



In Memoriam
Edward John Brezovec
1963 - 2023

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BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

October 2023

UPCOMING

Cape Henlopen Campout

Troop 31B&G ventured to Delaware the weekend of Sept 15-17 to camp at Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes, DE. Despite Hurricane Lee moving up the Atlantic coast that weekend, our weather was nearly perfect with plenty of sunshine, low humidity, warm days and cool nights.

The primitive campground at Cape Henlopen resembled the group tenting area at Black Moshannon State Park. We shared the campground with 3 troops from around the greater Philadelphia area. The Scouts kept busy with hiking, biking and swimming in the ocean waves at the beach. A stop at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge on the way down to view some of the migrating birds was cut short to make it to camp in time to set-up before dark. The campout was a great time for everyone!



-photo submitted by Mr. Hillsley

October 3

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

October 6-8

Fall Camporee, Lbty Twp Sport Assn

October 8

Isaac O. Work Day, 1-4pm, Shv Crk

October 10

Thompson Woods Cleanup, 5:30-7pm

October 11

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

October 14

Popcorn Show & Sell, 9-2, Walmart

October 15

Isaac O. Work Day, 1:30-4:30, Shv Crk
Personal Fitness MB, 4pm, HS track

October 17

Wasson Farm, 7-8:30pm

October 24

Halloween Party, 7-8:30, St. Paul's

October 29

Personal Fitness MB, 4pm, HS track

October 31 - No Meeting

2024 Registration Due

It is time for Scouts and adults to re-register for 2024. Forms and payment are due no later than **Tuesday, October 31**. Scout fees are \$145 and adults are \$72. Check your email for the registration form.



National Jamboree presentation by Henry S., 9/19/23

Popcorn Sales

Popcorn fundraising time is winding down. The deadline for orders is **Tuesday, October 17**. You can use the form that was mailed to you, order online at popcornordering.com or help at a Show and Sell. **Our last date is 10/14/23 at the Walmart Benner Pike.** See your email for the form to sign up.



Troop 31, Homecoming Parade, 9/28/23, photo by Mrs. Messner



Scout Fun Day, Holmes Foster Park, 10/1/23, photos by Mrs. Cahill & Mrs. Walker

Fall Camporee

The Fall Camporee is October 6-8 at the Liberty Township Sportsmen's Association in Howard and the theme is fishing. The signup deadline is **Tuesday, October 3** at the Troop meeting.

Scouts will have the opportunity to earn both Fish and Wildlife Management MB and Fly Fishing MB. Those wishing to earn these badges should get a blue card from your Scoutmaster **before** the campout and complete the prerequisites:

- * Fish and Wildlife Management: reqs #4, #5 and #8
- * Fly Fishing: reqs #4 and #8



Mrs. Walker, Daniel Tiger (aka Cooper B.), Mr. Davidson at the Downtown Rotary Ice Cream Social, 8/5/23

Scouting for Food

Door hangers will be available at the next few meetings for distribution the weekend of October 28. Food collection will be Saturday, November 4. Let's make this year even bigger and better than previous years! See Mr. Brandenburg for hangers and neighborhood maps.

Follow Troop 31 on Facebook at:
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Visit www.troop31.us for more information.

Edward John Brezovec

August 8, 1963 - September 25, 2023

State College, Pennsylvania - With a natural grace, a quiet wisdom, and a loving heart, Edward John Brezovec, 60, a longtime State College, PA, resident, leaves behind a legacy of loving compassion which touched countless members of his community.

Born on August 8, 1963 in Johnstown, PA, Ed attended Bishop McCort High School where he took Bernadette (Rist) to prom. Ed graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering before going on to an accomplished 30-year career as a field engineer in the oil and gas industry. Becoming an Eagle Scout at the astonishing age of 15, Ed guided dozens of young men in the honor, including three of his own children. A natural teacher, Ed taught self-control and iron fortitude as a means to overcome destructive emotions, conquer oneself, and focus the mind on living a virtuous life.

Serving as the Nittany District Food Bank Coordinator and Scoutmaster of Troop 31B for five years, Ed recently received the well-deserved BSA District Award of Merit. Around the campfire, he was appreciated for breaking into upbeat songs with a smile. Treasuring compassion, frugality, and humility, he was always finding ways to "Do a Good Turn Daily" with a devotion to community rarely seen. An endless reserve of cheerful service, Ed was also a volunteer coach for the Special Olympics and an annual participant in the Beaver Stadium run with the light of his life, his son, Zachary.



Ed was happiest while hiking and camping with his family, who thank him for empowering them to live their dreams and create the lives they have chosen for themselves.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Brezovec and Anna (Danovich) Brezovec, and is survived by his loving wife, Bernadette Brezovec, and children, Luke Brezovec, PhD, Stanford, CA and partner Brianna Jones, Annie Brezovec, DO and husband, Steven Calder, DO of Fayetteville, NC, John Brezovec and wife, Laura Kerns, of State College, and Zachary Brezovec, of State College. Edward is also survived by siblings, David Brezovec (Gail Greene) of Ocean Ridge, FL, Karen Szpet (Steve) of Houston, TX, Mark Brezovec (Betty), of Durham, NC, Paul Brezovec of Johnstown, PA, Carl Brezovec (Michele) of Peterborough, NH, and Rita Hull (Thomas) of Johnstown, PA; his aunt, Maggie Ostheim and numerous nieces and nephews.

Private funeral services will be held at Mt. St. Macrina Cemetery in Uniontown. Arrangements were entrusted to the Haky/Georgiana Centre County Funeral Home. An online guestbook may be signed and condolences left for the family at www.hakygeorgianafh.com

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