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Get Ready!

Your help and participation are needed for Klondike. Your help and appetite are needed for the Stromboli Sale fundraiser!

Klondike Derby

Klondike Derby is just a few weeks away! It is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th at Seven Mountains.

Scouts sign up to attend [here](#).

This is a patrol event and sign up will be the responsibility of the patrol leaders.

The booklet for Klondike is at the following [link](#).

Parents - We will be running the Knot Tying Station for the Klondike. We will need your help at the station for Cub and Boy Scouts. Please let Frank Savino know your interest. We could use you for an hour or for all day. Lunch will be on us and there may be a patch available to you as well.

Stromboli Fundraiser

Scouts and parents: We need your help on Friday, February 3rd to prep and/or Saturday, February 4th to bake. Or help us sell the extras on Sunday, February 5th. **Please sign up to bring individually wrapped baked goods for our bake sale!** Please no nuts and include label and price.

Proceeds of this sale will benefit the Troop. More specifically, a portion of the funds will go into Scouts' Troop Accounts. The amount going to each Scout's account is directly tied to the amount of hours he works and the number of strombolis we sell.

Cover photo from Holiday Campout, in front of new Rhodes Pavilion, from Dave Heatwole



Stromboli Orders due

Super Strombolis are back! Get your pre-orders in now through January 29th. Sign up online to help cook and bring in something for the bake sale! Orders will be ready to pick up on Saturday Feb 4th or Sunday Feb 5th. See page 6 for order form and details.>



Mark your calendar for Scout Sunday

Please plan to attend the 9:15 am service on Sunday, February 12th at St. Paul's UMC. More details TBA.

Congratulations

New Eagle Scout

Toby Sundstrom - Eagle Scout #185

Toby joined Troop 31 in February, 2014, transferring from Troop 681 that is based in Basel Switzerland. While in Scouting, Toby has held leadership positions as the Order of the Arrow Representative, Troop Guide, Quartermaster, and Patrol Leader. For his Eagle Service Project, Toby designed and supervised the construction of a walking path at Park Forest Baptist Church. Toby and his volunteers donated 153 hours of service for this wonderful project.

Toby has earned a total of 28 merit badges, and has participated in many Troop activities. He attended Philmont Scout Ranch, where he may apply to work as a ranger sometime in the future. Now a Senior at State College Area High School, Toby is a rank leader in the marching band. Being fluent in several different languages, Toby is considering a career in linguistics, or possibly forestry.

Toby held his Eagle Court of Honor on November 26, 2016 at Park Forest Baptist Church.



Eagle Information Session

On Tuesday January 24th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the social room of Saint Paul's UMC, Troop 31 will be holding an Eagle Project information session. During the session we will talk about how to get started on a project, the expectations of a scout, and how to document the process. We will also have time to answer questions you may have about becoming an Eagle Scout.

This meeting is open to all scouts no matter what rank as well as parents, but remember the Eagle project must be carried out while you are a Life Scout.

Questions? Contact Eagle Guide Kyle Sinding.



December 2016 recap:

Holiday Campout & Troop Ice Skate

4th Annual Holiday Ice Skate

Our 4th annual Holiday Ice Skate Event on December 15th at Pegula Ice Arena was attended by 51 skaters and several visitors. Christmas music played in the background as many scouts met the ice but faired out just fine – some crawled and some flew by with skating ease. Several Cub Scout Packs joined us for the event and look forward to seeing them again this January and February for our Troop- Webelos visiting nights. Thanks to Ed McCash for organizing this event yet again and for all those who brought family and friends to the event. Special thanks to our benefactor that funded the event so many families could join us. Already looking forward to next year's skate night...from Ed Brezovec

Holiday Campout - December

Here's a brief follow up of the of 2016 Troop 31 Holiday Campout which included 39 scouts, 12 adults, and an additional 10 dinner guests in attendance for the festivities. With an abundance of free time on their hands, the scouts were able enjoy time together entertaining themselves playing a variety of board games, cards, and video games throughout the weekend. A few scouts even found some time to work on scout skills and advancements.

An afternoon hike around camp in the fresh mountain air included a photo op at the new Troop 31 sponsored pavilion at Rhoades Campsite (see above).

As always, the food for the weekend was top notch. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Messner and crew of adults in the kitchen who provided great meals all weekend which was topped off by the Saturday evening holiday feast of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and all of the fixings.

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday evening gift exchange. This year proved to be as exciting as ever as a few much sought after gifts made the rounds through many hands before finally finding a home.

– from Dave Heatwole



Your Assistance is Needed!

Troop 31 is seeking assistance to fill the following adult leader positions. Below is an overview of the opportunities available. We can provide additional information and training to interested parents and friends.

1) Merit Badge Coordinator – Committee position. Attend monthly committee meeting. Year round, work with Scouts and adults. Flexible schedule approximately 2-4 hours a month.

- Keep a current list of T31 merit badge counselors
- Recruit counselors for key merit badges
- Provide training material to the counselors, and remind them that they must have current (less than 2 years old) youth protection.
- Help 1st time counselors get registered (YPT, Adult App, MB Counselor App)
- Provide names of counselors to anyone in the Troop who asks, including scouts.
- Coordinate efforts between counselors to minimize overlapping efforts. For example, encourage counselors to coordinate on one class per badge, rather than multiple classes simultaneously in session.
- Promote an environment of Scouts taking the initiative to earn badges by providing information when requested, and encouraging Scouts to recruit their peers to join in the merit badge with them.

2) Popcorn Sales coordinator- Seasonal (fall), mostly administrative. (Can be two co-chairs.)

- Assist with popcorn sales this year and then chair or co-chair in 2017. Disseminate popcorn information to the Troop. Coordinate popcorn sales at sites. Collect and submit orders and payments. Organize distribution of popcorn products.

3) Hospitality Co-Chair – Committee Position. Assist with planning and organizing approximately 4-6 Troop hospitality events 4-6 events per year. Works with committee, Scoutmaster and hospitality committee members. Approximately 2-4 hours per month 4-6 times per year.

4) Hospitality Committee Members –Assist with hospitality at Troop events (Primarily Courts of Honors-held quarterly) Approximately 2-4 hours per month 4-6 times per year.

5) Chaplain Advisor: Year round, works primarily with the Scout Chaplain. This is a year round position that works primarily with the Scout to help them plan and coordinate events and services.

- Attend monthly PLC meeting to meet with Chaplain. (1st Tuesday of the month)
- Serve as advisor to Chaplain to assist them with planning upcoming events including Scout Sunday, which is the first Sunday in February
- We're also hoping the Scout Chaplain will help encourage organizing worship services during campouts and that will encourage other Scouts to sign up, plan, and lead the worship services during campouts to provide an additional opportunity for Scouts to complete the Communications merit badge requirement.

Questions? Please contact Troop 31 Volunteer Coordinator- Lisa Kerchinski esk10@psu.edu or Scoutmaster, Ed Brezovec Ed.Brezovec@anadarko.com or Committee Chair David Eng davideng321@gmail.com Thank you for your consideration.

Calendar for Jan/Feb 2017

Sat-Mon, Jan 14-16

Tuesday, Jan 17th 7pm
 Tuesday, Jan 12th 7pm
 Tuesday, Jan 24th 6pm
 7pm
 Fri-Sat, Jan 27-28
 Tuesday, January 31 7pm

Big City Trip - Baltimore

Troop Meeting
 Meeting
 Eagle Info Meeting
 Troop Meeting: Klondike Prep
 Klondike Derby
 Troop Meeting

Fri-Sun, Feb 3-5

Tuesday, Feb 7 6pm
 7pm
 Sunday Feb 12
 Tuesday, Feb 14 7pm
 Sat-Sun, Feb 18-19
 Tuesday, Feb 21 7pm
 Tuesday, Feb 28 7pm
 Tuesday, March 7 6pm
 7pm

Stromboli Fundraiser

Adult Leaders Meeting
 PLC
 Scout Sunday
 Meeting: First Aid & Webelos visit
 TBD: Campout
 Meeting: Board Games/Troop Election
 Court of Honor
 Adult Leaders Meeting
 PLC

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

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Stromboli Sale – February 3rd-5th

Please help us prep, make, and bake strombolis!

Watch your email to sign up for a shift or call Eileen Lang at 574-7578.

Time slots available during the following: Friday 2/3: 6-8pm * Saturday 2/4: 8:30am-12pm * Sunday 2/5 10:00am-12:30pm

Don't forget the bake sale

We need your help to make our bake sale a success!!

Please sign up to donate individually wrapped baked goods for the bake sale. We would like to offer a full assortment of goodies for people to purchase along with their strombolis. Plus all proceeds go toward our scouts! Cookies, brownies, pies, cakes . . . and much more accepted. No nuts. Drop off for baked goods is Saturday 10-11am or Sunday 8-9am in the Calder Lobby at St Paul's.

Watch your email to sign up or call Eileen Lang.

Stromboli Order Form

Super Strombolis to support Troop 31 of St. Paul's UMC! Order a couple to take home for your Super Bowl supper. Take a dessert and a bag of kettle corn to go with it and you will be set for the big game. All strombolis must be pre-ordered so we can bake accordingly.

Place your order now through January 29, 2017.

Pick up your strombolis on Saturday Feb 4th from 11:00 am to noon or on Sunday, February 5th after services in the social room.

Kind	Quantity	Item Cost	Total Cost
Sausage, Peppers, Onions & Cheese		X\$8.00	
Broccoli, Onions & Cheese		X\$8.00	
Pepperoni & Cheese		X\$8.00	
Cheese		X\$8.00	
Kettle Corn		X\$5.00	
Total Ordered		Amount Due	

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Pick up preference (circle one): Saturday 2/4 Sunday 2/5

Please mail your completed form, checks made payable to:

Eileen Lang, 514 West Dr, Boalsburg, PA 16827 or you can drop it off in the church office.

THANK YOU!