



Watershed Cleanup, 4/20/24, photo by Mrs. Messner

# news & views

## BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

### May 2024

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

UPCOMING

## Court of Honor Update

Congratulations on the following rank advancements at the Court of Honor on April 30, 2024:

*Scout:* Astrid H., Penelope H., Kira L., Nela S.

*Tenderfoot:* Anthony H.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Class:* Anthony H., Emerson R.

*1<sup>st</sup> Class:* Cole S.

*Life:* Ceci S., Lincoln S., Sam W.

*Eagle:* Brennan S., Henry S., Zofia S.

*Eagle Bronze Palm:* Henry S.

*Eagle Gold Palm:* Henry S.

*Eagle Silver Palm:* Henry S.

Other awards included 21 merit badges and:

*Troop 31B MVP:* M. Brandenburg

*Troop 31G MVP:* Mr. Baker



*Red jacket presentation:*  
Mr. Hillsley

*Wood Badge Award:* Mr. Brandenburg



Troop 31G Scoutmaster Transition:  
Mrs. Peters to Mr. Sullivan



### **May 1**

Camping MB, 6:30-8, Tudek Park

### **May 3-5**

New Scout Campout, 7 Mtns. Scout Camp

### **May 4, 5**

Haris Eagle Work Days, 12:30-3:30pm, Sh. Ck.

### **May 7**

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

### **May 10-12**

Philmont Trainer, TBD

### **May 12, 26**

Personal Fitness MB, 4:30, SCAHS

### **May 14**

Thompson Woods Cleanup, 6:30

### **May 15**

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

### **May 17-19**

OA Ordeal, Seven Mtns. Scout Camp

### **May 21**

Troop Meeting, 6:30pm, Spring Creek Park

### **May 30**

Mass Casualty Drill, 4:30-8:30, SCE Airport

## Colyer Lake



Canoe Familiarization, Colyer Lake, 4/16/24, photos by Mr. Hillsley



## Philmont Trainer

We hiked 17 miles along the Allegheny Front Trail around Black Moshannon State Park. A bit chilly each night, but overall the weather and scenery were beautiful. The hiking and camping helped everyone get ready for Philmont in June.



4/19-21/24, photos by Mr. Hillsley



## Watershed Cleanup

Thank you for all the help you provided. We collected 8 bags of trash, 2 tires, 1 piece of rebar and one kitchen faucet. The last two items were given to a local scrap collector. Thank you Mrs. Walker for the delicious lunch!



Photo by Mrs. Walker, 4/20/24



## Scribe Corner

Thank you to those who contributed to the Ed Brezovec Memorial Fund.

-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  
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 Reception to follow  
 Please RSVP by June 1 to Lori Smith at [lasmith723@gmail.com](mailto:lasmith723@gmail.com)

## Friends of Scouting

Each year, the Family Friends of Scouting Fundraising Campaign (FOS) asks for your support. The FOS provides a critical source of revenue to fund operating expenses that provide direct service to units in the Juniata Valley Council.

Centre Gives, the annual event hosted by Centre Foundation benefiting local non-profits, will be held **May 8th at 8am until May 9th at 8pm**. JVC is participating in the Power Hour Challenge from 6-7pm on May 8. There is an award for the organization with the highest number of unique donors in that hour. Please consider making a donation to **Friends of Scouting**.

## Hospitality Chair Needed

The Hospitality Chair/Co-Chair arranges for food, volunteers and sometimes venues for Troop Courts of Honor, Holiday camp, Klondike station and other events as needed. Lends support when requested by Eagle Court of Honor families at those events. If interested in this role, please contact Kelly Walker at [kelmick@aol.com](mailto:kelmick@aol.com)

## Ed Brezovec Fund Update

The fund currently stands at \$14,370.83, so close to our \$15,000 goal. If you would like to contribute, please contact Troop 31 Treasurer Chris Rand at [t31treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:t31treasurer@gmail.com)

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Pack 31 Crossover Ceremony to Troop 31  
-photo by Mr. O'Connell



Court of Honor 4/30/24, photo by Mrs. Walker