



NASCAR campout, 9/13-13/24, photo by Mr. Baker

# news & views

## BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

# October 2024

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UPCOMING

## NASCAR Campout

Who (before our camping weekend) has ever heard of Connor Zilisch? On the Troop's first ever trip to camp at Watkins Glen, we saw this 18-year old win a fantastically exciting race; his first race at this level of competition.

Troop 31's campsite was about as close to the racing as one can get; mere feet from the front stretch of the Watkins Glen International racetrack, where we camped with Troops and Packs from New York and Pennsylvania. Scouts enjoyed the ability to roam the track for different vantage points of NASCAR practice, qualifying and racing. Included in the program was a Q&A session with Daytona 500 winner and Eagle Scout William Byron, many, many food vendors, free swag opportunities, vintage race cars and even Hot Saw Racing!

The highlight of the weekend was the opening festivities of Sunday's NASCAR Cup race when hundreds of Scouts and Scouters stood on the track holding the gigantic American Flag for the National Anthem.



As with any campout, Scouts cooked a variety of tasty meals for themselves throughout the weekend, enjoyed KP and earned two nights of camping.

-submitted by Mr. Baker

### **October 1**

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

### **October 6**

Sam W. Eagle Work Day, 12-3pm

### **October 6 & 20**

Tenderfoot and Personal Fitness, 4:30pm  
State High South Track

### **October 8**

Philmont Crew presentation, 7pm, St. Paul's

### **October 11-13**

Fall Camporee, Black Moshannon State Park

### **October 15**

Summit Kick-off meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

### **October 18-20**

OA Woodchuck Ordeal/IOLS,  
7 Mtns. Scout Camp

### **October 19 & 26**

Scouting for Food

### **October 22**

Corn Maze, 7pm, Wasson Farm

### **October 29**

Halloween party & pumpkin carving, 7pm,  
St. Paul's

## Welcome New Scouts!

Tessa B.  
Ian H.  
Ferdinand H.

Derek J.  
Johnathan W.  
Sarah W.

## Popcorn

### POPCORN ORDERS AND PAYMENT

are due to Mr. Vath at the October 8th meeting. Scouts receive 32% of sales credited to your Scout Account for Scouting expenses!



Thompson Woods Clean up, 9/24/24, photo by Mrs. Walker

## Attention Adults:

- Adult Annual Planning will be Sunday, November 17 from 12-2pm. Stay tuned for location!
- ADULT LEADERS ARE URGED TO COMPLETE THEIR ONLINE TRAINING. In addition, ASMs are to complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS). It is being offered October 19-20 at Seven Mountains Scout Camp. Go to [scoutingevent.com/497-89698](https://scoutingevent.com/497-89698) to register.

## New Troop email

We have combined Troops 31B & 31G! This is the new Troop email list for the combined Troop. [statecollegetroop31@googlegroups.com](mailto:statecollegetroop31@googlegroups.com) Please use this going forward.

## Scouting for Food

It's that time of year again! Scouting for Food is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for October 19th and 26th. We know for sure that food pick-up is the 26th is 9a.m. until done. (The door hangers specifically mention this is pickup time.) We will meet at Weis on North Atherton. This is an all hands on deck affair, so we're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Stay tuned for door hanger distribution time!

## Treasurer Needed!

**The bad news:** Chris Rand, who has served us very well as Troop Treasurer, is stepping down.

**The good news:** He has generously offered to stay on to get us through our end of year audit and help train his successor.

If you are interested in filling this critical Committee position, please contact Kelly Walker at [kelmick@aol.com](mailto:kelmick@aol.com) as soon as possible.

## Position card

Troop 31 is looking for a **Senior Patrol Leader** for the upcoming election! Interested? Let Mr. Sullivan know.

### Position Description: Senior Patrol Leader

- Preside at all troop meetings, events, activities, and annual program planning conference.
- Chair the patrol leaders' council.
- Appoint youth leaders with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster.
- Assign duties and responsibilities to other youth leaders.
- Work with the Scoutmaster in training youth leaders.
- Set a good example.
- Wear the Scout uniform correctly.
- Live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Show and help develop Scout spirit.

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(t) Fully trained for position

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