

Upcoming Events:

- **Everyone in the troop needs to turn in new physical forms.** These forms can be found at <http://www.straffordscouts.us/Forms/Annual%20Health%20and%20Medical%20Record.pdf>. If you have not had a check-up since July 10, 2009, you will need a new check up to collect the latest information.
- **James Hayden will be having a workday this Saturday, and Luke Wiley will have one this Sunday.** James' workday will take place at Mr. Burnell's house at 8:00, and lunch will be provided. Luke's will take place at the Strafford River Conservatory in Rollinsford from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please bring gloves and water and look out for ticks. Please set some time aside to help out these Eagle hopefuls with their projects!
- **Troop 23 is hosting the District Spring Camporee from April 23-25.** Dakota Clifford is the event SPL for this event. *All scouts are EXPECTED to help as staff. Please mark this off in your calendars; we need you to be there!*
 - Scouts are expected to arrive at the National Guard at 4:00 PM on Friday the 23rd. We will close the event Sunday the 25th at 10:00 PM.
 - Patrols should plan their own meals for Friday night, and should plan on bringing enough tents and cooking gear as necessary.
 - The following are station assignments. Scouts will need to start planning their stations now!
 - 7 Stations with 2 patrol capacity
 - Semaphore-John Grace + George Philbrick
 - Morse Code at night/ battery-Collin + Dylan
 - Footprints- Chris + Luke W
 - Carpentry 1-levels, rulers, etc.- Nathaniel + James H
 - Carpentry 2-nails, spikes, etc.- Ian H + Zach Flanagan
 - Carpentry 3-saws/cookies- Beau + Josh Clark
 - Animal Tracking- Zach Robinson + Kenny
- May 8th-9th will be the combined Troop Hike-a-thon and Meade Base Campout, taking place in Sandwich, N.H. **This is a change from what was previously said.** More information will be coming shortly on this event.
- Our annual Canoe Trip will be May 29-30 on the Suncook River. The Canoe Trip is one of our most fun events so be sure to make it!
- The Memorial Day Parade will take place Monday, May 31 and Troop 23 will march again this year! We will meet at the Beaver Dam Estates at 10:00 AM. If scout families could bring sandwiches for after the parade that would be greatly appreciated.

Troop News:

- A revised contact list, with more adult leaders, is being sent out this week. Thank you for your cooperation!
- Congratulations to Matt Burns, Levi Davies, Dakota Clifford, and John Grace who have been elected into the Order of the Arrow! The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the honor society of Boy Scouts, and these four scouts will undergo their Ordeal weekend this year to complete their induction into this prestigious society. **Ordeal Weekends will take place September 10-12, 2010, and May 20-22, 2011; please plan on attending one of these weekends as soon as possible!**

- Also congratulations to Mr. Burnell, who received the prestigious District Award of Merit at the district dinner this past Saturday, and Mr. Burns who was the first Troop 23 adult to receive the Scoutmaster Key! These adult leaders have been working for our troop for years now, and deserve this honor very much.