

T-154 Scouts and Scouting Families:

November 17, 2004

Here are the details on this weekend's Christmas Tree Campout:

- Scouts should arrive at the church parking lot packed and ready to go **a few minutes before 5:00 PM** on Friday evening (11/19)
- Packed gear should include those items on **the T-154 standard camping equipment list** (available on our web site at: <http://www.troop154bsa.com/> -- look under "Campout Info")
- Special attention should be paid to: warm clothing for cold nights, esp. long underwear, knit hats, layers of warm shirts, pants, fleece jackets and warm coats
- Scouts will also need: a warm sleeping bag and a full-length (or nearly so) sleeping pad to insulate them from the cold ground
- We will be hiking around and up Blue Job mountain on Saturday. Scouts should have water bottles, good hiking shoes or boots, compass, whistle, and a day pack or fanny pack to carry them in
- The scouts are eating by patrols – the cost of meals is the standard \$2 for breakfast, \$3 for lunch, and \$4 for dinner. For scouts staying the whole weekend, **the meal cost is \$15** (includes dinner on Friday night). This payment should have been made at our Troop meeting on Wednesday, but if it wasn't, **it MUST be paid upon arrival at the church on Friday**
- We will return to Durham on Sunday morning (11/21) and unload the 250 Christmas Trees we are bringing back for our annual fundraiser. Families should meet their scouts at the field where we will unload and store our trees: **The Pines, a bed and breakfast on Rt. 108, directly across from Jackson's Landing and the ice rink. Pick-up time is 11:30 AM – please plan on being a few minutes early**, so we can finish our unloading and move our many vehicles out of the parking lot and drive way of The Pines as soon as possible
- Friday evening at 5:00 is also the time for scouts to **drop off the non-perishable food items they have collected for Scouting for Food** (bags were distributed at the Troop meeting on Wednesday)
- And, finally, Friday evening at 5:00 is also the time for **Popcorn pick-up**. Mr. Gearheart will have the popcorn orders ready for distribution and take-home. Scouts should deliver the popcorn, collect the money, and **return the money no later than our next Troop Meeting – Wednesday, December 1.**

We have 21 scouts signed-up for the campout – a great turn-out – and are expecting some of the older Cub Scouts from Pack 154 to join us for the hike on Saturday. It should be a great time filled with fun, fresh air, and lots of scouting spirit!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Ron Rodgers
T154 Scoutmaster