

Troop 154 Newsletter

November 17, 2005

T-154 Scouts going on the Christmas Tree Campout and their Families:

Over the course of our last few Troop meetings, we have provided the Scouts all of the information they need regarding this weekend's campout. Here are some of the most important details:

- We will meet at the Church parking lot at 5:30 PM on Friday, November 18. We will be leaving at 6:00 sharp.
- We are camping at the Conley's Christmas Tree farm on the Meaderboro Road in Farmington - on the north side of Blue Job Mountain. It is about a half-hour drive from Durham - we may need drivers for the trips to and from camp - if you can help, please let us know when you bring your scout to the Church on Friday.
- All scouts should bring a bag lunch for Friday's dinner and another bag lunch they can carry on the hike for lunch on Saturday. For the rest of the meals (Saturday breakfast and dinner and Sunday breakfast) they will be cooking by patrols and need to bring \$8 to pay for the food. The money will be collected before we leave on Friday.
- It will be cold at night and cool during the day - each scout should bring plenty of warm clothing and a warm sleeping bag. All personal gear should be in properly packed in a backpack - we will be hiking into the campsite on Friday night. A small rucksack would be useful for the hike on Saturday along with a water bottle or canteen.
- We will have blaze orange florescent hats for each scout - it would not hurt to bring a reflective vest as well if you have one.
- Please see the suggested camping equipment list on our troop website for more information on what to pack (<http://www.troop154bsa.org/>). The Boy Scout handbook has some useful lists as well.

- We will return to Durham on Sunday morning (November 20) with 300 Christmas Trees for our annual fundraiser. We will be stacking the trees for storage at The Pines bed and breakfast on Rt. 108, across from Jackson's Landing. Please meet us there no later than 11:00 to pick up your scout.
- Please note: when you drop your scout off at 5:30 on Friday, we will be collecting any non-perishable food items your scout was able to collect in the time since Wednesday's scout meeting. They will go to the food pantry at St. Thomas Moore in Durham. And, at that same time we'll be distributing the Popcorn your scout sold - the scouts need to deliver the popcorn, collect the money due, and bring the money (can be combined into a check made payable to "Troop 154, BSA") to the next Troop meeting on Wednesday, November 30 (there is no meeting on Nov. 23 - the day before Thanksgiving).

We are looking forward to another great Christmas Tree Campout - this is one of the perennial favorites with all the scouts of T-154. I hope this information is helpful to you. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Ron Rodgers
T-154 Scoutmaster