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Your help (and appetite) is needed!

Get ready for Klondike, support our annual stromboli and bake sale, attend Scout Sunday, and more!

Klondike Derby

Klondike Derby is just a few weeks away! It is scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd at Seven Mountains. More details will be announced soon!

Stromboli Fundraiser & Scout Sunday

Scouts and parents: We need your help on Friday, February 5th to prep and/or Saturday, February 6th to bake. Or help us sell the extras on Sunday, February 7th, which is also Scout Sunday. **Please sign up to bring individually wrapped baked goods for our bake sale!** Please no nuts and include label and price.

Proceeds of this sale will benefit the Troop. More specifically, a portion of the funds will go into Scouts' Troop Accounts. The amount going to each

Scout's account is directly tied to the amount of hours he works and the number of strombolis we sell.

Valley Forge Encampment

February's calendar is always full of "mystery" but one event we can tell you about is the Valley Forge campout. If you missed out on the fun last year, be sure to clear your calendar so you can experience this trip for yourself.

Valley Forge: February 12-14

Last year was extremely cold...what will the weather bring this year? Ask a scout who attended last year to tell you what it was like to sleep on the same grounds the Continentals did during the Revolutionary War.

(Cover photo this issue from Lower Trail, 20 mile hike – submitted by Jen Brauser)



Stromboli Orders due

Super Strombolis are back! Get your pre-orders in now through January 26th. Sign up online to help cook and bring in something for the bake sale! Orders will be ready to pick up on Saturday Feb 6th or Sunday Feb 7th. See page 6 for order form and details.>



Mark your calendar for Scout Sunday

Please plan to attend the 10:45 am service on Sunday, February 7th at St. Paul's UMC. More details TBA.

Contribute to the Millennium Fund?

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Year-end fun

Can you believe 2015 has come and gone already? We had a great year and we ended it on a fantastic note. Our November troop meetings were all about music. We had a great time showcasing our instrumental pieces and vocal talents on karaoke night. December included the always-popular Holiday Campout and ice skating at Pegula Ice Arena.

Here's a snapshot of some other activities:

Scouting for Food & Coffee Can Campout - November

Thanks to all that participated in the door hanger distribution and food pickup. We had great support for both dates. After food pickup, several scouts attended the annual coffee can campout.

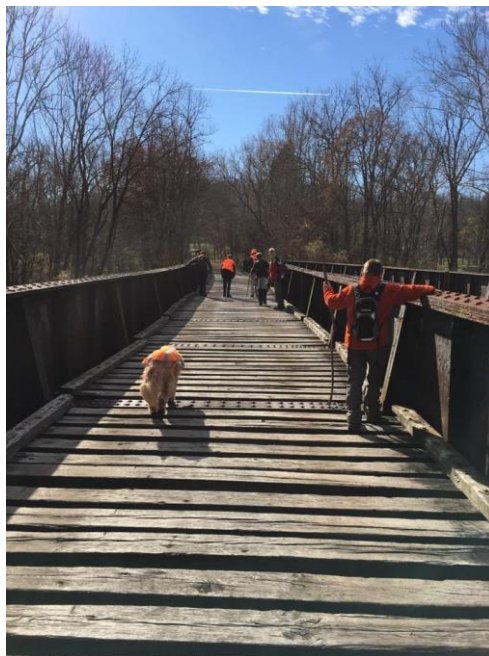
20 Mile Hike - November

Seven members of the hiking merit badge class took on the challenge of a 20 mile hike on November 21st. They had beautiful weather and completed the hike in great time. Congratulations Ben Brauser, Tristan Crossman, Declan Flanagan, Erik Norloff, Liam Peters, Bryant Stangel, Tobin Wilson and leaders Kurt Baker and Jeannie Peters!

Holiday Campout - December

Thank you to everyone who helped with transporting boys, supplying/cooking food and organizing/leading events like leave no trace, salesmanship merit badge, camping merit badge and more. We had 47 scouts, 18 adults and 17 dinner guests for a grand total of 82 in attendance. The gift exchange was a lot of fun! Most slept in the dining hall, but we had a couple scouts and several adults who tented during the freezing nights.

Holiday Campout Information from: Kevin Levan



Crossing the old bridge while hiking the Lower Trail, a beautiful rails-to-trails site.



Photos from Troop 31's Ice Skating night at Pegula. Photos from Jen Brauser.

If you have photos to share from Coffee Can, Holiday Campout, or other activities, please send them to Deb Norloff by January 29, 2106 to include in the February issue!

SPRING CAMPOREE

Save the Date:
April 29-May 1, 2016

- **Why:** Troop 31 is hosting the Nittany District Spring Camporee and we'll need everybody's help to carry out our plans!
- **Location:** PA Military Museum Grounds, Boalsburg, PA
- **Theme:** Keystone to Liberty – to be based around PA Military history.
- **Questions:** Contact [Dave Heatwole](#).



Newsletter Notes:

Upcoming events and deadline for February issue

Hello Troop 31 Scouts and Scouters:

There are many events coming up in January and February. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for up-to-date details regarding:

- *Big City Trip, January 16-18*
- *Klondike Derby, January 22-23*
- *Court of Honor, Tuesday January 26*
- *Stromboli & Bake Sale, February 5-7*
- *Scout Sunday, February 7*
- *Valley Forge Encampment February 12-14*

Please send me any articles and photos you'd like to include in the February issue of the Troop newsletter no later than January 29, 2016. The February issue will be distributed on Monday, February 8th.

*Thank you,
Deb Norloff*

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.

New 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.

Questions about the positions? Feel free to contact Lisa Kerchinski, Jonathan Pitt, or David Eng.

Calendar for Jan/Feb 2016

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|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, Jan 5th | 6pm 7pm | Adult Leaders Meeting PLC | Tuesday, February 2, | 6pm 7pm | Adult Leaders Meeting PLC |
| Sunday, Jan 10th | 12-6pm | Sea Base Crew Selection | Fri-Sun, Feb 5-7 | | Stromboli Sale |
| Tuesday, Jan 12th | 7pm | Meeting | Sunday Feb 7 | | Scout Sunday |
| Sat-Mon Jan 16-18 | | Big City Trip – Washington DC | Tuesday, Feb 9 | 7pm | Meeting: Winter First Aid, Survival |
| Tuesday, Jan 19th | 7pm | Meeting: Klondike Prep | Fri-Sun, Feb 12-14 | | Valley Forge Encampment |
| Fri-Sat, Jan 22-23 | | Klondike Derby | Tuesday, Feb 16 | 7pm | Meeting: Scavenger Hunt |
| Tuesday, January 26 | 6:30pm | Court of Honor | Tuesday, Feb 23 | 7pm | Troop Elections |
| | | | Saturday, Feb 27 | | Mystery Trip |


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

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Stromboli Sale – February 6th-7th

Please help us prep, make, and bake strombolis!

Sign up for a time slot [online](#) or call Eileen Lang at 574-7578.

Time slots available during the following: Friday: 6-8pm * Saturday: 8:30am-12pm * Sunday 10:00am-12:30pm

Don't forget the bake sale

We need your help to make our bake sale a success!!

Please sign up to donate individually wrapped baked goods for the bake sale. We would like to offer a full assortment of goodies for people to purchase along with their strombolis. Plus all proceeds go toward our scouts! Cookies, brownies, pies, cakes . . . and much more accepted. No nuts. Drop off for baked goods is Saturday 10-11am or Sunday 8-9am in the Calder Lobby at St Paul's.

Sign up [online](#) or call Eileen Lang at 574-7578.

Stromboli Order Form

Super Strombolis to support Troop 31 of St. Paul's UMC! Order a couple to take home for your Super Bowl supper. Take a dessert and a bag of kettle corn to go with it and you will be set for the big game. All strombolis must be pre-ordered so we can bake accordingly. Call Eileen at 574-7578 for details.

Place your order now through January 26, 2016.

Pick up your strombolis on Saturday Feb 6th from 11:00 am to noon or on Sunday, February 7th after services in the social room.

| Kind | Quantity | Item Cost | Total Cost |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|
| Sausage, Peppers, Onions & Cheese | | X\$8.00 | |
| Broccoli, Onions & Cheese | | X\$8.00 | |
| Pepperoni & Cheese | | X\$8.00 | |
| Cheese | | X\$8.00 | |
| Kettle Corn | | X\$5.00 | |
| Total Ordered | | Amount Due | |

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please mail your completed form, checks made payable to:

Eileen Lang, 514 West Dr, Boalsburg, PA 16827 or you can drop it off in the church office.

THANK YOU!