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Fall Camping: JVC Fall Camporee and Webelos Woods

A group of fun-loving scouts attended the JVC Fall Camporee at Black Moshannon Park in October. The "Bog Monster Mash" featured Mountain Biking, Canoeing/Kayaking, and a Bog Monster Dash—a three leg team triathlon with biking, canoeing and trail running segments.

We had 14 guests from 4 area Cub Scout Packs attend a great Webelos Woods Program in November. Patrols organized a variety of skill stations and fun was had by all at 7 Mountains Scout Camp.



Congrats New Eagle Scouts!

Check out our newest Eagle Scout bios .
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Recap of events:

Check out some of the service projects and campouts we participated in over the last few months.

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Cover photo this month from Holiday Campout from Ed McCash. Photo at left from Hyseson Kim.

Congratulations New Eagle Scouts!

-by David Eng

Eugene Ryoo, Eagle Scout #186

I am very pleased to announce that Eugene Ryoo successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review. Eugene crossed over from Cub Scouts to join Troop 31 in March of 2011. Since then he has been very active and served in a variety of leadership roles including Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Instructor. Some of Eugene's memorable Scouting adventures have been going to Sabattis Camp in New York, and attending Sea Base High Adventure, and being part of the 2017 National Jamboree.

For his Eagle Project, Eugene led a number of volunteers to rebuild old and worn out tables and benches at Tusseyview Park which is part of the Centre Region Parks and Recreation. This effort involved 18 adult and youth volunteers who contributed 142 hours of community service.

Eugene is a senior at State College Area High School, and plans to attend college to study computer science.



Alex LeVan, Eagle Scout #187

I am very pleased to report that Alex LeVan successfully completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review. For his Eagle project, Alex provided the leadership to help design and build five new dog beds for Centre County PAWS. This project involved 25 Scouts and adult volunteers and a grand total of 130 service hours.

Alex crossed over to Troop 31 from Pack 82 in March of 2012. He served as a Patrol Leader two different times and also served as an Asst Senior Patrol Leader. He has been very active and helpful in our Troop, and attended the Sea Base High Adventure trip.

Alex attends State College Area High School, and is active in volleyball, wrestling, and marching band. His goal is to become a veterinarian as he has a great love for animals.

Hayden Davidson, Eagle Scout #188

I am very pleased to announce that Hayden Davidson successfully completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review. For his Eagle Scout project, Hayden provided leadership to design, gain approval, raise funds and construct a new outdoor patio for St. Paul's United Methodist Church, our partner and chartering organization for over 100 years. This project involved 24 volunteer workers and over 156 hours of service.

Hayden joined Troop 31 in March of 2012 by crossing over from Pack 380. Since that time, Hayden has been a very active Troop member and has served in multiple leadership positions including three terms as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and one term as the Troop Senior Patrol Leader. Hayden stepped up to be the leader of a new Troop fundraising event, our now annual 5K run/walk. This event has raised sufficient funds to nearly cover the cost of a new campsite pavilion at Seven Mountains camp. Hayden has taken advantage of the High Adventure programs, and has attended Philmont, Northern Tier, and Sea Base, so he has earned the very rare BSA Triple Crown Award.



A student at State College Area High School, Hayden is a member of the Concert Band, the Cross Country and Track teams. He serves as the Vice President of the school's chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America. He plans to attend college with an intended major in Finance or Accounting.

Annual End of Summer Camp and Planning at Camp Anderson

Scouts met for one last summer campout at the end of August. This is also the Troop's annual planning weekend where scouts get to choose activities they would like to put on the programming calendar.

In addition, the Troop holds leadership training for all newly-elected scouts to help them prepare for their upcoming term.



Scouting for Food

Thank you Troop 31! We had 35 scouts and 33 adults contribute a total of **300 Total Hours to this cause!**

*Over 5,000 door hangers were distributed. 5,131 items of food (5700# food) and a \$50 cash donation were delivered to the Food Bank.

For the Nittany District, over 42,000# of food was collected for the Centre County Food Agencies!

Thanks to Chad Dworsky for coordinating this team effort that also included Pack 82, Crew 325 and 2 Girl Scouts – Outstanding! – *from Ed Brezovec*



Bike the Pike

On the weekend of 18-20 August, Troop 31 ventured into history and explored (on bikes) the abandoned section of Pennsylvania Turnpike. Tenting on an old baseball field once used by the Civilian Conservation Corps made it convenient to launch out onto the Turnpike. We explored two tunnels, visited an old service plaza, found a geocache, admired the work of local artists and rode nearly 20 miles in our two-day stay. A brief gust of wind during Saturday's storm nearly launched a tent into the sky, but neither that, nor the rain that fell during dinner could dampen (get it?) our spirits. Great dishes were constructed and consumed by both the Scout and the Old Goat patrol. Other than a few bee stings and a flash-frozen fingertip, no mishaps were recorded (although Mr. Levan narrowly avoided a high speed collision between bike and deer). -*from Kurt Baker*



Calendar for Jan/Feb 2018

Tuesday, Jan 9th	6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting	Tuesday Feb 6	6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting
	7pm	PLC		7pm	PLC
Tuesday, Jan 16	7pm	Meeting	Tuesday, Feb 13	7pm	Meeting: Sledding
Tuesday, Jan 23	7pm	Meeting: Creamery Tour	Fri-Sun, Feb 16-18		Camp Minsi Campout
Fri-Sat, Jan 26-27		Klondike Prep	Tuesday, Feb 20	7pm	Meeting: OA Elections
Tuesday, Jan 31	7pm	All Sports Museum Tour	Tuesday, Feb 27th	7pm	Meeting: Karaoke


Check www.troop31.us for more info and calendar updates!

(t) Fully trained for position (w) Wood Badge

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Cape Henlopen Recap

Over the second weekend in September, Troop 31 camped at Cape Henlopen State Park in Delaware where we shared the primitive group tenting site with troops from Hockessin, DE and Guthriesville, PA. On Friday afternoon, we arrived, set up camp and then walked the 100 yards to the beach to see if the Atlantic Ocean was still there. (It was.) After dinner, we took a nighttime walk on the beach, timed exactly right to watch the blood red, almost full moon rise over the eastern horizon.

Saturday saw two groups form; one to the beach to play in the surf and the other to ride bikes through the park, visiting the nature center, World War II-era observation tower and Camp Miles historical site.



After the Scoutmasters finished their post-lunch tent inspections, the whole group biked through the park, around Gordon's Pond to the Rehobeth boardwalk. Scouts consumed the requisite junk food before cycling back to camp for dinner, Magic and a relatively early night into the tents.--from Kurt Baker

From August's Aviation Day

Troop 31 Scouts next to Rescue Truck 31 watched a demo at the annual Aviation Day at University Park Airport.
--from Frank Savino



October Troop Meeting



Photo from Anne Messner

Troop Halloween Party



Scouts dressed up for in the annual Halloween Party in October! Photo from Anne Messner

Holiday Campout

December started with a bang at the Troop 31 Annual Holiday Campout! This was probably the best attended campout by Scouts and family members in its history.

During the weekend, we enjoyed Saturday morning doughnuts, reviewed plans for the 2019 Sea Base High Adventure crew, had our end of year Court of Honor, and ate a wonderful turkey dinner. Plus, we had a fantastic time at the wildly popular gift exchange.

Thanks to everyone who helped out. A special thanks to Anne Messner for leading the kitchen crew, and to Kurt Baker for being the event leader.



Gift exchange photo from Hyeseon Kim.



Donut making photo from Anne Messner

If you haven't already, please send in your Troop dues for our 2018 BSA registration ASAP. Please use the attached form which will also allow us to update our records for transportation.

Troop 31—2018 Registration Form (form and payment due 12/1/17)

I would like to register for 2018: Yes No Not at this time

Please register my son. I will pay in _____

Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Scout
		<input type="checkbox"/> Leader
Address:		
Email:		
Dues: \$85 per Scout (new and re-registering)		\$50 per scout if transferring from another troop
\$50 Webelos crossover		\$40 per Adult (new and re-registering)
Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check no. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Use Troop account		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes I hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.		
<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Driver Information		
Please complete if you are new to Troop 31 or if your information has changed since last year and you plan to drive Scouts to any event. This information is required to complete Tour plans, which are required for all off-site outings.		
Driver 1 Name	Driver 2 Name	
PA Driver's License #	PA Driver's License #	
Phone: Email:	Phone: Email:	
Vehicle 1 Year, Make, Model	Vehicle 2 Year, Make, Model	
Owner	Owner	
How many seatbelts? _____ Will you ensure everyone wears a seatbelt? Yes/No	How many seatbelts? _____ Will you ensure everyone wears a seatbelt? Yes/No	

Does your insurance meet or exceed:

\$50,000/person
Yes/No

\$100,000/accident
Yes/No

\$50,000/property
Yes/No