



news & views

BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

February 2024

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

UPCOMING

Klondike Derby

T31B&G enjoyed an awesome Klondike Derby campout this past weekend, Jan 26-27, at 7 Mountains Scout Camp. The scouts helped "Mayor" Mrs. Vender host the "Trail Signs" station



at Leopold site in which derby crew teams interpreted symbolic trail signs and had to identify the correct route along a map with these trail signs.

Besides helping at the station, scouts had fun playing card games in Leopold Cabin Fri night, keeping a nice campfire going all day Saturday and working to complete cooking requirements for rank advancement. Mrs. Walker kept everyone well-supplied with hot chocolate and chili throughout the day.

The weather was great, and a pizza and ice cream social at Boalsburg Firehouse with T945 from Damascus, MD Saturday evening was a fun and relaxing close to the day's activities.



February 3

Ski Trip, Seven Mountains

February 6

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

February 11

Scout Sunday, 10:30, St. Paul's

February 13

Skiing, 7pm, Tussey Mountain

February 14

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

February 20

Night Hike, 7pm, Jo Hays Vista

February 23-25

Patrol Bonding Campout, Seven Mtns

February 27

Winter Sports MB, 7pm

March 2

Elks Hoop Shoot, 9:30am, Bellefonte HS

March 10

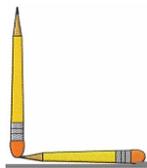
Home Builders Show, 11-3, The Centre

Cover photo: Troop 31, Klondike Derby, 1/27/24

Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday is nearly here! Scout Sunday, Feb. 11th, is a time to thank St. Paul's UMC for their continued support of Troop 31B & G and Pack 31, and to show the congregation what we are about. While the State College Downtown Rotary is now the chartered organization for all three groups, St. Paul's has continued to provide meeting spaces and support for our scouts. We are asking for eight scouts to serve as greeters at the different entrances to the church on Sunday, Feb. 11th for the 10:30 a.m. service. We will also have two scouts serving as acolytes for the service, and we will need one scout to do a scripture reading. All scouts should wear their Class A uniforms. Please sign up for a slot by Wednesday, February 11th, and contact Katie Brumberg at katie.brumberg@gmail.com with any questions.

Please use the following link to sign-up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054CACAF2DAA8-47419042-2024>



Scribe Corner

Thank you to Mr. Vath for all of his hard work with the popcorn sales.

By Ryan H., Scribe

Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

Four to five Scouts in Class A uniforms are needed for the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 at the Bellefonte Area High School gym. Arrival time is 9:30am and the opening ceremonies with flag presentation will start at 10:00. Adult help is also needed. Service hours are available. If interested, let Mrs. Messner know at messnerski@gmail.com



Home Expo



Six to eight scouts in Class A uniforms are needed on Sunday, March 10th from 11AM to 3PM to help with Kid's Day at the Builder's Association of Central PA (BACP) Home Expo. Nittany Valley Sports Centre. Adult help is also needed. Service hours are available. If interested, contact Mrs. Messner at messnerski@gmail.com

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-1/20/24, photo by Mr. Messner



-1/20/24, photo by Mr. Baker

Help Needed

Hospitality Chair/Co-Chair - arranges for food, volunteers and sometimes venues for Troop Courts of Honor, Holiday camp, Klondike station and other events as needed. Lends support when requested by Eagle Court of Honor families at those events.

Fundraising Chair - Coordinates fundraisers for Troop and/or seeks individuals to run/assist with specific single fundraisers.

Troop Committee Secretary - Attends monthly Committee meetings, takes minutes and maintains a record of Committee meeting agendas, minutes, and Troop guidelines and other documents.

If interested, contact Mrs. Walker at kelmick@aol.com

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New Patrols

Alien Patrol		Wolverine Patrol		Flaming Arrow	
1	Riley T - Patrol Leader	1	Marek S - Patrol Leader	1	Theo O - Patrol Leader
2	Isaac O	2	Derek B	2	Austin H
3	Sam W	3	Brennan S	3	Cooper B
4	Henry S	4	Preston B	4	Austen C
5	Gavin H	5	Tim V	5	Lincoln S
6	Cole S	6	Evan R	6	Rishi B
7	Nick S	7	Ryan H	7	Ollie B
8	Kevin B	8	Chris H	8	Simon S
		9	Anthony H		

Adult Training

Every Scout deserves qualified, trained leaders who will provide the best program possible, the way it is intended. In addition to YPT and your clearances, there are training components available online for you to be fully trained for your position. Please see the chart below for the modules appropriate to adult leader positions. All online modules are available on my.scouting.org. When you log in, go to My Training to see the modules you need.

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SCOUTS BSA POSITION TRAINED REQUIREMENTS

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CLASSROOM OPTION THE ONLINE TRAINING PLANS LISTED ABOVE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN A CLASSROOM FORMAT:

Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster: S24 Scoutmaster Specific Training
 Merit Badge Counselor: D76 Merit Badge Counselor Orientation Training
 Troop/Team Committee Chair & Committee: WS10 Troop Committee Challenge

S11 - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is an outdoor classroom training required for Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters to be classified as position trained.

Leadership

(t) Fully trained for position

(w) Wood Badge

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