

Dear Parents of Troop 350,

Next week on Monday, November 13 from 6:30pm till 8:30 pm, we will be collecting Dues and Registration for 2007. We are sending this in an attempt to answer any questions you may have regarding this payment and to let you know that the process will be a little different than previous years.

Registration fees are required of every scout on a yearly basis to recharter our Troop with the Boy Scouts of America. **They are \$10 per scout.** The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters have the fee as well, but the Troop pays for these out of the dues money collected from the scouts as a thank you for the many services they perform throughout the year. Troop Committee members pay their registration fees.

Dues are required of every scout on a yearly basis to belong to Troop 350. **They are \$45 per scout.** There is no discount for any family with more than one scout (we have quite a few of these). Dues pay for awards and badges, replacement of consumable items for campouts, food demonstrations, copies, stamps and anything that the troop would need to carry out its mission to encourage the boys to become better citizens. We receive no money as a troop from popcorn sales. All monies received are put in the scouts' individual savings accounts according to their sales volume. We have **one** fundraiser every year. This is the Chili Supper and Silent Auction. You will hear more on this very soon. This money is usually earmarked for larger purchases, i.e. tents, other equipment, trailer for gear, but can be used as normal operating funds.

Boy's Life is available if you want it. It is not a required fee. It is **\$12.00** per subscription (one year).

Scout Savings Account is only available to those scouts that sell popcorn. Funds earned are accumulated in a savings account and can be used for any Troop 350 activity including paying for Dues, Registration, and/or Boy's Life. If you have a question about your balance, please call the outgoing Treasurer, Tracey Ward at 325-9801 in advance if you need to, or the balances will be available for review at the registration table.

Mr. Perry, our Scoutmaster, and the Committee have asked for these payments to be turned in by hand at the **November 13th meeting** so that we may meet our **re-charter date of 1 December** and so we can verify contact information on our Scouts as we rely heavily upon email for Troop related correspondence. Please make every effort to be at the meeting, but if you won't be at the meeting, there will be one more meeting before the Thanksgiving holiday and the deadline. As noted above we will have a registration table set up to collect your payment starting 30 minutes before the regular Scout meeting and until 30 minutes after the meeting on the 13th.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Perry, Tracey Ward, Diana Chambers, the incoming treasurer, or Jani Thomas, our Membership representative on the Committee.

Yours in Scouting,

Tracey Ward, Treasurer
Jani Thomas, Membership