



news & views

BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

April 2024

NITTANY VALLEY DISTRICT, JUNIATA VALLEY COUNCIL *CHARTERED BY SC DOWNTOWN ROTARY

UPCOMING

Zoo Campout

We saw an owl poop and much more during our visit to the Zoo! Our behind-the-scenes tour gave us insights into the different careers that one can find at the zoo, along with some close looks at an owl, gecko and snake.



After the tour, we buddied up and explored the Zoo until closing time. All sorts of interesting animals including things such as a warty pig, colobus and an Amur tiger. Also, some more familiar ones like lion, elephant and sea lion.

After leaving the zoo, we made the 5-minute drive to our home for the night, Camp Guyasuta, a BSA camp in the heart of Pittsburgh. We had some brand-new Scouts, along with some Scouts who have been with us for a while, but had never camped. Despite the below freezing overnight temperatures, everybody had a great time in camp. The roaring fire helped.



On Sunday, we visited an historical engineering marvel, the Duquesne Incline. We rode to the top to take in the view of the Three Rivers, all the downtown skyscrapers, the football and baseball stadiums, as well as vistas that stretched for miles. On

the way home we stopped for ice cream to refresh us before heading back to State College.

-article and photos by Mr. Baker

April 2

Adult Leaders Meeting, 6pm, St. Paul's
PLC, 7pm, St. Paul's

April 5-7

Spring Camporee, Pleasant Gap Fire Co.

April 9

Swim test, 7pm, YMCA

April 10

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

April 16

Canoe Familiarization, 6:30pm, Colyer Lake

April 19-21

Philmont Trainer

April 20

Watershed Cleanup, 8-noon, Curtin Village

April 23

Orienteering, 6:30

April 30

Court of Honor, 6:30, Circleville Park

May 3-5

New Scout Campout, 7 Mtns. Scout Camp

Cover photo: Pittsburgh Zoo Campout, 3/23-24, 2024, photo by Mr. Baker

Welcome New Scouts!

We are excited to welcome these new scouts:

Troop 31B

Eames A

Oskar G

Ben R, from Pack 31

Stephen L, from Pack 31

Troop 31 G

Astrid H

Penelope H

Kira L

Nela S

Egg Stuffing



-3/19/24, photos by Mr. Hillsley

Thank yous

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL - Scouts in Community Service

✓ Big thank you to Lincoln S., Ceci S., Cooper B, Mr. Rand, Ms. Cahill, Mr. Sandoval-Strausz, Mrs. Brumberg and Mrs. Hill for their help at the Elks Hoop Shoot!

✓ Big thank you to Gavin H., Simon V., and Ms. Jenkins for their support at the BACP Home Show!



Hoagie Sale

Marianna's Hoagie & Pizza sale! All items \$10. Orders and payment (checks payable to Troop 31) due to Mrs. Messner by **April 16**. Pick up on April 29th from 4:30-6:30pm at the Messner's, 521 E. Prospect Avenue.

Eagle Recognition

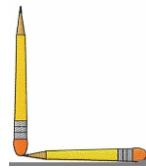
On March 9, 2024, Asher C. attended the Nittany Mountain District Annual Recognition Dinner and was recognized for attaining the rank of Eagle.



Reminders

Scouts: Make sure your Health & Medical Forms are completely up-to-date. They must be renewed annually. A & B portions of the form are the minimum necessary for ALL Scouts. Those Scouts who wish to attend summer camp or High Adventure must complete part C and have their physician sign it. Forms should be submitted to Mrs. Brumberg. Keep a copy for your records!

Adults: Don't forget your position training requirements.



Scribe Corner

* Thank you to Dr. Miller from the Halfmoon Valley Animal Hospital. Dr. Miller gave us a wonderful tour and we were able to learn a lot about the job. He even showed us a cancerous spleen that he removed from a dog the day before.

* Thank you to those who continue to contribute to the Ed Brezovec Fund.

By Ryan H., Scribe

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