



# news & views

## BSA Troop 31 State College, PA

# September 2019

NITTANY VALLEY DISTRICT, JUNIATA VALLEY COUNCIL \* CHARTERED BY ST. PAUL'S UMC

IN THIS ISSUE

## Welcome Troop 31 Girls

Under the capable leadership of Scoutmaster Jeannie Peters and Assistant Scoutmasters Kurt Baker and Ed Brezovec, Troop 31G started on February 1 with 5 girls. The troop has since grown to 15 girls ranging in age from 11-18, and adding several more assistant scoutmasters and committee members.



Among other activities, they participated in the 95th anniversary JVC spring camporee, where Abby Serefine, Anna Somers, and Caroline Vancura (all also Venturers) were among the first 4 girls in the council to be tapped for

Order of the Arrow. Three of the girls had a blast at Sea Base in June. Eleven girls participated in and one served on staff at Seven Mountains summer camp.



Collectively, the girls have earned 36 merit badges and 10 special awards, with more in progress!

-Article and photos submitted by Jodi Vender

- Welcome Girls.....Page 1
- Eagle Scouts.....Pages 2-3
- New Scouts.....Page 3
- Pirate Campout.....Page 4
- Annual Planning.....Page 4
- Calendar.....Page 5
- Volunteer Opportunities....Page 5
- Leadership.....Page 6

Cover photo from Katie Brumberg: Departure for Summer Camp at Seven Mountains

## Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts!

### **Sam Krantweiss - #193**

Sam joined Troop 31 on October 16, 2012, and made steady rank advancement, reaching his Life Scout rank in October, 2015. He was very active in BSA High Adventure as he earned the Triple Crown Award by attending Northern Tier, Philmont Scout Ranch, and Florida Sea Base. Sam also attended the 2017 BSA National Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia. One of Sam's Troop leadership positions was to serve as the Webmaster where he was instrumental in developing and designing the new Troop 31 website.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Sam provided leadership in improving the playground at Grace Lutheran Church in State College. This project involved 27 different volunteers who contributed 121 hours of community service.

Sam played on both the soccer and volleyball teams at State College Area High School. He plans to continue his academic career by attending Penn State and to earn a degree in engineering.

### **Ben Krantweiss - #194**

Ben joined Troop 31 on September 25, 2012. As a very active Troop member, he earned his Life Scout rank in October, 2015. Two of the Scouting highlights for Ben was attending the two week camping and canoeing adventure at Camp Sabbatis in New York, and then the BSA Northern Tier High Adventure canoeing trip in Manitoba, Canada. Ben used some of his Scout camping skills as a two year volunteer at the Deer Valley YMCA camp.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Ben provided his leadership to extend the existing patio for the Grace Lutheran Church Columbarium. This project involved 28 different volunteers, that put in 105 hours of community service.

Ben's extracurricular activities at State College Area High School included being a member of the Volleyball and Soccer teams, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), DECA Business Club, and a manager of the State College High School Roar Store. Ben plans to continue his academic career by attending Penn State University to study Supply Chain in the Smeal College of Business.

### **Sean Kelleher - #195**

Sean joined Troop 31 on February 14th, 2012. He climbed the advancement ladder rapidly as he earned his Life rank in April, 2015. One of Sean's passions in Scouting was High Adventure, as he attended Sabbatis in the Adirondacks of New York, Sea Base in Florida, and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Sean and his brother also attended the 2013 National Jamboree, which was the **first** Jamboree to be held at the Summit in West Virginia. Active in Troop leadership, Sean served as a Patrol Leader, OA Troop Representative, and Troop Instructor.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Sean helped design and direct the construction of a sensory table for children to use at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center in State College.

Sean was a member of the soccer team at State College Area High School for four years. He also played on the Eastern PA Olympian Development Team. He hopes to play Division I soccer in college.

### **Tyler James - #196**

Tyler joined Troop 31 in May of 2014. He has held a number of Troop leadership positions including Quartermaster, Troop Guide, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Tyler has participated in several high adventure trips that include Sabbatis Camp in New York, Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and Sea Base in the Florida Keys. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Tyler lead the effort to design and build a vegetable cart that is being used by Mount Nittany United Methodist Church. A total of eleven volunteers contributed 140 hours of community service for this project.

Tyler is a student at Grace Prep in State College and is a member of the Key Club service group and a volunteer at the Fillmore Food Pantry.

### **Ethan Locke - #197**

Ethan began Scouts in Pack 82 and continued his Scouting career with Troop 31. During his time with the Troop he participated in campouts, Sea Base High Adventure as well as completing his Eagle Project. He provided leadership to the Troop as a Patrol leader multiple times.

Ethan's Eagle project was a blessing box for the United Methodist Church in Howard, PA. The purpose of the box, which is more like a cabinet, contains necessities and canned goods for people to donate and people in need to pick up. The box can also accommodate diaper boxes which was determined to be a need by the church. Ethan lead a group of 7 volunteers who collectively worked 76 hours.

# Congratulations!

## David Wasson- #198

David began Scouts in Pack 67 and continued his Scouting career with Troop 31. During his time with the Troop he participated in many campouts, including Sea Base, Philmont and Northern Tier to complete the Triple Crown of High Adventure, as well as, completing his Eagle Project. He provided leadership to the Troop as a Patrol leader.

David's Eagle project was a landscaping and rain barrel project for Spring Creek Presbyterian Church in Lemont, PA. The purpose of the project was to update the landscaping, as well as, provide a water source with the installation of the rain barrel. David was able to complete this project with 13 volunteers who collectively worked 105 hours.

## Derek Cestone - #199

Derek began Scouts in Pack 67 and continued his Scouting career with Troop 31. During his time with the Troop he participated in many campouts, the Sea Base High Adventure, as well as, completing his Eagle Project. He provided leadership to the Troop as a Troop Historian and Troop Guide.

David's Eagle project was very ambitious as he worked with the Strawberry Fields organization and completed the construction of 21 salt bins. These bins were needed for the many locations the organization manages to provide secure storage for the salt needed every winter to keep the walkways and driveways safe. Derek's project included design, construction and delivery of the salt bins to the Strawberry Fields locations. He was able to complete this project with 12 volunteers who collectively worked 112.5 hours.

## Zac Brezovec - #200

Zac began Scouts in Pack 82 as a Webelo I and continued his Scouting career with Troop 31. During his time with the Troop he participated in many campouts, earned 44 merit badges, attended the Sea Base High Adventure Camp, as well as, completing his Eagle Project. He provided leadership to the Troop as Quartermaster.

Zac's Eagle project is very useful for years to come. He developed recycling posters and a tri-fold brochure for the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority for responsible electronic recycling. The posters are on display at the authority facility. Zac led a team of scouts to fold and distribute the brochure to homes in Park Forest. Zac's project included design, printing, folding and distribution of the brochure and posters. He was able to complete this project with 30 volunteers who collectively worked 187 hours.

*-Eagle write ups from David Eng*

## Welcome new Scouts!

### From Pack 383:

Ryan Hillsley  
Simon Vath  
Tim Vath

### From Pack 44:

Rishi Bhattacharyya

### From Pack 375:

Gavin Humphrey

### From Pack 380:

Will Houser  
Nate Tranell

### Transferring from Troop 367:

Brennan Sitzabee

### Transferring from Troop 375:

Michael Cremer

### New to Scouting:

Josh Fragin  
Dalton Lawrence

## Pirate Campout



Flag ceremony

Many scouts competed in the Pirate Campout in June. Competitors participated in team events as well as individual events. They also went treasure hunting in hopes of finding gold. However, in the end, one pirate came out on top. Congratulations to Neo on earning the title of legendary pirate!

*-Written by Luc Schrauf*



Counting up pirate loot and gold

## Project First Class and Annual Planning

Scouts enjoyed a one-night campout to close out the summer. They worked on using woods tools and fire-building Friday evening. Saturday morning was filled with more rank-up activities and Scoutmaster Conferences, and then turned to Annual Planning. Some traditional favorite campouts like Pirate and Holiday are on the slate for next year, as well as some new outings, including Cardboard Box and Mountain Biking.

*-Submitted by Jason Collens*



**Popcorn sales now underway!**



Get your form at the next Scout meeting.

Questions? Contact Scott Huber at [scotth57@comcast.net](mailto:scotth57@comcast.net)

**Wreath sales have begun!**



Get your form at the next Scout meeting.

Questions? Contact Christina Hill at [chill9687@gmail.com](mailto:chill9687@gmail.com)





## Calendar for September/October 2019

Tuesday, Sept 3	6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting
Tuesday, Sept	7pm	PLC/Rank-up
Fri-Sun, Sept 6-8		Survivor/Hammock Campout, Camp Karoondinha
Tuesday, Sept 10	7:30pm	Talent Show
Wednesday, Sept 11	7pm	Troop 31 Committee Meeting - <b>VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!</b>
Tuesday, Sept 17	7:30pm	State Theater Tour
Fri-Sun, Sept 20-22		Bike Tour, Pike-to-Bike
Tuesday, Sept 24	7:30pm	Karaoke
Tuesday, Oct 1	6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 1	7pm	PLC/Rank-up
Tuesday, Oct 8	7:30pm	Corn Maze
Wednesday, Oct 9	7pm	Troop 31 Committee Meeting – <b>VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!</b>
Fri-Sun, Oct 11-13		Fall Camporee, Greenwood Furnace State Park
Tuesday, Oct 15	7:30pm	Pumpkin Carving
Sat-Sun Oct 19-20		Coffee Can Campout
Tuesday, Oct 22	7:30	Chess Merit Badge
Tuesday, Oct 29	7:30pm	Halloween Party



### Save the Date

Scouting for Food: November 2 and 9  
 Holiday Campout: December 6-8

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **Hospitality Chairperson 2:** This coordinator would focus on meal planning and shopping for designated campouts (New Scout campout, Webelos Woods campout, and the chili for the Klondike). Coordination is done with the leaders for each event to get the food delivered and assist with cooking for New Scout Campout. Families and Committee will assist when needed.
- **Comm. Coordinator**
- **Fundraising**
- **HA/Historian Advisor**
- **Summer Camp Coordinator**
- **Trading Post**
- **Chaplain Advisor**



If interested, contact Anne Messner at  
[messnerski@gmail.com](mailto:messnerski@gmail.com)

# Leadership

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

## SCOUTMASTERS

Ed Brezovec (t) B 570-932-0586 [edward.brezovec@gmail.com](mailto:edward.brezovec@gmail.com)   
 Jeannie Peters (t) (w) G [jpp198@gmail.com](mailto:jpp198@gmail.com)

## ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

Kurt Baker (t) 867-5702 [kfb3@psu.edu](mailto:kfb3@psu.edu)   
 Program

John Messner (t) 272-5328 [j.messner@me.com](mailto:j.messner@me.com)

Jeannie Peters (t) (w) [jpp198@gmail.com](mailto:jpp198@gmail.com)

Jason Collens 814-360-9950 [jason.collens@gmail.com](mailto:jason.collens@gmail.com)

New Scout Scoutmaster

Cale Brownstead [cale.brownstead@gmail.com](mailto:cale.brownstead@gmail.com)

Webmaster Advisor

Ken Hillsley (t) 234-3674 [klh124@psu.edu](mailto:klh124@psu.edu)


David Heatwole (t) [dave@heatwolegolf.com](mailto:dave@heatwolegolf.com)

Kathryn Miller 280-1599 [Kathrynpmiller@gmail.com](mailto:Kathrynpmiller@gmail.com)

Kelli Prescott (t) [kab2008@gmail.com](mailto:kab2008@gmail.com)

Eric Prescott (t) [prescott@imbulc.net](mailto:prescott@imbulc.net)

## TROOP COMMITTEE

Anne Messner (t) 571-7673 [messnerski@gmail.com](mailto:messnerski@gmail.com)   
 Chair - Boys

Jodi Vender 360-6113 [jvender@gmail.com](mailto:jvender@gmail.com)

Chair - Girls

Joe Davidson (t) 466-6024 [ccrod@comcast.net](mailto:ccrod@comcast.net)   
 Chartered Org. Rep.

Alan Wrye (t) 237-0108 [awwrye@comcast.net](mailto:awwrye@comcast.net)

Advancement

Rob Butler 861-8474 [rxb22@psu.edu](mailto:rxb22@psu.edu)

TreasurerB

Bernadette Brezovec [bernadettetsr@gmail.com](mailto:bernadettetsr@gmail.com)

TreasurerG

## TROOP COMMITTEE

Rick Marboe (t) (w) 880-5199 [rick@marboe.com](mailto:rick@marboe.com)  
 Adult Training


(open)  
 Comm. Coordinator

(open)  
 Hospitality

Lori Smith [lasmith723@gmail.com](mailto:lasmith723@gmail.com)  
 Newsletter

Katie Brumberg [katie.brumberg@gmail.com](mailto:katie.brumberg@gmail.com)

MB Coordinator

Craig Colwell (t) 777-2999 [ccolwell17@gmail.com](mailto:ccolwell17@gmail.com)   
 Quartermaster

Jean Brownstead [jbrownstead@live.com](mailto:jbrownstead@live.com)  
 Adult Volunteer Clearance Coord.

(open)  
 Fundraising Chair

(open)  
 HA/Historian Adv.

Stephanie Flanagan [slm114@psu.edu](mailto:slm114@psu.edu)  
 Community Service Coord.

(open)  
 Summer Camp Coordinator

Karen Peoples 404-0386 [gpeoples@comcast.net](mailto:gpeoples@comcast.net)  
 Webelos Coordinator

## ADVISORS

(open)  
 Trading Post


(open)  
 Chaplain Advisor

Anne Messner (t) [messnerski@gmail.com](mailto:messnerski@gmail.com)  
 Scribe Advisor

David Heatwole (t) [dave@heatwolegolf.com](mailto:dave@heatwolegolf.com)  
 OA Advisor B

# Happy Halloween!



 troop shed key