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Gear up for fall fundraisers:

5 Guys, Popcorn, and Wreaths

Five GUYS—September 22nd

Troop 31 is having a fundraiser **Tuesday, Sept. 22** at Five Guys Burgers and Fries. Please come eat, hang out with other Boy Scout families and support the troop! **Come anytime between 5-8 pm** and the troop will receive at least 15% of sales for those 3 hours. There are no forms to bring just remember to tell the person at the register that you are with Troop 31! Tell your friends and family and let's make this fundraiser a great success!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa Wasson at (814) 571-8544 and thanks for your support!

Wreath sales are coming!

Selling Mickman wreaths is a great way to help pay for camp, high adventure or other scouting activities. The sale will begin very soon and the deadline to turn in order forms is Oct. 20. The wreaths are beautiful, very long lasting and should be delivered the week before Thanksgiving. The forms will be distributed at the next meeting. Please contact Melissa Wasson at

melissawasson@comcast.net or (814) 571-8544 if you have any questions or would like to help with the sales. When selling, please wear your Class A uniform and if customers want to pay by check it is preferable to have them write the check to your family and then pay with one check to Troop 31.

Popcorn sale time is here!

The popcorn sale is a perfect opportunity for scouts to earn money towards scout trips including Sea Base. This year scouts will have three ways to sell popcorn: the traditional method using order forms, online sales, and by participating in a Show and Sell. Slots are currently full right now. A planning meeting to go over the Show and Sell is currently scheduled for 6:30pm before the Troop meeting on Sept 15.

Please contact Lauren Teti at laurenteti@gmail.com.

(Cover photo this issue: from Kelli Prescott)



WE WANT YOU!

To turn in your membership form and dues!

Deadline is the troop meeting on December 1, 2015. This form is good for the 2016 membership year. See p 10 >



Summer photo issue

Scouts played GaGa ball during the Arrow Tour at Seven Mountains in July! Check out photos from many camping events this past summer including Northern Tier, Gettysburg, and more inside!>

Northern Tier

From Ken Hillsley

The Northern Tier High Adventure crew had a great time on their 10 day trip in Manitoba, Canada. They enjoyed canoeing, fishing and camping along the rivers and lakes of the Canadian wilderness. The float plane rides between base camp and the canoe cache island were awesome.

The scouts worked well as a team paddling over 75 miles and hauling the canoes and gear over many portages including the last one – “Heartbreak,” which is notorious for its scout-eating mud. Scouts and leaders attending were Hayden D., Caleb E., Jordan H., Ben K., Sam K., Jacob W., Kyle S., and Ken H.



Photos from Sara Eyster and Ken Hillsley.

High Adventure: Philmont 2017

Announcing the Juniata Valley Council 2017 Philmont Trip!

Frank Savino of Troop 31 has volunteered to lead a 2017 trip to Philmont, the New Mexico High Adventure Base for hiking. The reason for announcing now is there is a deadline at the end of September 2015 to secure Council Contingent crews and dates of arrival.

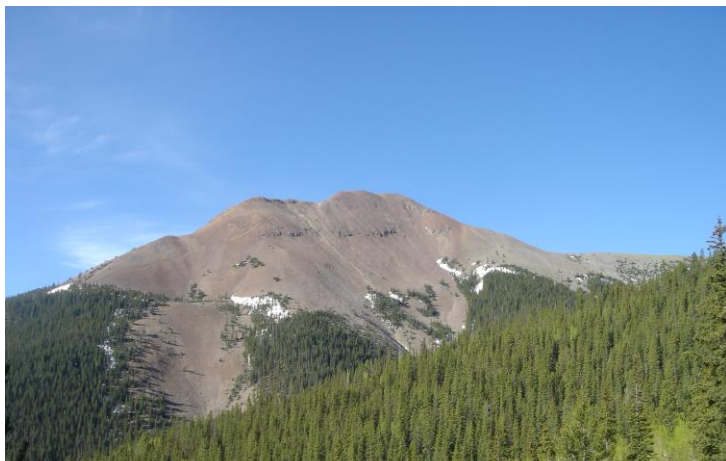
Frank has been to Philmont 4 times and coordinated multiple high adventure trips to Philmont, Sea Base and Northern Tier.

How to sign up:

Go to www.troop31.us and click on the link for Philmont Sign Up 2017. Please fill out the form completely so we may be in contact with you.

A youth must be 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and completed the 8th grade by date of participation. To avoid disappointment, please do not request or expect exceptions! Requirements for Philmont participation cannot be relaxed.

This is a great opportunity for Scouts and Leaders to attend the premier hiking high adventure trip. Scouts can sign up as individuals or the Scoutmaster may register Scouts in the Troop on the web page.



Learn more about Philmont by visiting <http://www.philmontscout ranch.org/>.

Attend the meeting:

There will be an informational meeting on **Sunday, September 20th at St Paul's United Methodist Church from 3-5 pm** for more details. We will be accepting deposit for participants in the amount of \$100 towards the trip. This deposit will establish your position on the list of attendees based on a priority basis.

One of the projected trek dates is Tuesday, June 20, 2017 to Sunday, July 2, 2017. The Council can offer different dates to different Troops.

If you have questions please reach out to Frank at franksavino@gmail.com or 814-280-2672.

Patrols heading off to summer camp at Seven Mountains * July 19, 2015

Photos by Kelli Prescott & Deb Norloff



The Doge Patrol



The Nova Patrol



The Nuclear Llamas Patrol



The Viking Patrol



SPL & ASPLs



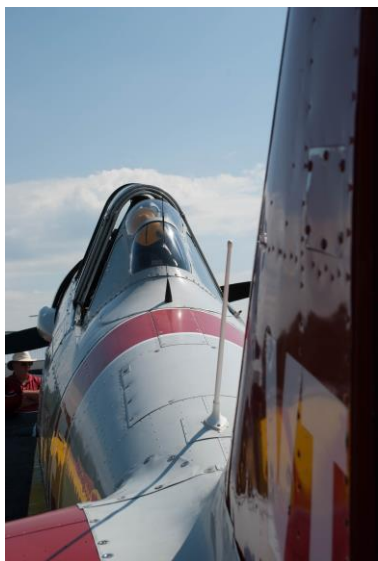
The Toxic Turtles Patrol

Aviation Day * August 8, 2015

Photos by Kelli Prescott

Approximately 50 scouts from in and around Juniata Valley Council attended Aviation Day at the University Park Airport. Scouts earned the Aviation merit badge. The day was also fun and informative—scouts even got a tower tour!

Thanks to everyone who provided support to make this day happen!





Photos from Greg Stangel



Awesome: Gettysburg Campout !

From Kurt Baker

The Troop has now, in the same year, visited the sites of two of the most important events in American history: Valley Forge in the winter and Gettysburg in the summer. Over the last weekend in August, Scouts and Scouters camped on the same ground that Georgia troops occupied during the summer of 1863.

We earned three of the five segments of the Gettysburg trail patch by visiting the Visitors Center, the National Cemetery, hiking 11 miles through the battlefield on Saturday and four on Sunday. We visited sites with famous names such as the Peach Orchard, Devil's Den, Little Round Top and Culp's Hill. Along the way we saw reenactors present an infantry demonstration, heard an artillery presentation given by a National Park Service Ranger and visited the camp of the 1st California/71st Pennsylvania Infantry. In addition to planning our next year's events, Scouts also made dutch oven cobbler and held a Magic tournament.



Bike the Pike Recap

From: Kurt Baker

Eighteen Scouts and five adults traveled back through history to experience the outdoors in a most unique way. We rode our bikes on the old Pennsylvania Turnpike through the Ray's and Sideling Hill Tunnels. Lots of miles went under our tires; miles that have also seen the tires of DeSotos, Edsels, Packards, Nash's and many more automobiles of yesteryear. We hiked the railbed of a railroad that was never built and visited the place that housed CCC members, conscientious objectors and German prisoners-of-war.

Our campsite was bordered by a roaring stream that provided the background for two nights of sleeping in the outdoors. In between the biking, hiking and exploring Scouts cooked, ate, played Magic, frisbee, learned that sometimes you don't have a potable water supply and need to figure out how to provide water for yourself in the woods. We all had a great time, even including one resilient Scout who tested the strength of the tunnel wall and roadbed. (They don't give.)

Special thanks to Mr. Davidson for making two round trips to get the Troop trailer there and back.



Attending were: Scouts: Troy Heatwole, Bryant Stangel, Thomas Stangel, Jacob Stangel, Ben Brauser, Tyler James, Dylan Grupe, Eugene Ryoo, Tristan Crossman, Gabe Teti, Sean Cunningham, Hayden Davidson, Noah Witt, Brendan Locke, Caleb Eyster, Patrick Langs, Sean Kelleher, Ethan Locke Adults: Mr. Baker, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Heatwole, Mr. Locke, Mr. Stangel.

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 and electives. 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 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.
- **Training compliance**-Maintain a list of training requirements and help people get the training they need and know when to renew certifications.

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

New OA Brothers after completing the Fall Ordeal



Have an old Class A or Class B that doesn't fit anymore?

What can you do with that old uniform, sweatshirt, t-shirt and other Boy Scout apparel when you outgrow it? Bring it in to the next meeting!

Troop 31 maintains a cabinet in the church gym of gently used Class A uniform shirts and Class B shirts for use by any scout looking for a new size. This clothing exchange is free and open to all scouts.

If you have any questions, please contact the Trading Post or one of the scoutmasters.



Save the Date

Scouting for Food is Saturday November 7th and November 14th. After the food collection on 11/14, we will have our annual coffee can campout. Watch for more details soon.

Calendar for Sept/Oct 2015

Tuesday, Sept 15 7pm	Meeting, SPL elections	Tuesday, Oct 20, 7pm	Iron Chef Meal Planning
Tuesday, Sept 22 6:30pm	Bike Ride	Fri-Sun, Oct 23-25	Cub day & Iron Chef Campout
Tuesday, Sept 29 7pm	Night Hike	Tuesday, Oct 27, 7pm	Halloween Party
		Sunday, Nov 1	OA Family Banquet
Tuesday, Oct 6, 6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting	Tuesday, Nov 3, 6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting
	PLC	7pm	PLC
Fri-Sun, Oct 9-11	Survivor Campout		
Tuesday, Oct 13 7pm	Food safety		
Fri-Sun, Oct 16-18	Woodchuck Ordeal		

Check www.troop31.us for more info and calendar updates!

(t) fully trained for position (w) Wood Badge

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Troop 31—2016 Registration Form

(due December 1, 2015)

I would like to register for 2016: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not at this time

Please register my son. I will pay in _____

Name:☐ Scout ☐ Leader**Address:****Email:****Dues:** \$75 per Scout**Payment:**☐ Use Troop account

\$30 per Adult

☐ Check no. _____.☐ Cash

☐ **Yes** I hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication.

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☐ No**Please return form & payment no later than 12/1/15.****Driver Information**

Please complete if you are new to Troop 31 or if your information has changed since last year and you plan to drive Scouts to any event. This information is required to complete Tour plans, which are required for all off-site outings.

Driver 1 Name	Driver 2 Name
PA Driver's License #	PA Driver's License #
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:
Vehicle 1 Year, Make, Model	Vehicle 2 Year, Make, Model
Owner	Owner
How many seatbelts? _____. Will you ensure everyone wears a seatbelt? Yes/No	How many seatbelts? _____. Will you ensure everyone wears a seatbelt? Yes/No

Does your insurance meet or exceed:

\$50,000/person

\$100,000/accident

\$50,000/property

Yes/No

Yes/No

Yes/No