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We need your help: **Troop Committee Volunteers Needed!**

Summer Forms Coordinator Needed as soon as possible!**

The forms coordinator will work closely with Ed Brezovec to prepare packets for summer camp and to coordinate forms with other leaders. This is a seasonal, flexible, administrative position.

- Attend a camp meeting (February-March timeframe) with leaders.
- Prepare packets for distribution to troop (March).
- Regularly attend troop meetings in March, April and May to distribute/ collect packets and payments.
- Deliver payment to JVC council by deadlines to maximize early registration discount.
- Ensure that Kathryn Witt receives the medical forms.

Chaplain Advisor

The Chaplain Advisor works with the Scout Chaplain. This is a year round position that works primarily with the Scout.

- Attend monthly PLC meeting (1st Tuesday of the month.) to meet with Chaplain.
- Serve as advisor to Chaplain to assist them with planning upcoming events including Scout Sunday, which is the first Sunday in February.

Please let us know if you would like to help support the Troop's scouting activities. There are many ways to give back!

Questions? Contact Lisa Kerchinski, Jonathan Pitt, or David Eng.

(Cover photo this issue from Klondike Derby – submitted by Hyeson Kim)



Photos from Stromboli fundraiser and more inside>

Thanks for all the photos this month scouters! See inside for pictures of Big City, Klondike, Scout Sunday, and much more>



Mark your calendar for the Spring Camporee Apr 29-May 1

We need everybody's help to make this camporee "Keystone to Liberty" a big success. **See page 3>**

Contribute to the Millennium Fund?

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Stromboli Fundraiser

On the weekend of February 5-7, more than 20 scouts and adults came together to bake and sell Stromboli to benefit Troop 31's scouting activities.

The prepping began on Friday night—scouts and adults chopped ingredients and prepared the sauce. On Saturday morning, a new crew came in to roll out the dough and fill the Stromboli with customer requested toppings including sausage, peppers, onions, pepperoni, broccoli, and plain cheese.

The Stromboli get rolled up and placed on a baking sheet. Into the oven they go; soon the kitchen and church social room is filled with the delicious smell. Once done, scouts boxed the orders and added the containers of sauce. Using extra ingredients, scouts made extra Stromboli to be sold as cash and carry. And when that ran out, creativity shined as scouts invented new recipes with the leftovers.

Some preorders were picked up on Saturday morning; others get picked up and sold on Sunday in between services. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser—including the many baked goods that were donated. A big thank you to Eileen Lang who organizes and leads this fun and delicious annual fundraiser!

Scouts who participated earn money for their troop scout accounts.



Troop 31 5K Run/Walk

Help us raise money for the
Rhodes Pavilion!

Save the Date:
May 8, 2016
Tudek Park

- **Registration:** \$20 per person if registered by May 7th; \$25 per person on the day of the race.
- **T-Shirts** are guaranteed for the first 100 registrants by April 15.
- **Online Registration is available here:**
www.imathlete.com/events/Troop315KRunWalk.
- **Paper registration forms will be available at meetings**, posted on the website, and also available throughout St. Paul's and later in the month at Rapid Transit Sports. Forms can be mailed to the address on the form or hand-delivered to Hayden Davidson.
- **Spread the word!** Please forward this information to your friends and family! Looking forward to a successful event.
- **Questions? Contact Hayden Davidson.**



Calling all Troop 31 scouts, scouters, and adults:

Get ready for the 2016 Nittany District Spring Camporee

April 29 – May 1, 2016 * PA Military Museum, Boalsburg PA

Preparations have begun for the Spring Camporee hosted by Troop 31. We'll need your help to make this event a success. Mark your calendars now—we need scoutmasters, committee members, scouts, and parents—to help run the camporee. Look for volunteer signups in March.

The theme for this camporee is Keystone to Liberty. We'll answer the following questions:

- *Do you know what impact Pennsylvania made in the outcome of the Civil War?*
- *What is Pennsylvania's role in the founding of Memorial Day?*
- *Do you know the history of the U.S. flag?*

You'll learn these and many more interesting facts about Pennsylvania's contributions to the defense or our nation's liberty. Both *Boy Scout* and *Cub Scout* programs will be offered.

Stay tuned for details.
Questions? Contact Dave Heatwole.

Congratulations!

Adult Award Recipients

2016 Troop MVP: Ken Hillsley

2016 Silver Beaver Award: Frank Savino

OA Centurion Award: Jonathan Pitt

Congratulations to our top sellers for the 2015 fall popcorn and wreath sales!

Popcorn:

Top seller: Morgan Lang
 2nd: Jadon Wilson
 3rd: Hayden Davidson

Wreaths:

Top seller: Morgan Lang
 2nd: David Wasson
 3rd: Jake LeVan

Thank you for all of your hard work! These boys each won a gift certificate to Appalachian Outdoors and everyone who sells has money deposited into their troop account. Sales will begin again in fall 2016.



Scouts receive awards at the January Court of Honor. Photo from Jen Brauser.

Court of Honor—Scout Award Recipients

15 Rank Advancements

39 Merit Badges

Den Chief Service Award: Ben Brauser

New Camping Recognition Program

At the January Court of Honor, Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Brezovec and 2016 Troop Beadmaster Zac Brezovec unveiled the Troop's camping recognition bead program.

This program was created by both Zac and Noah Witt to recognize Troop 31 scouts for camping trips as well as other activities including service hours. For example, a red bead represents participation in a council camporee.

Totems and beads were presented to scouts and leaders at the January Court of Honor. If you did not attend, please see Zac at an upcoming meeting to collect your award. This is now an official part of your Troop 31 uniform and we encourage you to wear this totem proudly.

Great job to all!



Here is a sample belt totem with beads representing a variety of troop activities including a glow in the dark star for summer camp attendance.

Big City, Klondike, and Scout Sunday Recap



Big City trip

The 2016 Big City Trip did not disappoint! Scouts took a tour of Mount Vernon and participated in the wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of George Washington. The following day focused on the sights of Washington D.C. including the National Zoo, Smithsonian museums, and the amazing monuments of the National Mall.

On the return trip, scouts visited Harpers Ferry, WV and learned about the John Brown Raid on slavery, the first successful application of interchangeable manufacture, and the arrival of the first American Railroad. The scouts also walked a short distance on the Appalachian Trail, the C&O Canal, and visited Jefferson Rock. Thanks for all the leadership support from the PLC and adult leaders. *(Information from Ed Brezovec, Big City Photos from Jeannie Peters)*



Klondike Derby

We had a crew of 8 scouts participate in this year's Klondike Derby at Seven Mountains. Our troop sponsored the Mystery Station—thank you to the leaders and adults who assisted as story tellers, problem leaders, cooks, and much more!

Scout Sunday

Thanks to all the scouts and leaders who attended and helped with this service. We presented our charter to the church and thanked them for their support. Scouts served as readers, ushers, greeters, and helped prepare coffee hour.



Scoutmaster Jon Pitt serving chili to scouts at the Klondike Derby on Feb 6, 2016. Photo from Frank Savino



Pastor Neal Lassinger of St Paul's UMC receives the Troop 31 charter from Joe Davidson, David Eng, and Jon Pitt at the Scout Sunday service. Photo: Frank Savino

Did you contribute to the Millennium Fund?

The Year 2000 began a new millennium and Troop 31 marked the occasion by raising funds in honor of those Scouts who joined the Troop that year. The goal at the time was to do something special with the money -- ideas ranged from building a cabin to buying land to investing the funds for the future of Troop 31. Many families and friends of Troop 31 donated to what became known as the "Millennium Fund" and the total amount raised was \$875.

Fast forward 16 years...several of those Class of 2000 Scouts became Eagles, as have many after them, and the \$875 balance in our Millennium Fund still exists, waiting to be used for a good cause. This note is being published to notify donors to the Fund of the Troop's plans for the money and to give those donors an opportunity to share their thoughts.

Last spring, Troop 31 agreed to commit \$5,000 to constructing a new pavilion at the Rhodes campsite at Seven Mountains. The pavilion was constructed just in time for us to enjoy it during summer camp in July. And now we are in the process of paying down that financial commitment. The Troop Committee would like to devote the \$875 of the Millennium Fund toward this pavilion, but wants to be sure that donors to the Fund approve.



Photo of the Rhodes campsite pavilion.

If you were a donor to the Millennium Fund back in 2000 and have thoughts to share about the Troop's plans for this money, please contact Troop Treasurer Rob Butler by February 29. Rob can be reached at rmbutler88@yahoo.com.

God & Country Program A Scout is Reverent

Students in the God and Life program seek to understand their call to a life of discipleship. The curriculum will focus on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31. Five chronological "events" out of this story will be highlighted and used as the focus for the five different sections in this program. This class is intended for scouts who will be in 9th-12th grade in the fall. We are looking to form classes later this year.

The *God and Church* program will lead young people on a journey. It will be a faith journey with three parts: meeting Jesus, worshiping God, and witnessing and ministering for Christ. Participants will create either a video or a photo album to share what they have learned on their faith journeys. Young people will have the opportunity to work with their pastor or other Christian adult as they study the church's structures and objectives and participate in service projects that will give them a better understanding of the mission of the church. This class is intended for scouts who will be in 6th-8th grade in the fall.

Visit <http://www.praypub.org/> for more information about these programs.

Take the Survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pTGYztNZeOC3MR8zkan8dUnj9vW8c99e0Ff_eIcT8_o8/viewform?usp=send_form

Questions? Contact Deb Norloff

PRAY Awards

PROGRAMS OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES WITH YOUTH (P.R.A.Y.) 11123 S. TOWNE SQUARE, STE. B, ST. LOUIS, MO 63123
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God and Me (Grades 1-2)
Children will become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of "God and Me" together. Children will make a game to teach others and keep their games in a GAMEBOX (see below) for sharing.

God and Church (Grades 4-8)
The God and Church program will be a journey to meet Jesus, worship God, and witness and minister for Christ. Participants will create a video or a photo album to share their faith journeys with others.

God and Family (Grades 4-5)
The God and Family program will help children understand the importance of family and God's role in a healthy family. Children will compare families and "prays" and they will make a pizza as they study how families can grow together in God's love.

God and Life (Grade 9-12)
The God and Life study is based on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31. SECTION 1: God calls all kinds of people. SECTION 2: God doesn't expect us to do it on our own. SECTION 3: Each of us must make a personal response to the call of God. SECTION 4: God gives strength to face adversity. SECTION 5: God can accomplish great things through those who are willing to do His will.

GAMEBOX
UNIT I - My Journey: Meeting Christ
• Meeting Jesus, the Person
• Meeting Jesus, the Son of God
• Meeting Jesus, the Head of the Church

UNIT II - My Journey: Worshiping God
• Learning how Christ Worshiped God
• Exploring how My Congregation Worships God
• Discerning how I Can Worship God

UNIT III - My Journey: Witnessing and Ministering for Christ
• Learning how Christ Witnessed and Ministered to Others
• Exploring how My Congregation Witnesses and Ministered to Others
• Discerning how I Can Witness and Minister to Others

FOUR STAR RECOGNITION
A special recognition is available for young people who complete all four levels of the P.R.A.Y. series. Start now; students cannot go backwords to earn younger awards!

Adult Mentor Program
The Adult Mentor program is an optional program for parents who have children enrolled in the P.R.A.Y. series. Parents will have a workbook to complete as they work side by side with their child.

Adult Recognitions
Adults who have served youth through their church and a national scouting agency may be recognized to receive an Adult Recognition. Visit www.praypub.org to download nomination forms.

PIZZA
VIDEO

VISIT WWW.PRAYPUB.ORG FOR INFORMATION AND TO ORDER BOOKLETS ONLINE.

Calendar for Feb/March 2016

Tuesday, Feb 9	7pm	Meeting: Winter First Aid, Survival	Tuesday, March 1,	6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting
Fri-Sun, Feb 12-14		Valley Forge Encampment	Tuesday, March 8	7pm	PLC
Tuesday, Feb 16	7pm	Meeting: Scavenger Hunt	Saturday, March 12		Palmer Museum Visit
Tuesday, Feb 23	7pm	Troop Elections	Tuesday, March 15		Merit Badge Midway
Saturday, Feb 27		Mystery Trip	Sat-Sun, March 19-20		OA Elections, Campout Prep
			Tuesday, March 22		Caving Campout
			Tuesday, March 29		Sculpture
			Fri-Sun, Apr 1-3		Fingerpainting
					Survivor Campout

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

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


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