



Summer Camp at Seven Mountains Scout Camp, 7/14-19/24

news & views

BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

August 2024

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

UPCOMING

Summer Camp Wrap-up

Summer Camp 2024 at Seven Mountains Scout Camp was a success. The lake held out just long enough for those working on boating merit badges to get their work done. Much fun was had, including a Camp Seven Mountains first, a karaoke dance party that continued late into the night.

Special thanks to Mrs. Brezovec and Mrs. Walker for stopping out at camp and providing some much needed respite to our other adult leaders.

-submitted by Mrs. Peters

Seeking Ice Cream Volunteers

State College Downtown Rotary, our charter organization, is seeking Troop 31B & G and Pack 31 volunteers to assist with their Ice Cream Festival **Saturday August 3rd** and YOU can help! Shifts are 9:30-12:30 and 12:30-3:30. Use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A49AAAA22AA8-50378636-icecream?useFullSite=true#/>

If you are 5'5"ish and of slim build, we need a Daniel Tiger! A parent must accompany you and you will get cool down breaks and free ice cream!! Contact Mrs. Walker at kelmick@aol.com if interested.



August 6

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

August 13

Bike Maintenance, 6:30pm, PSU Bike Den

August 14

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

August 16-18

Biking Campout, Abandoned PA Turnpike

August 20

Annual Planning, 6:30pm, Bernel Road Park

August 25

10 mile hike, 12:15pm, Mosh. State Forest

August 27

Biking, 6:30pm, Harvest Fields

September 10

Court of Honor, 6:30pm, Circleville Park



Philmont Trek

A crew of 8 scouts and 4 leaders from Troop 31 spent two weeks in mid-June camping and hiking at Philmont Scout Ranch in northern New Mexico. The crew was part of a Juniata Valley Council contingent of 4 crews made up of over 40 scouts and leaders from Troop 31, Troop 245 (State College), Troop 34 (Bellefonte), and Troop 358 (Martinsburg).

After flying into Denver, Colorado, the Council Contingent spent two days acclimating to the higher elevation and touring southwest Colorado including visits to Garden of the Gods and Cave of the Winds parks near Colorado Springs, and Great Sand Dunes National Park.

At Philmont, the crew completed its 12-day, 85 mile trek around the South Country with stays in many beautiful staffed and trail camps. Hiking highlights included summiting Mt. Philips at over 11,500 ft (and enjoying the snow at the top!), surviving the grueling "stairmaster"/cliff trail from Fish Camp to Abreu, catching sunrise at Tooth of Time, and then hiking into Base Camp from the Tooth of Time ridge to finish out the trek.



-photo submitted by Mr. Hillsley

Wildlife seen along the way included black bear, mule deer, Dusky grouse, Western Tanager, rattlesnake and many chipmunks ("mini-bears"). The weather cooperated with seasonable temps, low humidity and little rain. A massive hail storm on Day 1 while at Base Camp collecting our crew gear was the only major storm.

Special thanks to Mr. Thorndike for the excellent flight and travel arrangements. Scouts attending included Riley T., Sam W. (crew leader), Tim V., Austin H., Cole S. (chaplain's aide), Evan R., Ryan H. and Marek S. (wilderness guide). Leaders included Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thorndike, Mr. Vath & Mr. Hillsley.

-submitted by Mr. Hillsley

Welcome!

- Derek J. to Troop 31B
- Mrs. Vath to the Troop 31 Committee
- Ms. Hall to the Troop 31 Committee

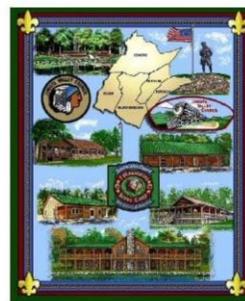
Are you the parent of a Scout new to Troop 31? Want to know how you can lend support? Let Committee Chair Kelly Walker know at kelmick@aol.com and she will be thrilled to assist you.

Rank up



-Rankup meeting, 7/2/24, photos by Mrs. Messner

Juniata Valley Council Afghan Pre-Order form



Afghan size is 48" x 68"

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Number of Afghan(s): _____ X \$70.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to Juniata Valley Council

Afghans will not be ordered without payment

Shipping is available for an additional cost

Return form to Juniata Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, 9 Taylor Drive, Reedsville, PA 17084

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