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 BSA Troop 31
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Order of the Arrow

Congratulations to those T31 members recognized/elected in year 2022 for Candidate Membership into the Order of the Arrow. They must each attend an Ordeal weekend this year for full acceptance as OA members. Good luck to them as they take this next step:

Troop 31G:

Zofia Sullivan

Grizz Ross (completed Ordeal at Spring OA weekend)

Troop 31B:

Austin Haris

Isaac Oppermann

Theo Oppermann

Brennan Sitzabee

Sam Walker

Ryan Hillsley#

Elected last year and eligible to attend Ordeal Weekend in year 2022

Troop 31 Adult recognition:

Ken Hillsley

Brian Brandenburg



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Cover photo:

Algonquin High Adventure trip, photo by Mechteld Hillsley

Eagle Scout Information

After many years of service, Tom Fonda has retired as the District Advancement Representative. Anne Messner and John Hawkins have volunteered for that role. Due to Mrs. Messner's familiarity with Troop 31 B and G, she will not be reviewing Eagle proposals for approval or participating in Eagle Board of Reviews as the District Advancement Representative.

Mr. Hawkins will be the District Advancement Representative for Troop 31 B and G. Scouts, please note all correspondence with Mr. Hawkins is to be in the form of an email with a second adult to NittanyAdvancement@gmail.com. Mr. Hawkins will reply as soon as practical. He does work fulltime and has other obligations and there may be times he cannot immediately respond. Finally, both Mr. Hawkins and Mrs. Messner can participate in Eagle Courts of Honor.



Court of Honor Invitations

You are invited to **Jake LeVan** and **Brendan Locke's**
Eagle Court of Honor

Saturday, July 16, 2:00 PM
Calvary Harvest Fields
(150 Harvest Fields Dr. in Boalsburg)

Please join us immediately following the ceremony
for cake. We hope to see you there.

The families of **Liam Peters** and **Caroline Vancura**
and BSA Troop 31 would like to cordially invite you
to a Court of Honor for the occasion of their
achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Please join us on **August 6, 2022 at 2pm**
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County
780 Waupelani Dr, State College, PA 16801
Reception will follow the ceremony

RSVP: jpp198@gmail.com (814) 515-0042



New Leadership

Congratulations to the new Senior Patrol Leaders who assumed their roles on June 1st:

Grizz Ross – Troop 31G

Youngjin Ryoo – Troop 31B



Court of Honor Update

Congratulations on the following rank advancements at the Court of Honor on May 3, 2022:

2nd Class: Janusz Sullivan

Star: Austin Haris

Life: Ryan Hillsley, Logan Huber, Gavin Humphrey

Eagle: Ethan Brauser, Brendan Locke

Eagle Bronze Palm: Ethan Brauser

Eagle Gold Palm: Ethan Brauser



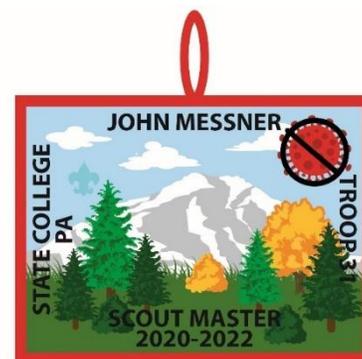
Other awards included 14 merit badges and

BSA Triple Crown Award: Dominick Concepcion, Lilly Peters

BSA Grand Slam Award: Caroline Vancura

Troop 31 MVP Award: Mrs. Kelly Walker

Mr. Messner was recognized for his service as the Scoutmaster of Troop 31B and a special patch was handed out in his honor. An extra thank you to Mrs. Walker for designing the patch...job well done! The reins of Scoutmaster for Troop 31B were transferred to Mr. Hillsley in an official ceremony.



Backpacker Lite

On the weekend of 30 April-1 May, twelve Scouts and 3 adult leaders hit the trail, the Allegheny Front Trail that is, for two days of backpacking in the Pennsylvania Wilds. A mix of Philmont veterans and Scouts who had never backpacked before had a great time on the AFT and adjoining trails and roads.

We enjoyed a sunny Saturday, a protected campsite, a clear, chilly, star-filled night and a hike out that almost, almost was complete before the sideways rain started. Almost. Some Scouts worked on Cooking MB, some worked on Camping MB, others tried to identify rocks and mimic our distant ancestors. A fun time for all and a proposal from Scouts that we should do another one of these.



Wildlife spotted: a snail.

Special thanks to Mr. Brezovec for the loan of his pickup truck to haul gear.

-Photo and article by Mr. Baker

Arts Fest Green Crew

Do you want to be part of 'The Proud, The Few, The Green Crew'? Our Troops will be supporting the Arts Fest event by working 2 trash crew shifts on Friday, July 15 from Noon to 3 pm and 3 pm to 6 pm. Please consider volunteering for one or both of the shifts. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the Arts Fest while supporting the community. Volunteers will earn a coveted 'The Proud, The Few, The Green Crew' T-shirt, along with service hours. No need to wear your uniform since we will get T-shirts and gloves. Wear sunscreen, walking shoes and a hat. Bring water, a snack or some money. We will meet at the Green Crew Trailer on W. Nittany Ave. in the parking lot located at the SE corner across from Memorial Field. Sign up: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AAAB22A4FD0-green

Health Lodge



Seven Mountains Scout Camp was in real need of an updated health lodge. Circumstances presented itself to build this new lodge in a very short period of time with volunteers contributing the majority of the help. Scouter Frank was at 7 Mountains back in March and heard about the plans for the new lodge

and the need for help to install the log siding. Troop 31 jumped into action providing numerous work days until the job was completed.



Current Scouts and Alumni along with current and past adult leaders assisted in site clean-up, sorting boards, measuring, cutting and then setting the log siding in place with nail guns (adult use only).

Many other volunteers assisted with Troop 31 installing the siding. Their assistance was a tremendous support towards completion of the project.



The David O'Connell Health Education Building will be available for many years into the future, serving Scouts at 7 Mountains Scout Camp providing first aid, merit badges and health education. Seeing our Troop and many others in the community come together shows how the Scouting family cares and is there for each other.

-article by Frank Savino



Calendar for July 2022

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

June 29-July 9

July 5

6pm

7pm

July 12

7pm

July 13

7pm

July 15

12-6pm

July 16

2pm

July 17-23

July 26

6:30pm

Algonquin Trip

Adult Leaders Meeting

PLC Meeting/Rank-up, Circleville Park

Troop Meeting

Committee Meeting, St. Paul's Church

Arts Fest Green Crew

Jake LeVan/Brendan Lock Eagle Scout Court of Honor

SCOUT CAMP @ Seven Mountains Scout Camp

Canoeing, Whipple Dam

Photo Collage



Geocaching, 3/29/22, photo by Heather Ross



Watershed Cleanup, 4/23/22, photo by Brian Brandenb



Memorial Day Parade, 5/28/22, photo by Adam Smith



Rock climbing, 5/31/22, photos by Anne Messner



Flag Day ceremony, 6/14/2022



Thompson Woods Cleanup, 5/24/22, photo by Katie Brumberg



National Jamboree

Interested in an incredible scouting experience next summer? The **2023 National Jamboree will be held July 19-28 at The Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia** - a fantastic high-adventure camp with tons of fun activities - climbing, rafting, zip-lining, mountain biking and more.

The Juniata Valley Council has already started organizing a crew to attend, and still has some room for more scouts. Sign up at the following national jamboree link: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>

From the Juniata Valley Council: "...the current projected price is \$1,950 (contingent upon travel expenses). We will have a payment plan put together very soon, but anticipate that the initial payment will be \$500 per person and will be due by the end of July."

Any questions, please let Mr. Hillsley, Ms. Peters or Ms. Walker know.

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