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Summer Camp Adventures & What's Next

Troop 31 scouts have just returned from an exciting and productive week at Seph Mack. The next issue of the Troop newsletter will include more details and photos from this adventure!

Also, please mark your calendars for an exciting beach campout trip to Assateague Island September 7th-9th.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

Congratulations new Eagle Scouts!

Troop 31 has 3 new Eagle Scouts!
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Scouts have fun:

Check out some of the fun activities and campouts we enjoyed over the last few months.
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Cover photo this month from Project First Class from Hyeseon Kim. See more about this campout on page 7>

So what's coming up in August? Campout opportunities include a biking campout at the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon and the End of Summer Campout Blowout. If you have activity ideas for the troop, this is a great time to share them!

August will also feature new SPL and Patrol leader elections, a luau, and a Court of Honor for all scouts.



The Troop 31 trailer is looking sharp after receiving some new graphics this spring. Photo from Joe Davidson.

Congratulations New Eagle Scouts

Troy Heatwole - Eagle Scout #190

Troy was a Cub Scout in Pack 82 and crossed over to Troop 31 in March 2012. Troy has supported our Troop by serving in a number of leadership positions including Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Order of the Arrow Representative. For his Eagle Service Project, Troy planned, designed, and led the installation of a new block pad expansion in the parking lot of Grace Lutheran Church. This project has allowed Grace Lutheran and the Meals on Wheels group to more easily add used cardboard to be recycled. This project involved a number of volunteers and a total of 154 hours of service.

Troy has been a very active member of our Troop and has attended high adventure trips to Florida Sea Base, Philmont Scout Ranch, and Camp Sabattis in the Adirondacks. Troy is a junior at State College Area High School and participates in cross country, track, and various music groups. He would like to attend college after graduation to study political science.



Joe Messner - Eagle Scout #191

For his Eagle service project, Joe worked closely with the personnel at the Mount Nittany Elementary School to design, gather material, and lead the construction of a new irrigation system for their educational gardens. This project involved a number of volunteers that contributed 106 hours of service. Joe crossed over from Cub Scouts to Troop 31 in February of 2012. He has been a very active member of the Troop and his leadership positions include Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Instructor.

Joe attends State College Area High School and is very busy with several AP classes. He also serves as the CEO of the Information Technology Entrepreneurship Program, as well as one of the captains of the Cross Country team. After completing high school, Joe plans to go to college to study business and technology.

David Packard - Eagle Scout #192

David transferred into Troop 31 earlier this year when his family moved to State College from Virginia. David was already a Life Scout, and set a goal to become an Eagle Scout before turning 18. David needed to earn several required merit badges, and to complete his Eagle Service Project ahead of his May 21st birthday. Scoutmaster Ed Brezovec, ASM Kyle Sindig and others sat down with David and laid out an ambitious plan to reach his goal. David kept his eye and focus on his goal, and thanks to his hard work, and support and guidance from many other volunteers, he was able to succeed.

For his Eagle Service Project, David provided the leadership to clean out, and completely renovate the Archive Room at St Andrew's Episcopal Church in State College. This useful project involved work from 14 volunteers that contributed over 90 hours of service. During his Scouting career David also provided leadership as Quartermaster and Troop Guide.



Eagle Courts of Honor in 2018

Troop 31 has hosted 2 Eagle Courts of Honor so far this year. Thanks to all of the community members, scout leaders, and others who have helped to make these events special for all of our scouts and their families.



Troop Activities and Campouts

Troop 31 scouts give back to the community:

We cleaned up the waterways, provided support for Flag Day at the Boalsburg Military Museum, completed a park cleanup at Thompson's Woods, and served as part of the Arts Fest Trash Crew. There are also several Eagle Scout projects currently underway – where did you lend a hand?

-Photo from Anne Messner



Flag Day – photos from Kevin LeVan



Pirate Campout

Arrgh! Matey. Led by Jake Messner and Erik Norloff, this boy-run campout was enjoyed by new and older scouts alike. Pirate teams competed in a series of challenges and bartered for gold in the market. In the end, two finalists battled to see who would be the ultimate pirate. Find out who won at the August Court of Honor.

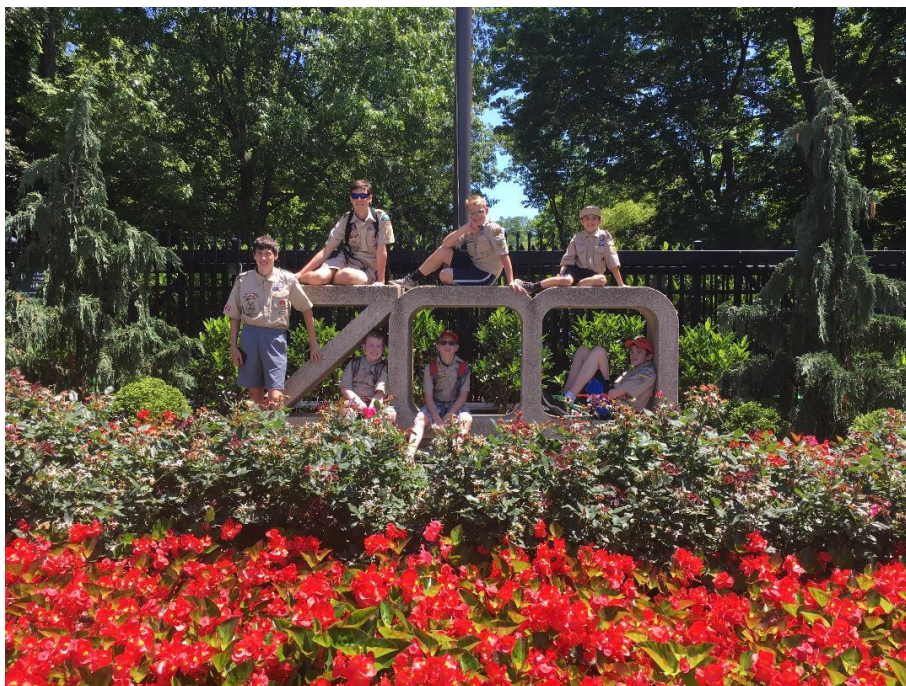


June Mystery Trip Combines Big City with the Outdoors

This year's Mystery Campout, organized by Mitchell Peoples, was a trip to Washington DC and a great success.

Somehow, we were able to pack in a visit to the National Zoo, photos in front of The White House, catching the filming of a Wonder Woman 2 scene, self-guided tours of the National History Museum and Air and Space Museum, kayaking, and a few hands of Mao. And unlike previous Mystery Trips, this one included 2 nights of tenting.

- From Kevin LeVan



Scouts had fun at this year's Troop Olympics meeting in May.

-Photo from Anne Messner

Calendar for Aug/September 2018

Fri-Sun, Aug 3-5th		Bike Campout			
Tuesday, August 7th	6pm 7pm	Adult Leaders Meeting PLC	Tuesday Sep 4th	6pm 7pm	Adult Leaders Meeting PLC
Tuesday, Aug 14th	7:00pm	SPL Elections & Luau	Fri-Sun, Sep 7-9th		Assateague Campout
Tuesday, Aug 21st	6:30pm	Court of Honor	Tuesday, Sep 11th	7pm	Meeting: Patrol Trivia
Fri-Sat, Aug 24-25		Annual Planning/Patrol Leader Elections/Campout	Tuesday, Sep 18th	7pm	Meeting: Patrol Mini-Golf Competition
Tuesday, Aug 28	6:30pm	Meeting @ Park Forest Pool	Tuesday, Sep 25th	7pm	Meeting: TBD


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

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

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Project First Class

Back in June, several adult volunteers had the privilege of helping eight of our Scouts pass the Boards of Review at the First Class Campout at Back Moshannon State Park. This was advancement for ranks ranging from Tenderfoot to First Class. Despite the warm temperatures, our Scouts and leaders were having a great time that included some swimming at the park's swim area. The group camping area at this state park is a wonderful venue for this event.



Many thanks to Jason Collens, for his leadership in helping with our large group of new Scouts, Jason also helped prepare a wonderful dinner for the adults who came out to help with the Boards of Review. Scoutmaster Ed Brezovec also spent the weekend helping our Scouts. Thanks again to Stephanie, Cindy, Kris, Bernadette, and Craig for their help with the Boards!

-from David Eng, photos from Craig Colwell



United Way Trash to Treasure Service – Thank you!

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!!!

United Way raised over \$50,000 at their event on June 2nd. Furniture and rugs played a big part.

Thank you for your help.

Scouter Frank

At right: Troop 31 scouts helped roll carpets in May to help get ready for the annual T2T sale.

