

TROOP 127's 2010 TREE & WREATH SALE

This is the 23rd year of Troop 127's Christmas Tree Sale at Codman Lot (across Codman Road from the police/fire station). This sale is the major source of income for our troop, permitting us to purchase and maintain materials and equipment, render community service, conduct weekly meetings, enjoy numerous expeditions during the school year, and attend summer scout camp.

We also contribute a sizeable share of our tree-sale revenues to charities, in roughly three equal portions. We support the Boston Minuteman Council *Friends of Scouting* outreach program that assists scout troops unable to afford uniforms, equipment, summer camps and the cost of special youth leaders to augment parent participation. In the same spirit, we assist parents of Lincoln scouts who cannot meet activity expenses. A second portion is bestowed on Codman Community Farm, who in addition to providing the acre we set up on, plows the lot as often as needed, provides storage for our wreath inventory, sells our wreaths in their barn, and loans us the display wagon and various tools. The third portion of our profit is divided between local, national and worldwide charities that are discussed and voted upon by the scouts.

Wreaths are donated to the Fire/Police station, the Open Table of First Parish Church in Concord and the Masons; wreaths are sold at cost to the parishioners of our charter organization at St. Joseph's Church; a tree is donated to St. Julia's in Weston, and another to Codman Farm.

All 350 trees are set up and sold by the scouts and parents of Troop 127. Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts above a certain age may help sell trees with the assistance of their parents and older scouts, and earn funds doing so. Tree-lot shifts will be coordinated by Doug Elder, and are more or less mandatory for each scout family. Other voluntary tasks will be coordinated by Doug, Walter, and other experienced tree-lot personnel.