48. We will keep you informed of our progress, and we hope to have your help in making that progress.

Sincerely,

  
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