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BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

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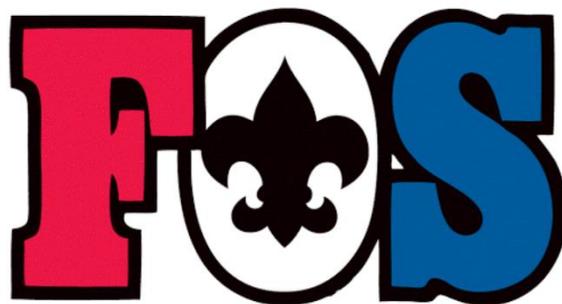
UPCOMING

Court of Honor

Our Troop 31 Spring Court of Honor will be held **Tuesday, May 16th** at 7pm at St. Paul's. Adult Leaders, parents, and guardians are invited to attend this special event, our first one back at St. Paul's in a long while. We hope you'll join us to celebrate the accomplishments of our Scouts!

Friends of Scouting

Each year, the Family Friends of Scouting Fundraising Campaign (FOS) asks for your support. Your **active commitment** to this effort is a **key**



component to the success of the campaign. As we know, the FOS provides a critical source of revenue to fund operating expenses that provide direct service to units in the Juniata Valley Council. This coming year, it is anticipated that FOS support will comprise almost 8.4 percent of the operating budget!

Centre Gives, the annual event hosted by Centre Foundation benefiting local non-profits, will be held **May 10th & 11th**. Please consider making a donation to **Friends of Scouting**.

May 2

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

May 6

10 mile hike, time/place TBD

May 7

Collens Work Day, 1-4, Stone Valley

May 9

Patrol Elections, 7pm, St. Paul's

May 12-14

Gettysburg Campout

May 13

Collens Work Day, 10-1, Stone Valley

May 16

Court of Honor, 7pm, St. Paul's

May 19-21

Seabase Trainer

May 21

Collens Work Day, 10-2, Stone Valley

May 23

Military Museum Tour, 7pm

May 30

Swimming, 7pm, Whipple Dam



Scribe Corner

Thank you to Champs for providing lift tickets to Scouts during our Tussey ski night.

-E. Repine, Troop 31 Scribe

Pack 31 Info

Troop 31 families who know of any youth seeking to begin their Scouting adventure in Cub Scouts, please share the following contact info for Pack 31:

Carolyn Inman (CC) email: motykathree@gmail.com

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Egg Stuffing, 4/4/23, photo by Mrs. Smith

Hospitality Chair Needed

Many hands make light work. Troop 31 is fortunate to have a number of adults who have taken on leadership roles. But for any parents who may wonder how they can pitch in, serving as Hospitality Chair is great opportunity!

The Troop Hospitality Chair coordinates volunteers and food donations for Troop Courts of Honor, lends assistance at Eagle Courts of Honor, helps with adult lunch at Webelos Woods. If this sounds like a good fit, or if you'd like to know more, please contact Kelly Walker at kelmick@aol.com

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 brave.

A Scout can face danger although they might be afraid. A Scout has the courage to stand for what they think is right. A Scout knows that being brave is different than being reckless or foolish. A Scout who is brave is able to face difficult situations without being controlled by fear. It is also important to remember that what is easy for one person might require bravery for another.

A Scout is clean.

A Scout keeps their body and mind fit and clean. They choose the company of those who live by high standards. They help to keep their home and community clean. To be clean means to take care of your personal hygiene and your environment. But it also means to keep your character clean.

A Scout is reverent.

A Scout is reverent toward God. They are faithful in their religious duties. They respect the beliefs of others. Reverence is represented by a respect for others and the world around us. A Scout understands that there is a greater power at work in the world. A Scout does his or her Duty to God and works to cooperate with that power. A Scout is also respectful to those with different beliefs.



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Gettysburg Campout

The Troop will be visiting Gettysburg for a campout May 12-14. We'll be exploring the site of one of American history's landmark events. Did you know that there is a BSA patch associated with Gettysburg? We'll be completing some of the activities required to earn it. We'll be camping along the banks of the Conewago Creek, known for its variety of fish. The weather's getting warm; let's go camping! Check your email for a permission slip and signup.



-Boal Mansion Tour, 4/25/23,
photo by Mr. Brandenburg

Behavioral Expectations

Reminder: Behavioral expectations must be signed and turned in to Mrs. Walker ASAP by all Scouts and their parent or guardian *and* by adult leaders. It is **required** of anyone who wishes to participate in Troop activities.

Camperships Available

It is the position of Troop 31 that no Scout should ever miss camping opportunities due to financial barriers. For this reason, we have Camperships available to those who need it. If you are in need of a Campership, please reach out to Kelly Walker at kelmick@aol.com.



Hiking Merit Badge

The first 10-mile hike (req't 4) will take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023. Time and place TBD. Although there is no requirement for Scouts to decide on the location of the hike, it would be nice to hike at places that interest you, so if anyone has any ideas, let Mr. Baker know before the May 2nd Troop meeting. If not, he will be happy to decide on the route.

A word about requirement #4

(<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/hiking/>). Notice that this requires that you complete a report **before** starting each hike. Also, it would be a good idea for you to glance at requirement #5; this requires a report to be completed **after** the hike. As always, these can be given to Mr. Baker as a text, email, handwritten or typed piece of paper; just remember if electronic to copy another adult.

After the route is decided, he'll let everyone know the start time/place. Note: this hike is open to anyone in the Troop; Scout or Scouter. Anyone who wants to get out to take a hike on a nice spring day is welcome.

Note 2: A female adult leader is needed to go along. This can be one person, or a tag-team arrangement. Let Mr. Baker know at kfb3@psu.edu

Watershed Cleanup

We had a great clean up on April 22. A group of 13 Scouts and 13 adults collected 11 bags of trash, 3 tires, one traffic cone and part of a large wooden spool. Thank you to the Brezovec family for hauling the canoes and Mrs. Vender for making lunch.



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(w) Wood Badge

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