



news & views

BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

March 2023

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

UPCOMING

Home Show

On February 18, five Scouts and six adults volunteered at the Central PA Home Show. They guided children through construction-themed games, punched a ticket for each game played and handed out prizes for completed punch cards.



Adults manned a table displaying materials and handouts about Troop/Pack 31 and talked to interested families about joining Scouting. All in all, everyone enjoyed interacting with the public and providing a valuable service in the community.

Night Hike



February 28, 2023

-photo by Mr. Hillsley

New Senior Patrol Leader

Congratulations to S. Walker who has stepped-up to serve as Interim-Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 31B. Let's do all that we can to help him perform his duties and provide great leadership to the troop.

March 4

Elks Hoop Shoot, Bellefonte Area High School, 9am

March 11

Movie Night, 7pm (Spring Break)

March 18

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

March 21

Climbing, 7pm, Climb Nittany

March 24-25

Kinzua Bridge State Park Campout

March 28

OA Elections, 7pm, St. Paul's

April 4

Adult Leaders Mtg, 6pm, St. Paul's
Egg Stuffing/PLC after, 7pm, St. Paul's

April 11

Swim Test, 6:30pm, YMCA

April 22

Watershed Cleanup, Bald Eagle

April 28-30

Spring Camporee, Ag Progress

Klondike thanks

Dear Kelly and crew:

On behalf of the many Scouts, Webelos, and volunteer staff, I wish to thank you and your group for staffing the Geography station for the 2023 Klondike. I appreciate your willingness to provide a great program for our local and visiting Scouts.

Scoutingly yours:

Paul T. Fagley, Klondike Derby Chair



Scribe Corner

Thank you to Mr. Ross for making chili at Klondike. Also thank you to the Boalsburg Fire Company for allowing us to use their space and giving us a tour of the fire hall.

Scout Sunday recognition

February 12, 2023



Scouts completing God and Church: S. Smith/Troop 31,
A. Burns/Troop 375, W. Gartner/Troop 375



Troop 31 Scouts completing God and Life: K. Burns, H. Smith,
M. Peoples, C. Brumberg, Advisor Mrs. Peoples

All received the 4-star Award for completing all 4 classes in the P.R.A.Y. series.

Points of the Scout Law

When we recite the Scout Oath, we say, "I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and **to obey the Scout Law...**" and we follow the Oath with the Scout Law, which tell us what traits exemplify a Scout. Let's look at three of them:

A Scout is Trustworthy

When we talk about being trustworthy, we mean always speaking the truth. It also means being true to your word. A trustworthy person is honest and follows through on what they say they will do. When you make a commitment and don't follow through – how does that make you feel? How does it affect those who were relying on you?

A Scout is Loyal

Being loyal means supporting those who have supported you. Loyalty plays an important part in relationships with friends and family, in Scouts, at school, on a team, and beyond. When you are supportive, appreciative and respectful of those who treat you similarly, you are being loyal.

A Scout is Helpful

Being helpful means always seeking a way to contribute assistance without expecting anything in return. Our Motto "Be Prepared" can certainly be construed to mean be ready to lend assistance to others. Our Slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily" means you should step in and help whenever you are able to make a positive change in someone else's situation at home, at school, at work, on campouts and everywhere else. Learn to recognize opportunities to help. Don't be the bystander.



This month's theme:
Community Service

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