



news & views

BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

September 2025

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

UPCOMING

Biking Campout Recap

The bike campout to the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania saw a dozen scouts and scouters taking to the road in one of the longest days of biking in years. On Saturday we covered **32 miles** (!) along the Pine Creek Rail Trail along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. We had planned about 18 miles total, but spurred on by the availability of ice cream just 7 miles further south we picked up an additional 14. But alas, the store with the ice cream closed an hour early unannounced. (Not to worry, though--we made good on the promise of ice cream the following morning at a local parlor in the beautiful town of Wellsboro.) Congratulations to the Scouts for making quick work of these long distances!



It's worth noting that the trip benefited from some of the most perfect conditions possible: the moon was huge, at 99% illumination, and on the first night we enjoyed a glorious amber-hued moonrise over the canyon ridge. The weather was consistently sunny, not

too hot by day and crisp but not too cool by night. We also had the entire campground at Colton Point State Park to ourselves and could spread out in the big-grassy clearing.

On the final Sunday we crossed to the east side of the canyon and surveyed the entire glorious scene from the crest at Leonard Harrison State Park. Over the course of two nights and two days, our Scouts completed many requirements and, most importantly, had a terrific time together in the great outdoors.

September 2

Jared Boxes w/Pack 31, 7pm, St. Paul's

September 9

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

September 10

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

September 14 & 28

Fitness Requirements, 4:30pm, State High track

September 16

Annual Planning, 7pm

September 23

Thompson Woods Cleanup, 6:30pm

September 26-28

Community Service Campout,
Seven Mtns. Scout Camp

September 30

Fall Court of Honor, 6:30-8pm
Circleville Park



Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow Ordeal was held at Seven Mountains on August 16th and 17th. Ceci S. Rishi B., and Sara W. became our newest OA members, and Johnathan W. and Mr. Wisseman were inducted into the brotherhood. Additionally, Jonathan was elected secretary of the Monaken Lodge. Way to go!

If you are interested in the Order of the Arrow, please contact Mr. Hall at nfhall@gmail.com



Class B Shirt Sale

Do you need a new Class B shirt? Our sale is going on now! Check your email (dated August 26) for a link to the Google form to place your order.

Popcorn Sales

Popcorn sales are underway! Please check your email for a signup link from Mr. Vath. You should also have received an order form in the mail. All Scouts who sell earn a portion of their sales for their Troop account.

Scouting for Food

SAVE THE DATES:

Door hanger distribution: October 18th

Food donation collection: October 25th



Attend the Good Scout Dinner

We are looking for Scouts that can attend this year's Good Scout Dinner fundraiser. The goal would be to have at least one Scout sit at each of the tables, and several of the Scouts will be asked to be part of the color guard and lead the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout oath and law. In consideration for agreeing to help, we have a donor offer to cover the cost of the dinner for Scouts that volunteer.

- The dinner will be held on **Thursday September 18th** at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel, 310 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA.
- Scouts should arrive at **5pm** and wear **Class A Scout uniforms**
- Please respond soon, as this is first come, first serve
- To get your Scout's name on the list please contact:
 - o Jeff Pickett, jeff.pickett@scouting.org 330-685-5680
 - o David Eng, davideng321@gmail.com 814-880-3125

Volunteers Needed

* Are you a Committee Member?

The Committee normally meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Asbury room on the 3rd floor of St Paul's. Join us! Upcoming meetings: **Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12**

* Are you a Committee Member who wants a leadership role?

Open Adult Leader positions on Committee:

HOSPITALITY CHAIR (or CO-CHAIRS)

FUNDRAISING CHAIR

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

SECRETARY (opening in January 2026)

If interested, please reach out to Kelly Walker for more information on these positions.

* Are you NOT a Committee Member but want to be?

Join us at our meetings and/or reach out to Kelly Walker for more information!

Fall Camporee

SAVE THE DATES: November 14-16, 2025

Troop 31 is planning and hosting the Nittany District Fall Camporee - all District Troops and Packs are invited to attend. We will need Scouts and Adult Leaders to ensure a successful weekend of GAME FUN! Questions? Please reach out to Jodi Vender at jvender@gmail.com



Training

Our youth deserved fully trained adults! Training is role-specific. Not sure which online/in-person training you need? Check My Training in my.scouting.org and this handy dandy chart. For anyone still needing IOLS, it is being offered **October 11th**. Wilderness First Aid is being offered **October 25th**. BOTH programs will be held at Seven Mountains Scout Camp. Questions? Reach out to Kelly Walker at kelmick@aol.com

June 2025



SCOUTS BSA POSITION TRAINED REQUIREMENTS

SCOUTMASTER & ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER	
BEFORE FIRST MEETING	
SCO_481 SCOUTING ORGANIZATION	12:20
SCO_472 AIMS & METHODS OF SCOUTS BSA	8:30
SCO_479 ROLE OF THE UNIT KEY 3	7:00
SCO_480 ROLES OF SCOUTMASTER & SP LEADERS	13:00
SCO_484 TROOP MEETING	10:10
TOTAL TIME: 50:30 MIN	
FIRST 30 DAYS	
SCO_478 PATROL METHOD	10:00
SCO_471 ADVANCEMENT	10:00
SCO_477 PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING	11:00
TOTAL TIME: 31 MIN	
FIRST 60 DAYS	
SCO_476 OUTDOOR PROGRAMS	10:00
SCO_482 TROOP COMMITTEE	14:00
SCO_485 SCOUTS BSA UNIFORMS	11:30
TOTAL TIME: 35:30 MIN	
POSITION TRAINED	
SCO_473 ANNUAL TROOP PROGRAM PLANNING	14:00
SCO_474 INTRODUCTION TO MERIT BADGES	8:00
SCO_475 OUTDOOR ETHICS	7:30
SCO_800 HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING	31:00
TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MIN	
MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS	
BEFORE FIRST MEETING	
SCO_472 AIMS & METHODS OF SCOUTS BSA	8:30
SCO_474 INTRODUCTION TO MERIT BADGES	8:00
SCO_486 WHAT IS A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR	7:00
TOTAL TIME: 23:30 MIN	
POSITION TRAINED	
SCO_471 ADVANCEMENT	10:00
TOTAL TIME: 10 MIN	

TROOP COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
BEFORE FIRST MEETING	
SCO_481 SCOUTING ORGANIZATION	12:00
SCO_472 AIMS & METHODS OF SCOUTS BSA	8:30
SCO_482 TROOP COMMITTEE	14:00
TOTAL TIME: 34:30 MIN	
POSITION TRAINED	
SCO_476 OUTDOOR PROGRAMS	10:00
SCO_471 ADVANCEMENT	10:00
SCO_485 SCOUTS BSA UNIFORMS	11:30
SCO_473 ANNUAL TROOP PROGRAM PLANNING	14:00
SCO_474 INTRODUCTION TO MERIT BADGES	8:00
TOTAL TIME: 53:30 MIN	
TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIR	
BEFORE FIRST MEETING	
SCO_481 SCOUTING ORGANIZATION	12:00
SCO_472 AIMS & METHODS OF SCOUTS BSA	8:30
SCO_479 ROLE OF THE UNIT KEY 3	7:00
SCO_482 TROOP COMMITTEE	14:00
SCO_483 TROOP COMMITTEE MEETINGS	6:00
TOTAL TIME: 47:30 MIN	
POSITION TRAINED	
SCO_476 OUTDOOR PROGRAMS	10:00
SCO_471 ADVANCEMENT	10:00
SCO_485 SCOUTS BSA UNIFORMS	11:30
SCO_473 ANNUAL TROOP PROGRAM PLANNING	14:00
SCO_474 INTRODUCTION TO MERIT BADGES	8:00
TOTAL TIME: 53:30 MIN	

Leadership

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