



October 18, 2009

TO: **Troop 217 Parents**

FROM: Carl Munkel, Troop Committee Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CM', is written over the printed name 'Carl Munkel'.

The time to sign up for Troop 217's annual CHRISTMAS TREE SALE fundraiser is here. This is Troop 217's one and only fundraiser and thus the sole means of supporting our troop's (your son's) activities during the year. Many scout troops have several fundraisers throughout the year, including door to door sales; Troop 217 has only one.

Troop 217's Christmas tree sale MUST involve each and every scout AND his family. This is in keeping with Troop 217's tradition, scouting objectives and our commitment to the continued growth and success of the troop. We ask that each family does its part so we will have another successful tree sale; and we ask the each family share in the work load so no individuals will be left with an unfair burden. Our dedicated scout leaders give unselfishly of their time during the year to attend meetings, facilitate weekend camping activities and train your son in life skills. Now we ask for your time in return, as **PARTICIPATION IN THE TREE LOT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** which includes both mothers and fathers. This is also a great time to get to meet other Troop 217 parents and become more involved in our troop's activities and learn about other opportunities to support the troop.

All scouts are required to sign up for 1 weekend and 2 week night shifts for a total of 3 shifts. A parent or guardian will need to assist their son on 2 of the 3 shifts. Scout and parents sign-ups will begin on October 19th during the regular Monday night meeting. You can also sign up at the meetings on October 26th and November 2nd. Please do not ask your son to sign up for you as we have learned, the hard way, that this practice leads to confusion and insufficient adult coverage on the tree lot.

The Christmas Tree Lot sales dates are November 27th through December 18th. Please come into the Cannon Scout Center when you bring your son to the meeting on October 19th and choose your 2 shifts. We will be calling those who do not select shifts.

In advance of your signing up, we do want to reiterate our thanks for your support. An absolutely key part of Troop 217's success is due to the commitment and willingness of the parents of Troop 217's Scouts to respond to the troop's needs when called upon.

