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BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

June 2023

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UPCOMING

Court of Honor Update

Congratulations on the following rank advancements at the Court of Honor on May 16, 2023:

Tenderfoot: Emerson R.

2nd Class: Austen C., Lincoln S., Nick S.

1st Class:

Austen C., Michael H., Evan R., Ceci S., Lincoln S., Nick S., Tim V.

Star: Marek S.

Life: Grizz R., Simon S.

Eagle: Lilly P., Logan H., Mitchell P.

Eagle Bronze Palm: Lilly P., Logan H., Mitchell P.



Other awards included 27 merit badges and:

Den Chief Award: Gavin H.

God and Life Award:

Cooper B., Kevin B., Mitchell P., Brennan S., Henry S.

Troop 31B MVP: Mrs. Hill

Troop 31G MVP: Mr. Sullivan

June 3

10 mile hike, 8:30am, Quehanna Wild

June 4

Huber/Peoples/Peters/Ryoo Eagle Court of Honor, 1:30pm, St. Paul's

June 6

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

June 9-11

ILST Campout, Black Moshannon

June 14

Flag Day Ceremony, American Legion

June 20

Thompson Woods Park Cleanup, 6:30pm

June 24-July 2

Seabase High Adventure Trip

June 27

Volleyball, 6:30pm, Circleville Park

July 16-22

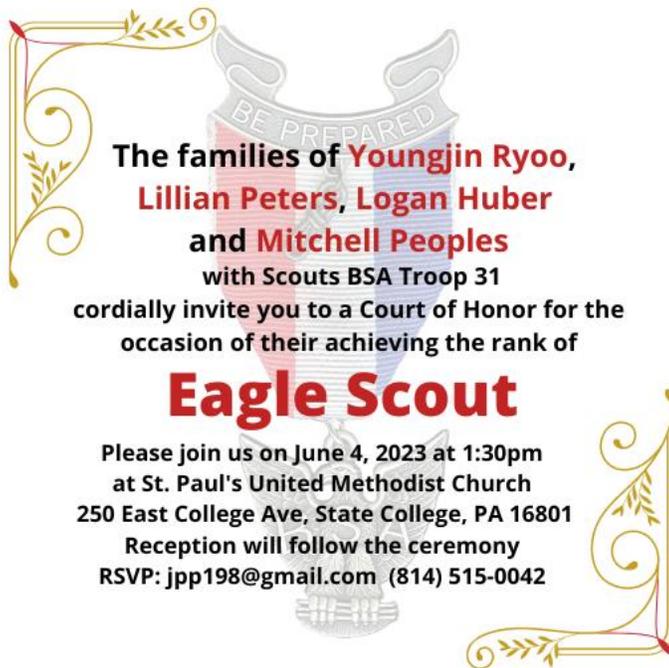
Summer Camp, Bashore Scout Res.

July 19-28

National Jamboree, Summit Bechtel Res.

August 11-13

Bike Campout



**The families of Youngjin Ryoo,
Lillian Peters, Logan Huber
and Mitchell Peoples
with Scouts BSA Troop 31
cordially invite you to a Court of Honor for the
occasion of their achieving the rank of**

Eagle Scout

Please join us on June 4, 2023 at 1:30pm
at St. Paul's United Methodist Church
250 East College Ave, State College, PA 16801
Reception will follow the ceremony
RSVP: jpp198@gmail.com (814) 515-0042

Gettysburg Campout

For our May campout, Troop 31 Scouts and Scouters headed to one of American history's most iconic sites, Gettysburg. We camped at the pristine Camp Conewago where we sure were thankful that there was a pavilion to shelter the cooks from the rain. On the battlefield, we worked on the BSA Historical Trails Award by visiting the Museum and Cyclorama in the Visitor Center followed by several hikes through Gettysburg and its environs. We also explored the rocks at Devil's Den.

Although there was on-and-off rain Saturday, which allowed us to test our rain gear, Sunday was the most beautiful spring day ever. Well, maybe not "ever", but it was really nice. It'll take another trip to complete the award, so let the PLC know if you want to go again.



-photo submitted by Mr. Hillsley

Hiking Merit Badge

Those who hiked 10 miles on the Allegheny Front Trail for their hiking merit badge on May 5 enjoyed five great vistas, a rainbow and ran into Troop 375 who were on a backpacking trip.



--photo submitted by Mr. Baker



Scribe Corner

- * Thank you to Alexandra Luneke for facilitating the use of the Natatorium for the troop.
- * Thank you to Cody Miller for allowing us to camp at no additional cost at Kinzua Bridge.
- * Thank you to the Boal Mansion for giving us a tour after typical business hours.

-Evan R, Troop 31 Scribe

Summer Camp Improvements

Look closely at the road. Yes. It is paved. DNCR paved the road from route 322 to the end of the camp property out by Rhodes Campsite. Quite the improvement and a lot less dust.

-Submitted by Mr. Savino



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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 New Roof

Marty Craine and his class of students from Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology (CPI) recently completed a re-roofing project of our Scout Troop Shed. A huge thank you to him, his students and our friends at CPI for so graciously providing the labor and the know-how to replace our shed roofing. Troop 31 is very much grateful to all you folks!!!

Also, a big thank you to YBC for a generous discount and free delivery of supplies and to the many people who made this happen: Mr. Davidson, Mr. O'Connell, Mrs. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Brezovec.

-submitted by Mr. Thorndike



Before: severely blistered shingles



After: beautiful new shingles

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.netmartz.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 6-8

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 the video "Friend or Fake," along with two additional videos of your choosing, to see how friends can help each other to stay safe online.
4. As an individual or with your patrol, use the EDGE method and 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.

Eagle Work Days

- * Henry S.: June 3, 9am, Millbrook Marsh
- * Asher C: June 6, 10am, Stone Valley Civil Eng. Lodge
- * Asher C: June 7, 10am, Stone Valley Civil Eng. Lodge
- * Asher C: June 8, 10am, Stone Valley Civil Eng. Lodge

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