



# news & views

## BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

### September 2024

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

UPCOMING

## NASCAR Campout

The Glen. Watkins Glen, that is. Although this is the 15th year for this Scouting event being held in conjunction with NASCAR race weekend at the Glen, this will be the first time Troop 31 has attended. This Camporee-style event will give us the opportunity to see nationally known drivers racing for the NASCAR championship, feature racing-related Scouting activities and provide a unique camping experience for all who attend.

Specifically, the weekend will include:

- camping in a Scout-only campground on the track property
- Tickets to two NASCAR races (one Saturday, one Sunday)
- Coffee & Donuts with the Track President
- Driver Q&A
- Smores with the Track President
- Saturday evening movie
- Racing-oriented merit badge workshops
- A patch



**Sign-up deadline** is the Troop meeting on Tuesday, September 10.

Check your email for the sign-up link and permission slip.



### **September 3**

Biking and Ultimate Frisbee, 6:30pm,  
Harvest Fields

### **September 8 & 22**

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

### **September 10**

Court of Honor, 6:30pm, Circleville Park

### **September 11**

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

### **September 13-15**

NASCAR Campout, Watkins Glen, NY

### **September 17**

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

### **September 24**

Troop meeting, 7pm

### **October 11-13**

Nittany District Fall Camporee

\*\*\* Next year's high adventure trip will be to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Make sure to attend the **October 15** troop meeting to find out all the details about this fun trip.

## Thank you

Thank you to all who helped helped with the Downtown Rotary's Ice Cream Fest which was a big success. And a special thank you to Teddy A. for being Daniel Tiger!



Annual Planning meeting, 8/20/24, Bernel Rd. Park, photo by Mr. Hillsley



10-mile hike, 8/25/24, Allegheny Front Trail, photo by Mr. Hillsley

## Position card

This is currently a vacant position. Let Mr. Hillsley or Mr. Sullivan know if you are interested.

### Position Description: Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

- Serve as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop.
- Encourage year-round and resident camping in the troop.
- Encourage older-Scout participation in high-adventure programs.
- Encourage Scouts to actively participate in community service projects.
- Assist with leadership skills training in the troop.
- Encourage Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop.
- Encourage Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.
- Set a good example.
- Wear the Scout uniform correctly.
- Live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and OA Obligation.
- Show and help develop Scout spirit.

### "What does the Troop Committee do, anyway?"

Thanks for asking! The troop committee is a cross between a board of directors and a parent support group. It meets once a month and handles administrative functions, allowing the Scoutmaster and assistant Scoutmasters to focus on working directly with the Scouts. Committee members are also called upon to sit on Boards of Review at all levels of Scouting.

A robust troop committee supports an effective scouting program. Current Committee members serve as Committee Chair, Treasurer, Merit Badge Chair, Advancement Chair, Quartermaster Advisor, Adult Clearances Coordinator, Health Forms Coordinator, Webmaster Advisor, Community Service Chair, Trading Post Coordinator, and more.

Want to help?? Below is a list of available roles for adults within the troop committee.

#### Hospitality Chair/Co Chair

- Coordinates planning and set up at Troop events such as Troop Courts of Honor, Klondike Derby Station, Holiday Camp, and some recruiting events.
- Arranges for food by making a sign up for potlucks.
- Reserves venues for events when needed.
- Maintains Troop Hospitality supply bin

#### Secretary

- Keep minutes of meetings and send out committee meeting notices.
- Consolidates/Centralizes email communication
- Handle publicity.
- At each meeting, report the minutes of the previous meeting.

#### Fundraising Chair

- Ensures there are ample opportunities for Scouts to raise funds for Scouting activities.
- Confirms the fundraising activity is approved by Council
- Communicates with Treasurer
- Reports at monthly meetings

#### Outdoor Activities Coordinator

- Help in securing permission to use camping sites.
- Serve as transportation coordinator.
- Ensure a monthly outdoor program.
- Promote, through family meetings, attendance at troop campouts, camporees, and summer camp.
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

#### Training Coordinator

- Ensure troop leaders and committee members have completed position specific training.
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.
- Assist in orientation to new parents.
- Be watchful that the troop is taking all steps to ensure youth safety.

So many opportunities! We encourage all parents who would like to support the Troop to find a role that suits their skills and interests. To learn more, contact Kelly Walker at [kelmick@aol.com](mailto:kelmick@aol.com).

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