

# Troop 45 - Newsletter

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In November Troop 45 finished the wreath sales and handed in the orders. On the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> the troop went backpacking at Harriman State Park. After we set up camp we had a water filter demonstration. Afterwards the scouts went on a day hike to the Timp. We had an iron man competition and the Screaming Eagles won. After dinner the Philmont crew arrived and we then we went to the graveyard to search for banshees. The next day we hiked back to the cars and went home. IT was a great weekend.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> the troop attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony. It was very cold but important to remember all the vets that fought for our freedom.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving was a busy day. The wreath order came in and everyone was busy delivering to their customers. That night was the Troop's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner. The dinner started out with a cocktail hour. There was a slide show of the history of the Troop. There was also a display of past and present uniforms and badges. After the cocktail hour there was dinner and dancing. Senator Martins and Mayor Strauss gave congratulatory speeches. Mr. G and Mr. Delia addressed the attendees thanking them for their support. Senior Patrol Leader Glen Peters gave Mr. G and award and Mrs. G a bouquet of flowers and thanked them for all they have done for the troop. The patrol of the year was the Phoenix Patrol and the scout of the year is Chris Muller. Also, the Silver Stallion Awards was given to a well-deserved George Durham. It was a great night with great food and many "old timers" from over the years were there. The evening ended with the Scout band playing several songs.

In December, the troop went to Turtle House. Patrol leaders went up Friday night and the rest of the troop on Saturday morning. The patrols practiced for Klondike all day. We played capture the flag and later went searching for turtles on the beach. When we returned we had a Christmas gift exchange and then watched a movie. The next day we drove back to Mineola. Christmas recess began...Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!