



Summit Experience, June 22-28, 2025

news & views

BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

July 2025

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

UPCOMING

Canoe Campout

Rain. One word sums up what has been on every outdoor adventure seeker's mind for what seems like the better part of two months here in PA. Eleven Scouts and six Scouters (freshly equipped or re-equipped with Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and Hazardous Weather training) set out for Buckaloons on the Allegheny River at 6 pm. And their first inkling that things might not go as planned on this adventure was when Google maps announced, "This may be closed when you arrive."



Fortunately, they found the gate open at the entrance to the campsite. And even when the final group arrived at 10:30 that night, the gate was not closed. Everyone set up their tents and the dining fly during a break in the rain.

By breakfast the campsite was beginning to look like a pond. A second pop-up was set up to have a seating area and breakfast happened. Cooking requirements were fulfilled and damp yet cheerful scouts took care of KP & assembled their picnic lunches.

Everyone huddled together to talk canoe and swim safety before setting out on the Allegheny, but it never happened. In an abundance of caution, it was decided to move on to plan B (or C or D). We hooked up the canoe trailer & everyone loaded into 3 vehicles to head to the Kinzua Reservoir.

Scouts and scouters soon arrived at the banks of the reservoir. Stopped in the middle of a very steep incline, the camp director, Mike, gave the options: carry your canoes from here, or use the canoes halfway down the hill. We decided to borrow their canoes.

Sun. Canoeing and fun. Followed by... if you want to hear the rest of the story, ask a scout.

July 1

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

July 8

American History Jeopardy, 7pm, St. Paul's

July 11

Arts Fest Trash Crew, 12-3pm and 3-6pm
(see signup, page 3)

July 13 -19

Summer Camp
Tuscarora Scout Reservation

July 22

Boal Mansion Tour, 7pm

June 29

Scotia History Hike, 6:30pm, Scotia Barrens

Upcoming:

August 8-10, Bike Campout



Welcome!

A big Troop 31 welcome to new Scout Georgia W!

Open Positions

* Hospitality Chair

The Hospitality Chair makes sure event facilities are rented for any special events and that if assistance or food is being provided, they coordinate any support and logistics to execute an event successfully. They ensure there are sufficient supplies for events.

Responsibilities

- Organize refreshments, food, decorations
- Coordinate volunteers, make sign-ups
- Manage resources (Hospitality supply bins)
- Be mindful of food restrictions/food safety

Events

- Troop Courts of Honor (Fall & Spring)
- New Scout Campout luncheon (Spring or Fall)
- Holiday Camp meals & Family dinner (Dec)
- Klondike Derby warming station
- Troop ILST luncheon

* Fundraising Chair

The Fundraising Chair facilitates fundraising opportunities for Scouts and the Troop. They make sure that non-Council fundraisers are approved by JVC. They coordinate with Rotary for pie sale. They lend support, if needed, during any fundraisers coordinated by others (wreath sale, popcorn sale, Marianna's sub sale, etc.). They make sure that they have payment prepared properly and that all Scout account credit info is submitted to the Troop Treasurer.

* Popcorn "Kernel"

The Troop Popcorn Kernel takes the lead on making sure Scouts have the opportunity to raise funds for their Troop accounts during the annual popcorn fundraising campaign. Aaron Vath is currently serving in his last year as our Kernel, so any likely candidate to take on this role would have the benefit of shadowing Aaron through the end of the event in October.

Court of Honor Update

Congratulations on the following rank advancements at the Court of Honor on June 10, 2025. Other awards included 57 merit badges.

Scout rank: Ben R.

Tenderfoot: Ferdinand H.

2nd Class: Theo A., Astrid H., Penelope H., Kira L, Nela S.

1st Class: Eames A., Penelope H., Kira L., Sarah W.

Star: Gillian H., Sarah W.

Life: Tim V.

Eagle: Cooper B.

Eagle Bronze Palm: Cooper B.



Order of the Arrow nominees: Ceci S. and Sarah W.

Order of the Arrow Advisor

A big thank you to Mr. Nicolas Delose - he is our new Order of the Arrow (OA) Advisor!



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Trash Crew Volunteers Needed

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 11, 2025 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 on W. Nittany Ave. in the parking lot located at the SE corner across from Memorial Field. Please note that you must walk into this area since it's in the middle of the Arts Fest loop.

Scouts and Adults are asked to join. If you can only join for part of the time, please let me know by responding with a note on the signup page. The sign up can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AAAB22A4FD0-57374313-arts>

Thank You Letter

Thanks to *your* dedication and stewardship, ClearWater accomplished so much this past spring for the 29th Annual Watershed Cleanup Day! It's been such a busy spring and summer for ClearWater and we are so happy that we shared the beginning of the season together as a community. As you remember, on April 12, ClearWater Conservancy, Centre County Refuse and Recycling Authority, and the Spring Creek Watershed MS4 Partnership hosted the 29th Annual Watershed Cleanup Day, and it was a huge success!

ClearWater would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU**, the volunteers, partners, and sponsors who supported this event and cleaned up around the streams and open spaces that make this region such a healthy and beautiful place to live!

Together, over **650 volunteers** removed **12,860 lbs. of trash**, **28 tires** across **69 sites** from our landscape and waterways during this year's **Watershed Cleanup Day**, in partnership with local municipalities.

We are so overjoyed to experience the shared dedication to keeping our waterways healthy and clean during this 29-year-old county wide event! ClearWater Conservancy and Centre County is so fortunate to have stewards like *you* a part of our community!

You continue to nurture our community and environment by supporting conservation work. Striving to keep our part of the planet clean and healthy for life to grow and flourish together is something heartwarming and inspiring. Thank you for sharing your kindness and generosity of your time and effort. We hope to see you back next year!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth and the entire Watershed Cleanup Day Committee, ClearWater staff and board

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