

DEAR TROOP 85 PARENTS

ONCE AGAIN IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUR SCOUTS. IN JULY YOUR SCOUT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERTAKE AN ADVENTURE THAT HE WILL REMEMBER FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE. IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT SCOUTS EXPERIENCE, AND LEARN MORE IN ONE WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP THAN A WHOLE YEAR OF WEEKEND CAMPOUTS. SUMMER CAMP ENABLES THE SCOUTS TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE THEIR SOCIAL, MENTAL, PHYSICAL, OUTDOOR AND PERSONAL SKILLS, AND HELPS THEM GROW IN MORE WAYS THAN YOU OR I CAN IMAGINE. YOUR SON WILL RETURN A LITTLE MORE MATURE, INDEPENDENT, AND A LOT MORE CONFIDENT IN HIMSELF AND HIS ABILITIES. HE WILL WALK A LITTLE TALLER. **PLEASE** DO NOT DENY HIM THIS OPPORTUNITY.

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE GOING TO THE L.E. PHILIPS SCOUT RESERVATION IN RICE LAKE WISCONSIN. IT IS THE ONLY SUMMER CAMP THAT THE BOYS HAVE ELECTED TO ATTEND MORE THAN ONCE. AS ALWAYS THE TROOP WILL BE PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND TRANSPORTATION. WE WILL BE LEAVING GAVIN NORTH EARLY ON JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> AND WILL BE RETURNING ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 26<sup>th</sup>. THIS YEAR THE COST FOR THE WEEK IS \$195 FOR SCOUTS AND \$125 FOR LEADERS, **IF ALL PAYMENT DEADLINES ARE MET.** THERE MAY BE A SMALL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES ADDED WHEN IT IS DETERMINED HOW MANY ARE GOING.

A \$40 DEPOSIT FOR LEADERS AND SCOUTS MUST BE TURNED IN TO MRS. GOODWIN NO LATER THAN MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, WITH THE BALANCE OF FEES DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>. AS ALWAYS THE SOONER YOU TURN IT IN THE EASIER IT IS FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE TO COORDINATE EVERYTHING. **AFTER APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. BOYS AND LEADERS NOT REGISTERED AT THIS TIME MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.**

IN ORDER TO HELP PAY FOR SUMMER CAMP THE TROOP IS OFFERING SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BOYS TO "EARN THEIR OWN WAY".

- INCENTIVES FROM THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKET SALES CAN BE DEPOSITED INTO A "SPECIAL SUMMER CAMP" ACCOUNT TO BE USED ONLY FOR SUMMER CAMP
- FOR EVERY 10 TICKETS SOLD THE SCOUT WILL RECEIVE \$5
- FOR EVERY 30 TICKETS SOLD THE SCOUT EARNS A CHANCE TO HAVE HIS SUMMER CAMP PAID FOR IN FULL
- EARLY IN MARCH HOPEFULLY WE WILL START THE CANDY SALE IN WHICH THE SCOUTS EARNS .50 FOR EVERY BAR HE SELLS
- IN MAY THE SCOUTS CAN ELECT TO HAVE A CAR WASH IN WHICH THE SCOUT GETS 100% OF HIS ADVANCE SALES DEPOSITED INTO HIS ACCOUNT
- DEPOSITS CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME INTO A SUMMER CAMP ACCOUNT BY LEADERS AND SCOUTS

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR SCOUTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ABOVE OPPORTUNITIES. THE TROOP LEADERSHIP FEELS THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE SCOUTS EARN THEIR OWN WAY TO SUMMER CAMP. THROUGH THIS THEY LEARN RESPONSIBILITY AND THE VALUE OF HARD WORK AND MONEY.

ON MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL BE HOLDING AN INFORMATION NIGHT FOR THE PARENTS OF OUR SCOUTS TO DISCUSS SUMMER CAMP AND HOPEFULLY ANSWER ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS AND ADDRESS YOUR CONCERNS. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE AS THE FIRST AID MERIT BADGE MEETING AT THE LAKEFRONT COMMUNITY CENTER. IF HOWEVER IN THE MEANTIME, YOU OR YOUR SON HAS ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME.

YOURS IN SCOUTING,

DON GOODWIN