



*Holiday Campout, 12/6-8/24*

# news & views

## BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

### Winter 2025

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

UPCOMING

## Holiday Campout

We had great turnout with 17 Scouts and 8 adults “camping out” in the 7MSC dining hall. For many scouts, it was their first Holiday and what a time it was. Sleeping forts were built and games were played. We even took a short night hike to the playing fields to catch part of the meteor shower on Friday. There was also time for patrol bonding. Our new patrols had the opportunity to make patrol flags & clean out patrol boxes.

On Saturday, we took some time out of gaming to give back with two service projects. Half of our troop helped Seven Mountains by clearing the road of the clumps of frozen mud displaced by the current construction project (the expansion of the camp lake is looking good). A second group of Scouts stayed inside & helped decorate Jared Box containers for Pack 375.

That evening we welcomed more parents, friends, and family to celebrate our court of honor and enjoy our annual turkey dinner. Each of our patrols also shared their newly created flags while Mr. Sullivan handed out new patrol patches. After the ceremony, we settled in for a shared holiday meal.

A big shout out to Ms. Walker for organizing the adult volunteers in the kitchen. She coordinated a delicious menu of fresh donuts for breakfast, cozy chili for lunch, and an amazing turkey dinner. Indeed, a hearty thank you goes out to everyone who lent a hand in the kitchen. Another shoutout goes to our Holiday Camp turkey donors: David Eng, Lacey Goldberg, Lori Smith, Christine Clouse and Joe Davidson. Also, thanks to everyone who brought a delicious dessert - they were all so good! Lastly, thanks to Mr. Marboe (our Campmaster and donut fryer) and Ms. Cahill, Mr. Sullivan and all of the adult leaders.

### **February 6 (Thursday)**

Palmer Museum Tour, 6:30pm

### **February 9**

Scout Sunday, 10:30am, St. Paul's

### **February 11**

Skiing, 7pm, Tussey Mountain

### **February 12**

Committee Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

### **February 18**

Troop Meeting, 7pm, St. Paul's

### **February 25**

Bowling, 7pm

### **February 28 – March 2**

Mystery Campout

### **March 1**

Elks Hoop Shoot

### **March 22-23**

Merit Badge U, 7MSC



### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Adult ASMs who need training:

\* Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS):

April 26-27 at Seven Mtns Scout Camp

\* Wilderness First Aid (WFA):

February 15-16 at Halfmoon Township Bldg

TROOP 31 PATROL ORGANIZATION				
December 2024 - June 2025				
Senior Patrol: Cecilia S. (SPL), Robt B. (ASPL)				
<b>Skootopie</b>	<b>Martian</b>	<b>Vikings</b>	<b>Tigers</b>	<b>Fire Ducks</b>
Lincoln S. (SPL)	Caleb S. (SPL)	Theresa A. (SPL)	Samuel W. (SPL)	Natalia S. (SPL)
Ryan H. (APL)	Jon H. (APL)	Derek J. (APL)	Kira L. (APL)	Tessa B. (APL)
Chris H.	Evan R.	Blake S.	Anthony H.	Aidan D.
Marck S.	Henry S.	Ferdinand H.	Ben R.	Austin H.
Preston B.	Jonathan W.	Gavin H.	Lames A.	Cooper B.
Tim V.	Nick S.	Olivier B.	Dakar G.	Gabri D.
	Riley T.	Stephen L.	Penelope H.	Callan H.
	Theo O.			
Troop Positions				
Quorummaster:	Den Chief:	Webmaster:		
Scribe: Oliver D.	Chaplain Aide:	Outdoor Ethics Guide:		
Troop Guide: Colton H.	Historian:	Old Guardmember:		



## Welcome!

Welcome our new treasurer, Jennifer Wissemann! The Troop thanks you for stepping in to this important role.



## Troop Accounts

Your Troop account is where any earned fundraising monies go, as well as any additional funding you wish to supply. Your Troop account can be used for any **Scouting** expenses: gear, campouts, dues, etc.



Holiday Campout Patrols

## Blessing Box

Reminder that Downtown State College Rotary has a blessing box in Sidney Friedman Park for toiletry and personal care items. Their current needs are:

- Small Hairbrush/Comb
- Hand Warmers
- Deodorant
- Travel-size packs of tissues
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Winter Hats/Gloves/Scarves
- Small packs of band-aids/first aid kit
- Granola bars – other individually packaged snacks
- Socks
- Rain Poncho
- Nail Clippers/Files
- Lip Balm

## Summer Camp

Troop 31 is going to Tuscarora Scout Reservation in Binghamton, NY for summer camp July 13-19. Submit your \$100 deposit to Mr. Sullivan by March 25 to secure the early bird rate.

## Elks Hoop Shoot

The Elks Hoop Shoot is looking for volunteers for the flag ceremony on Saturday, March 1st, 2025. If interested, please contact Mrs. Messner at [messnerski@gmail.com](mailto:messnerski@gmail.com)

## Thank you

A special thank you to the Adult Leaders who ventured out to Seven Mountains Scout Camp for Klondike Derby on January 25, and kudos to our sled team for competing.



Ice skating, Pegula Ice Arena, 1/3/25

# Leadership

(t) Fully trained for position

(w) Wood Badge

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