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Get ready for June events:

Court of Honor and Project First Class

Troop Court of Honor

Join us on Tuesday, June 2nd at Circleville Park for our Spring Court of Honor. We have many rank advancements and merit badges to award and celebrate!

Watch for details to be emailed to the Troop soon.

Project First Class

Do you need stuff for advancement signed off? Have you recently joined the Troop and need lots of stuff for Tenderfoot and Second Class?

Have you been in the Troop for a couple of years and need just one more thing signed off for First Class? Need to get cooking out of the way? Want to make a handy camp gadget?

Are you Star, Life or Eagle and enjoy helping other Scouts advance? Well, this campout is for all of you!

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 12-Sunday, June 14. More details will be announced soon.

Let's Get Outdoors

The Troop's annual Welch pool party and Whipple Dam bash are also planned for June. Get ready to have some fun! These are great opportunities to bring a friend and introduce them to the Troop 31 scouting family (plus you can get that First Class requirement signed off if you haven't already).

See you outdoors in June!

(Cover photo this issue: Trash to Treasure service project at meeting on 5/12/15)

FIVE GUYS
BURGERS and FRIES

Fundraiser! Wednesday MAY 20, Be there 5-8pm

Take a night off from cooking—no need to bring a flyer—just come eat! Share a meal with scouting friends and tell the cashier you're supporting Troop 31. >



Check it out

Thanks to counselor and Troop 31 alum Sam Baker, scouts toured Hawbaker's Pleasant Gap mine to complete the Mining in the Society Merit Badge.>

Congratulations New Eagle Scouts

Bobby Johns and Eric Heatwole

We are pleased to announce two new Eagle Scouts at Troop 31.

Bobby Johns, our 176th Eagle, held several leadership positions including Troop Guide, Chaplain's Aide, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. For his Eagle project, Bobby organized, helped design, and provided leadership to build a paver walk way at Housing Transitions in State College. He is a Senior at State College Area High School, and has been accepted at Penn State. He plans to study Mechanical Engineering while enrolled in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Eric Heatwole, Eagle Scout #177, held several leadership positions including Troop Guide, Patrol Leader, and Den Chief. For his project, Eric organized, helped design, and provided leadership to build a walk way and install a new sign for Grace Lutheran preschool. Eric is a Senior at SCAHS, and has been accepted at Bloomsburg University. He plans to study Accounting and run on the track and cross country teams.

Congratulations Bobby & Eric!

National Eagle Court of Honor

A National Court of Honor will be held on June 7th at St Paul's UMC for Bobby, Eric, Tommy Butler, and Kevin Doncescz. Troop 31 scouts and families are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Annie Doncescz by May 26th, 2015.

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CSI CAMPOREE * MAY 1-3



Scouts who attended the District Camporee worked on the Fingerprinting and Photography merit badges while honing their criminology skills. They had a beautiful weekend for camping, enjoyed great food, and had fun with friends across the district.



Mining Field Trip * May 16 2015

On Saturday morning, 17 scouts traveled to Pleasant Gap to complete the Mining in Society Merit Badge. First we met at the Glenn O. Hawbaker facility to learn more about mining operations from two employees. We also talked about geology and rock identification.

From there, we drove up to the active mine site. Scouts were able to walk up to the "pit" and see how deep the operation goes. Then we drove over to the part of the mine where the sorting and grinding takes place.

Thanks very much to Sam Baker who coordinated this tour and served as merit badge counselor.

Attending were:

Ben Brauser	Liam Peters
Zac Brezovec	David Wasson
Jacob Messner	Troy Heatwole
Isaac Messner	Thomas Stangel
Bryant Stangel	Jacob Stangel
Jake Barnes	Erik Norloff
Kevin Schmoeller	Joe Messner
Tynan Butler	Toby Sundstrom
Caleb Eyster	Mr Brezovec
Mr. Stangel	Mr. Butler
Mr. Messner	Mrs. Norloff



Merit Badge pamphlets on Kindle

Did you know that you can look up rank or merit badge requirements on your phone or tablet? I'm not talking about just the list of requirements either. You can have access to all the content in merit badge pamphlets on your Kindle device or via the Kindle app on phones and tablets. Cost is \$4.99 per download.

You can also download, search and read leader materials and the BSA *Fieldbook*. Currently all eagle required merit badge pamphlets are available (with the exception of Citizenship in the World and Sustainability). While you can't get everything yet, the library is rapidly adding new titles. And it offers a new way to get the content you need.

Visit Amazon.com to see a complete list of titles.



Watershed Cleanup Success

Despite the cold weather and high waters, Troop 31 once again did our part in the watershed cleanup. From the shore we collected 38 partially filled bags of garbage, a tire and rim, and swimming pool liner collected. Then we met up at the campground with Zac and Ed Brezovec and visited with the Penn State crew team.

Keep an eye out for more details and join us for another stream clean up opportunity in June.

The following scouts earned 4 hours of conservation.

Jake Barnes	Tynan Butler	Sean Cunningham
Hayden Davidson	Caleb Eyster	Will Gustafson
Jordan Hillsley	Sean Kelleher	Ben Krantweiss
Sam Krantweiss	Jaden Rigg	Jacob Stangel
Jacob Witt		

Adults

Ken Hillsley	Jon Pitt	Kyle Sinding
Greg Stangel	Paul Winkler	



Pictured above is Frank with John Kriner. At right, with Chartered Organization Representative Joe Davidson.

Congratulations Frank Savino: 2015 Community Service Award

On May 6, the John M. Kriner Community Service award was presented to former Scoutmaster Frank Savino at the Good Scout Dinner. Congratulations and thank you!



Bike ride to Meyer Dairy * April 21, 2015



The Troop Committee Needs You!

We are very thankful for the volunteers who help Troop 31 as leaders and behind the scenes in a variety of ways. Currently, we are seeking volunteers for the following positions:

- **Merit Badge Counselors** – Needed for many Eagle badges. Inform scouts about subject matter. Ensure scouts fulfill requirements as listed in pamphlet/online. Fill out blue cards. This is a very flexible position that can be done when you have time and scouts are interested.
- **Wreath Fundraiser Lead**- Works with Fundraising Chair and leads the annual wreath sale in the fall.
- **Hospitality Co-Chair** – Assist with planning and organizing Troop hospitality events.
- **Hospitality Committee Members** –Assist with hospitality at Troop events (Primarily Courts of Honors-held quarterly)
- **Community Service Coordinator**- This position is a committee position. This position attends committee meetings 1x a month and will be in communication with the Scoutmaster. This position is ongoing and year round.
- **Assistant Scoutmaster**- This position works directly with Scouts and ideally involves attending weekly Scout meetings, monthly PLC meeting, and several campout/weekend events. This position is ongoing and year-round.

We would love to have these positions filled soon. Questions about the positions? Feel free to contact Lisa Kerchinski, Jonathan Pitt, or David Eng.

Calendar for June/July 2015

Tuesday, May 26, 7 pm	Camp Bluecards@ Circleville	Tuesday, July 7, 6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting
Tuesday, June 2	Court of Honor@ Circleville	7pm	PLC
Sat-Sun, June 6-7	Northern Tier Trainer	12pm	Trash Crew @ Arts Fest
Tuesday, June 9, 6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting	Tuesday, July 14	BBQ & Troop Olympics
7pm	PLC	July 19-25	Summer Camp
Fri-Sun, June 12-14	Project First Class	July 20-30	Northern Tier Trek
Tuesday, June 23 6pm	Whipple Dam	Tuesday, July 28	American-themed Jeopardy
Tuesday, June 30 6pm	Stream Cleanup		

***Check www.troop31.us for updates – including possible Bike the Pike campout dates!**

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