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## BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

### March 2024

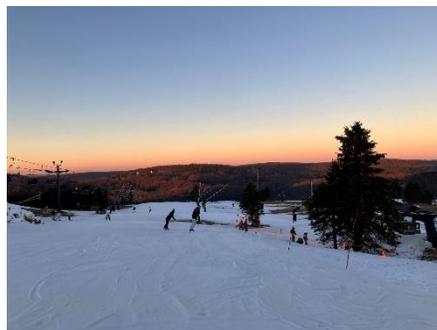
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UPCOMING

## Ski Trip

On Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Troop 31 made a day-trip to Seven Springs Mountain Resort for a full day of snow sports. We had 11 youth from Troop 31B participate and 8 adults for a total of 19 people. Since we had more than 10 in our group, we were “thrifty” in taking advantage of their 15% group discount.

We departed State College at 6:45 am were on the slopes from about 9:00 to 7:00, then departed just before 8 pm to return to State College around 11 pm after some stopped for a bite to eat. We skied mostly man-made snow on slopes and trails with some areas uncovered showing grass, but the resort was large enough with dozens of skiable areas open and several lifts to access nearly the whole mountain from one end to the other.



-photo by Lincoln S.

Some put their technical skills to work in the terrain parks, some just enjoyed peaceful views of tree-lined trails, everyone had a good time on the slopes that day and our group sales agent at Seven Springs shared that they were glad to have us join them!

### **March 2**

Elks Hoop Shoot, 9:30am, Bellefonte HS

### **March 5**

No Meeting

### **March 10**

Home Builders Show, 11-3, The Centre

### **March 12**

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

### **March 13**

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

### **March 19**

Egg Stuffing/OA Elections, 7pm, St. Paul's

### **March 23-24**

Pittsburgh Zoo Campout

### **March 26**

Vet Clinic Tour, 7pm

### **April 5-7**

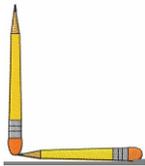
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## Seeking Scoutmaster for 31G

The Troop 31G Committee is actively seeking the next Scoutmaster for Troop 31G. The requirements are as follows: you must be currently registered and fully trained as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 31G. Preference will be given to candidates who have completed Wood Badge.

If you are interested in taking over as Scoutmaster for Troop 31G, please see Jeannie or Nick Peters for an application and return it to Nick Peters, Committee Chair for Troop 31G at [nickip121@gmail.com](mailto:nickip121@gmail.com) no later than March 1, 2024. Interviews with all candidates will be scheduled prior to March 12, 2024.

Troop 31 Treasurer has a new email address: [t31treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:t31treasurer@gmail.com).  
Reminder: please submit camping receipts for reimbursement within 30 days.



## Scribe Corner

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Ed Brezovec Fund. Mr. Brezovec was very important to this Troop. This fund is a great way to honor him. Thank you for your support.

By Ryan H., Scribe



"WHEN THE SM WAS DISCUSSING ILST AT THE PLC, THE SPL SAID HE HAD NLS THAT WEEKEND. THEN THE QM MENTIONED A VOA MEETING. A TG SAID THERE WAS AN LEC, AND ANOTHER PL BROUGHT UP THE OA CHAPTER MEETING. AT LEAST WE DECIDED ON ALPHABET SOUP FOR THE CAMP-OUT."

## Elks Hoop Shoot Contest



Four to five Scouts in Class A uniforms are needed for the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 at the Bellefonte Area High School gym. Arrival time is 9:30am and the opening ceremonies with flag presentation will start at 10:00. Adult help is also needed. Service hours are available. If interested, let Mrs. Messner know at [messnerski@gmail.com](mailto:messnerski@gmail.com)



## Home Expo

Six to eight scouts in Class A uniforms are needed on Sunday, March 10th from 11AM to 3PM to help with Kid's Day at the Builder's Association of Central PA (BACP) Home Expo. Nittany Valley Sports Centre. Adult help is also needed. Service hours are available. If interested, contact Mrs. Messner at [messnerski@gmail.com](mailto:messnerski@gmail.com)

## Night Hike



-Musser Gap hike, 2/20/24, photos by Mrs. Cahill

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## Patrol Bonding Campout

It was pretty chilly at 7 Mountains Scout Camp for the Patrol Bonding Campout February 23-25. We had lows in the 20s at night, and it barely got above freezing during the day Saturday. But we had a great fire on Friday night, and it burned all day Saturday from 8 am until about 10 pm!



-photo by Mrs. Cahill

The Scouts built an axe yard, played volleyball and gaga ball, and hiked many miles of trails. We had advancement, we had some awesome food, and we had zero cases of frostbite. So all in all it was a success.



-photo by Mrs. Cahill

## Pittsburgh Zoo Campout

**What:** We've arranged a behind the scenes tour of the Zoo which emphasizes how a zoo operates and what sort of careers are available at a Zoo. After that we'll be able to explore the Zoo on our own. We'll be camping (one night/Saturday) at BSA Camp Guyasuta which is about 5 minutes from the Zoo. We'll also have time to see one or two other attractions in Pittsburgh and/or on the way home.

**When:** 23-24 March 2024. Because our tour starts at 10:15AM, we'll be meeting at **6:45AM Saturday** at Levin Furniture for the drive to Pittsburgh. We expect to return to State College around 3PM on Sunday.

**Wear:** Class A for travel, Zoo tour, flag ceremonies, other attractions; Class B for in camp

**Pack:** Normal gear for a campout (only one night); daypack, good walking shoes and water bottle for the Zoo; snacks for the drive.

**Sign-up Deadline:** Because we are required to give the Zoo a head count and full payment two weeks in advance of our tour, sign-up deadline for this campout is earlier than normal. **Sign-up by Friday, 8 March 2024 at noon**. This will allow us to get the paperwork scanned and payment to the Zoo before they close that day. We don't need your permission slip or payment then; you can bring it to one of the March Troop meetings. But you **DO** need to sign up NLT **Friday, 8 March 2024 at noon**.

Permission slip: <https://app.box.com/s/67ivlbkufv03cg8prnzo3hab0gvl5hgp>

Sign up: <https://forms.gle/BuFZNT7sSs9ARgoWA> **Note:** we need a minimum of 15 Scouts to make this tour happen, so sign up today!



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