



Backpacker Lite, 6/1-2/24

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BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

July 2024

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UPCOMING

Backpacker Lite Recap

On the first weekend of June, Scouts and Scouters, 18 in all, hit the trail in the Moshannon State Forest for two days of backpacking. Experience ranged from some adults with Philmont experience to Scouts heading to Philmont to first-time backpackers (Scouts and Adults).

We camped at the Troop's favorite site, Smay's Run, where we sampled the finest of freeze-dried cuisine, hung our hammocks, set up our tents, filtered tasty stream water and fell asleep to the sounds of the forest.

We also made a side hike to the two Ralph's vistas along the Allegheny Front where a Scout was heard to remark, "This is Magnificent" and "This is Pretty Good". Ground covered: 15 miles.

Special thanks to Mrs. Brezovec for loaning the truck.

-submitted by Mr. Baker

New Leadership

Congratulations to Lincoln and Ceci S. who were sworn in as the new Senior Patrol Leaders for the boys and girls troops. Their terms will run June 1 – November 30, 2024.



-photo by Mrs. Messner

July 2

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

July 7

Eagle Court of Honor, 3pm, PSU Golf Course

July 7, 21

Fitness MB, 4:30pm, SCAHS track

July 9

Swimming, 6:30-8pm, Welch Pool

July 10

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

July 12

Trash Crew @ Arts Fest, 12-3pm and 3-6pm

July 14-20

Summer Camp @ Seven Mountains

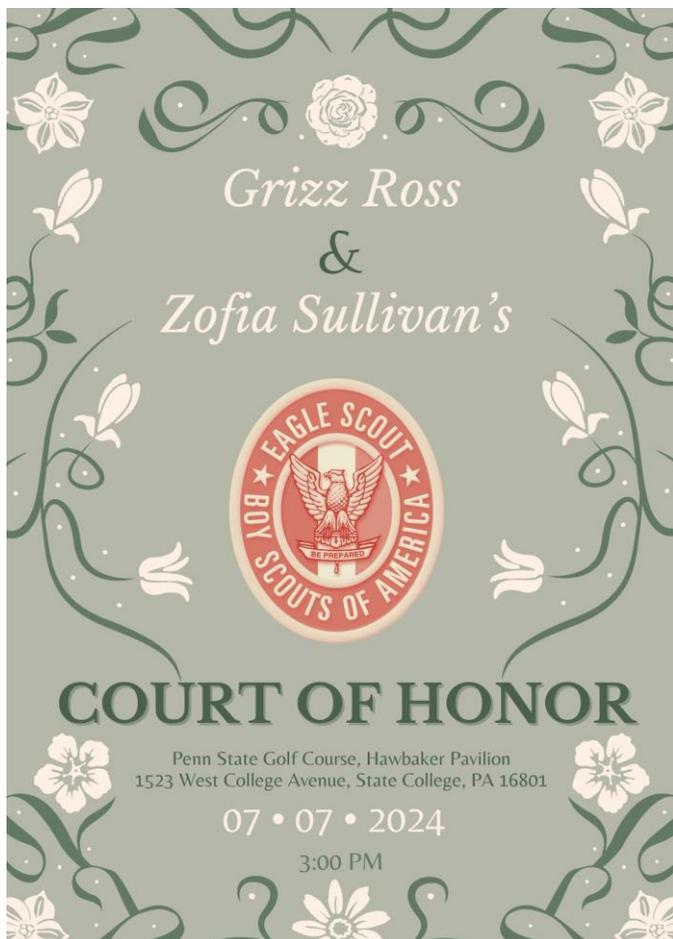
July 23

Troop Games, 6:30-8pm, Circleville Park

July 30

Canoeing, 6:30-8pm, Colyer Lake





RSVP via Google doc – check your email

Scout Night at the Spikes

On July 27, the State College Spikes will be hosting a Scout Night Game that will be full of exciting and memorable events for Scouts culminating in a fireworks display, limited edition Spikes Patch, movie on the video board and camp out in the ballpark. Tickets are \$13 each and the deadline to purchase is July 19.

Ticket link:

<https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/GroupPortalPEC.asp?HoldID=2714&SponsorID=17082&EventID=341288>

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www.facebook.com/Troop31StateCollegePa

Visit www.troop31.us for more information.

Flag Day



Elks Flag Day Ceremony, American Legion Post 245, 6/18/24, photo by Mrs. Walker

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 12 from Noon to 3 pm and 3 pm to 6 pm. Please consider volunteering for one or both of the shifts. Scouts, leaders and adults are asked to join. Check your email for a signup or contact Mrs. Messner at messnerski@gmail.com

Mining Camp Opportunity

MINING ROCKS!
Penn State Mining Summer Camp

August 4–9, 2024
University Park, PA

Learn how safe mining and processing are required for the clean energy transition.

PennState
College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

Are you curious where all the metals come from in your phone or computer? Those in medical devices? Why do we call some "critical minerals?" How do we mine and process them?



Registration
Deadline:
July 15, 2024

sites.psu.edu/miningcamps

Campers will:

- Run software to design a mine
- Set up a circuit to automate equipment
- Do a mine ventilation survey in our underground tunnels
- Determine the strength of rocks to determine safe mining practices
- Operate lab-scale mineral processing equipment and learn to "pan" for gold

Attendance is free-of-charge!

Attendance is limited to twenty campers to enhance their lab experiences. Campers should be rising high school juniors and seniors.

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John and Willie Leone Family
Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering

Leadership

(t) Fully trained for position

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