



-New Scout Campout, photo by Mr. Baker

# news & views

## BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

### June 2024

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UPCOMING

## New Scout Campout

It rained. It was windy. It rained some more. And then it rained after that. Nevertheless, Scouts and Scouters had a great time at Seven Mountains Scout Camp for the New Scout Campout.

While some activities (ax yard, fire building) had to be deep-sixed because of the weather, many rank requirements were signed off. We also helped the camp clear the ground of sticks, twigs and branches, while adding to the BIG pile of brush next to the cabin. There was time for gaga ball, cribbage and four-legged (yes, four-legged) races.

Despite some tent leakage, everyone stayed in good spirits, especially after the box of donuts appeared. As usual, Scouts cooked a variety of warm, savory meals which made the weather seem just a little less dreary and damp. Many new Scouts who experienced below freezing weather (Pittsburgh) and totally soaked conditions (New Scout campout) on their first two overnights with the Troop, nevertheless, discovered that a fun time depends not on the weather, but on the people you spend time with.



-photo by Mr. Baker

Special thanks to Mr. Colwell for towing the trailer both ways.

-submitted by Mr. Baker

### June 4

Adult Leaders Meeting, 6pm, St. Paul's  
PLC/Troop Elections, 6:30pm, St. Paul's

### June 5

Summer Camp Adult Pre-Camp Meeting,  
7pm, Zoom

### June 9

Eagle Court of Honor, 2pm, St. Paul's

### June 9, 23

Fitness MB, 4:30pm, SCAHS track

### June 11-26

Philmont High Adventure

### June 12

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

### June 14

Flag Day Ceremony, 5:30-7, American Legion

### June 15, 30

Hiking MB 10-mile hike, TBD

### June 18

Swimming/Volleyball, 6:30pm, Whipple Dam  
Summer Camp forms due!

### June 25

Bike Scavenger Hunt, 6:30pm, Sunset Park

## Troop Shed Update

The CPI construction class led by teacher Marty Craine worked on the shed roof repair and re-shingling job. They also finished the ridge caps. Great job everyone!



-photo by Mr. Thorndike

## Philmont Trainer

The Philmont group enjoyed their last trainer the weekend of May 10-12. They are ready to go!



-photos by Mr. Thorndike

## Backpacking Skills Meeting



-5/21/24, Spring Creek Park, photos by Mr. Hillsley



## Scribe Corner

Thank you to Pastor Greg for letting us use St. Paul's facilities for our troop activities and for supporting our troop in general.

-submitted by Ryan H., Scribe

The families of  
**Joshua Fragin Asher Collens**  
**Henry Smith Brennan Sitzabee**  
 with Scouts BSA Troop 31 cordially invite you to a  
 Court of Honor celebrating their achievement of the rank of  
*Eagle Scout*  
 Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 2pm  
 St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
 250 East College Avenue  
 State College, PA 16801  
 Reception to follow  
 Please RSVP by June 1 to Lori Smith at [lasmith723@gmail.com](mailto:lasmith723@gmail.com)



## Order of the Arrow

Congratulations to Simon S. for completing his Ordeal the weekend of May 17-19. He was selected as the Service Chair for the Lodge.

## Thompson Woods



Thompson Woods Cleanup, 5/14/24, photo by Mrs. Smith

## Eagle projects

Centre Region Parks and Recreation (<https://www.crpr.org/find-your-park>) is looking for Scouts to consider their park projects for an Eagle Project. If interested, Scouts are encouraged to email Jim Carpenter at [jcarpenter@crcog.net](mailto:jcarpenter@crcog.net).

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