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BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

December 2025

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

UPCOMING

Scout/Adult Registration Renewal

Please check my.scouting.org to confirm your email is correct and check when your registration expires. You should receive an email 60 days before your expiration, giving you plenty of time to renew. **A parent or guardian must renew their children.** If you have questions, please contact Kelly Walker at kelmick@aol.com.

Auto Renewal Membership Family/Self Pay

- An email notification and a renewal link will be sent 60 days before membership expires.
- The link provided in the email will direct individuals to a renewal form on My.Scouting
- If registered in multiple positions, select the primary position. Renewing the primary position will automatically renew multiple positions.
- The individual pays with a credit card and submits the renewal.
- The unit will approve the membership renewal.

Annual Troop Dues

Annual Troop dues are for *youth only*. For 2026, annual dues per scout are **\$55** and are **due on or before January 31, 2026**. Dues may be paid by check to the Troop or debited from a Scout's Troop account if there are sufficient funds.



The Fires of Freedom

54th Annual Klondike Derby
Seven
Mountains Scout Camp
Saturday, January 24, 2026

Klondike Derby

Save the Date: January 24, 2026

- December 2**
Paper Making, 7pm, St. Paul's
- December 5 - 7**
Holiday Campout, 7 Mtns. Scout Camp
- December 7 & 21**
Fitness Requirements, 4:30pm, State High track
- December 9**
Algonquin presentation, 7pm, St. Paul's
- December 10**
Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's
- December 12 - 13**
Wreaths Across America
Fort Indiantown Gap
- December 16**
Ornaments, 7pm, St. Paul's
- December 19**
Ice skating, 7:30pm, Pegula Ice Arena
- December 23**
Movie Night, 7pm, St. Paul's

Holiday Campout

Our once a year bash, where we eat lots of good food, relax, play games, relax some more, will be held December 5-7 at Seven Mountains Scout Camp. There will be a Court of Honor to recognize recent rank and merit badge achievements, as well as the always popular gift exchange. Troop 31 Scouts and Scouters, families, parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. are welcome to come for the Court of Honor (4:30), Dinner (6:00) and Gift Exchange (after KP) on Saturday.

On Friday, eat dinner at home and parents should plan to drop off Scouts and gear at the Scout Camp Dining Hall at **6:30PM**. Parents should plan to pick up their Scouts and gear Sunday at Camp at **10:30AM**.

The cost is \$45 per Scout, \$20 per Scouter; \$10 for family members attending Saturday dinner. (*Checks payable to Troop 31*)

Things to Bring:

- **Class A for travel
- **Sleeping mat and bag; a cot if you don't want to sleep on the cold concrete
- **Outdoor and indoor shoes for inside the dining hall as it may be muddy at the camp
- **Gift: Scout-appropriate, can be fun, useful, or a joke, suggested value \$10-\$20, tastefully wrapped
- **Outdoor clothing. Saturday afternoon we'll be outdoors doing some service/activity regardless of weather
- **Board games
- **Electronic games
- **Card games
- **Scout books
- **Enthusiasm!

Note 1: Scouts are welcome to sleep inside the Dining Hall, we will configure it for separate sleeping areas. However, if you need camping nights for rank, merit badge, the OA or just love sleeping under the stars, you are welcome to bring your tent, we have plenty of outdoor area available to us.

Note 2: Electronics are welcome! Bring your gaming systems, big monitors, consoles, etc. This is the one time of the year when all that stuff is OK! Understanding that these are somewhat expensive items and you (the Scout) are responsible for them while at camp.

Sign-ups: there are two. **You need to complete both! Signup deadline Tuesday, December 2.**

Sign-up for the Saturday dinner. This is so we can calculate the number of turkeys, tons of mashed potatoes, scores of pumpkin pies that we need. Include yourself and any family members who will be attending. We'd love if your parents, siblings, grandparents, other relatives could join us.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CA4AB2AA2F85-60360991-2025>

Sign-up for camping. This is the normal signup that you see for each of our camping trips. Scouts and Scouters should complete this one to let us know you'll be attending the campout.

<https://forms.gle/HFbnJVeNS1eL2N777>

Permission slip. Due no later than Tuesday, December 2.

<https://app.box.com/s/vddigbxuc3yry21fwg4b4k6r6wd8dvv>



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