

TROOP 409



Dix Hills, NY

The focus of Troop 409 of Dix Hills, NY is the development and growth of its Scouts. We accomplish this by using the Boy-Run/Boy-Led process in Scouting. The Adult Leadership guides and watches over the Troop to maintain a positive and safe environment for the Scouts. The Scouts develop the Troop's program for the year with guidance from the Adult Leadership and the Committee. The Troop's main goal is to have the Scouts have fun while learning new skills, gain knowledge and to have a sense of accomplishment. We encourage our Scouts to assist the local Cub Scout Packs with their Pine Wood Derbies, and Blue & Gold Dinners.

Currently, our program runs from the beginning of September to the middle of July. During the course of the Scout year, we meet at least 2 times a month and have an overnight camping trip at least once a month. We generally hold a Patrol Leaders (Green Bar) meeting after every campout to assess the previous trip and to begin to plan for the next camp out. Our highlight camping event is to attend Camp Yawgoog, located near Rockville, Rhode Island in July.

We welcome all interested parents to play an active role in the Troop. Positions for both Adult Scout Leaders and Committee Members are always available.

Our program follows the Scout Oath and Law in the operation of the Troop. Teamwork and learning to play an effective role within a group is at the core of the Patrol Method and how we operate within the Troop. Our Troop Advancement Chairman actively monitors our advancement program. We encourage all Scouts to advance at a rate that is commensurate with their abilities and desires. However, our feeling is that the Scout must take on the task of advancement with minimal involvement from his parent/guardian, in order to maximize the ability to gain self-reliance and leadership. Three to four times a year we recognize the scouts' Rank Advancement and Merit Badges at a formal Court of Honor.

Number of Scouts (as of this year): **33 +/-**

Number of Trained Adults: **5 (more are welcomed)**

Meeting Time: **7:30 PM til 9:00PM**

Meeting Place: **We alternate between Paumanok Elementary School (Straight Path) and St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church (north LIE service road)**

Annual: Dues: **\$65.00**

WEBELOS Scouts and Leaders are encouraged to visit our Troop anytime during the year. Most groups that are considering joining our Troop visit us from December to February, prior to bridging into Boy Scouts.

To arrange a visit, please contact our Scoutmaster, Pat Meehan at (631) 667-1465 pmeehan64@yahoo.com or our Committee Chairperson, Robert Bisulco at (631) 586-3202.