



news & views

BSA Troop 31
State College, PA

July 2023

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

UPCOMING

Seabase High Adventure Trip



Troop 31 Scouts and adults departed for their Seabase trip on Saturday, June 24. After their flight was delayed due to no Internet in the airport, the group finally arrived in Florida.

Their pre-trek adventures included visits to Robbie's Marina, where they fed the tarpons, the Key West Aquarium and the Shipwreck Museum. They watched a beautiful sunset in Key West before spending the night at their waterside campground.

Finally, the troop visited the Southernmost Point in the Continental US before departing for their Sailing and Out Island adventures. Stay tuned for more details about their week-long experiences.



July 4

No meeting

July 5

Adult Leaders Mtg, 6pm, St. Paul's
PLC/Rankup, 7pm, St. Paul's

July 11

Swimming, 6:30pm, Welch Pool

July 12

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

July 16-22

Summer Camp, Bashore Scout Res.

July 18

No meeting

July 19-28

National Jamboree, Summit Bechtel Res.

July 25

Troop Olympics, 6:30pm, Tudek Park

August 5

Rotary Ice Cream Fest, 10:30-1 & 1-3:30

August 11-13

Bike Campout

September 15-17

Beach Campout, Camp Henlopen, DE



New Leadership

Congratulations to the new leadership whose term will run June 1 – November 30, 2023:

- SPL - **Sam W (B), Zofia S (G)**
- ASPLs - **Tim V, Simon S and Ryan H**
- Patrol Leaders - **Cole S (Wolverines), Theo O (Flaming Arrows) and Evan R (Aliens)**
- Assistant Patrol Leaders -
- Troop Guide - **Lincoln S-S and Gavin H**
- Troop Instructor - **Rishi B**
- Quartermaster - **Preston B**
- Scribe - **Nick S**
- Outdoor Ethics Guide - **Marek S**
- Webmaster -
- Den Chief - **Michael H**
- Historian -
- Chaplain Aide - **Austen C**

If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Sam or Zofia.



Flag Day ceremony at the American Legion, 6/14/23, photos by Lisa Schroeder

Cyber Chip

Be safe and smart online - EARN YOUR CYBER CHIP!

All Cyber Chips will expire annually. Each Scout will need to go to [Netsmartz](https://www.netsmartz.com) and complete 2 new resources to recommit to net safety and netiquette. Then, with the unit leader, the Scout can add the new date to the Cyber Chip card or certificate. There are 2 merit badges (Digital Technology and Programming) that require your Cyber Chip to be up to date.

Cyber Chip Requirements for Grades 9-12

1. Read and sign the Level II Internet Safety Pledge on the BSA *Cyber Chip Card*.
2. Write and sign a personalized contract with your parent or guardian that outlines rules for using the computer and mobile devices, including what you can download, what you can post, and consequences for inappropriate use.
3. Watch three “Real-Life Story” videos to learn the impact on teens.
4. As an individual or patrol, use the EDGE method and the Student Project Kit to teach Internet safety rules, behavior, and “netiquette” to your troop or another patrol. You are encouraged to use any additional material and information you have researched. Each member of the patrol must have a role and present part of the lesson.
5. Discuss with your unit leader the acceptable standards and practices for using allowed electronic devices such as phones and games at your meetings and other Scouting events.
6. Discuss with your parents the benefits and potential dangers teenagers might experience when using social media. Give examples of each.

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Arts Fest Trash 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 14 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. You should put on some sunscreen, walking shoes and consider wearing a hat and bring water since we will be outside the entire time. There may be water along our route, but if you need a snack, please bring a snack or some money.

We will meet at the Green Crew Trailer at 130 W. Nittany Ave. in the parking lot located at the SE corner across from Memorial Field. Note that you must walk into this area since it is in the middle of the Arts Fest loop and the streets are closed.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AAAB22A4FD0-2023>



"OK, I've pitched the tent. Now what?"

New Merit Badge Opportunity!!

Need a merit badge or two? Even four????
Can't come to Seven Mountains for a full week??
Heading to the Jamboree but would still like to earn a merit badge???

Merit Badge Day Camping at Seven Mountains July 3-6, 2023!!

Short term! Attending Monday and Tuesday mornings will allow complete one merit badge...
Monday and Tuesday afternoons will give you the chance to complete another.

The same is true for Wednesday and Thursdays - pick mornings or afternoons or both!

You can earn up to four merit badges, depending on your own time and interest!

If you are able to come to camp Monday and Tuesday mornings, your choices will be.....
Rifle, Archery, First Aid, Photography, Wood Carving, Insect Study, Forestry
Space Exploration, Moviemaking or Chemistry

If you are able to come Monday and Tuesday afternoon, then your choices are....
Shotgun, Archery, Citizenship in the Nation, Inventing, Basketry, Bird Study
Sustainability, Digital Technologies.

Wednesday and Thursday mornings offer....
Shotgun, Archery, Emergency Preparedness, Public Speaking, Leatherwork, Soil and Water
Conservation, Sustainability, Orienteering, Cooking and Game Design.

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons have...
Rifle, Archery, First Aid, Painting, Pottery, Weather, Plant Science
Pioneering, Geocaching and Robotics.

Sign up and pricing:

Morning session 9-11:30 and then lunch - head home again at 1:00
Afternoon session arrive for lunch at noon and class from 1:45 - 4:15 and head home

\$62.00 per merit badge - the fee includes both mornings OR both afternoons for your selected merit badge and includes lunch both days.

A Veteran's Experience

Former Troop 31 Scoutmaster (1981-1985) Lloyd Niemann recently took part in the Honor Flight Program. This is a program that celebrates veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War by inviting them to a day of honor in and around Washington DC as a way of acknowledging veterans' service and sacrifice.

The program provides transportation, hotels, meals, guides and a tour bus to move the veterans around the Washington area. Scoutmaster Niemann (and many others) visited the World War II Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial and Navy Memorial to name but a few. They also attended the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier which they observed from the front row.

Scoutmaster Niemann is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Class of 1949) and served as an engineer on merchant ships from 1945-1953. During the visit to Washington, he was accompanied by his son, Troop 31 Eagle Scout (#86) Eric Niemann.

-submitted by Mr. Baker

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