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 BSA Troop 31
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Welcome Mr. Messner!

Dear Troop 31B:

It's my pleasure to announce that, effective immediately, John Messner is the new Scoutmaster of Troop 31B. SM Frank Savino needed to devote more time to his role and responsibilities as Fourth Fest Executive Director, and your Committee knew his commitment as SM would only be as an interim or temporary until we had a person who could fill the SM position for a longer time period.

Please welcome SM Messner and give him the support, cooperation, and respect for a productive and successful tenure that only T31 Scouts and volunteers can. Please also thank Mr. Savino for all his past contributions and support for T31 and continuing to serve and participate as a member of our Committee. For questions about the process, or other specifics regarding this appointment, please contact me, Rick Marboe or Craig Colwell.

Sincerely,
Yours in Scouting,

Joe Davidson
Chartered Organization Representative T31B, T31G, P31.

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Cover photo from Kevin LeVan; Holiday Campout at Seven Mountains Scout Camp

Holiday Campout

It was another wonderful Holiday Campout with great attendance, wonderful meals (family dinner), lots of achievements, Court of Honor and plenty of fun. We had 46 scouts, 12 adults and 40 dinner guests, the kitchen crew made delicious meals with highlights of homemade donuts and the turkey dinner. Several scouts participated in a 5 mile hike, others learned some orienteering, and I'm sure there were other advancements too. Some scouts tented while the majority slept in the Dining Hall and Rimmey Lodge. There was plenty of relaxation and fun with friends, a great soccer tournament, games including cribbage, and so much more. The Court of Honor showed how active these scouts are as well as a special thanks to Mr. Brezovec for his years as Scoutmaster, including the presentation of a beautiful patch designed by Abby Serefine. All in all, a fantastic way to wrap up 2019.



-submitted by Kevin LeVan



Toys for Tots, 12/14/19

Summer Camp REMINDER

If you plan to attend camp this summer at Bashore (July 5-11, 2020), there are a few open spots if any scout would still like to sign-up for summer camp.

Also, please register for camp and return your **forms** and **payment** to Christina Hill by **April 21, 2020**. PLEASE SUBMIT FORMS AND PAYMENT BY APRIL 21 TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED RATE-PRICES GO UP AFTER APRIL 21!!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Christina Hill at chill9687@gmail.com

Venture Patrol Campout



In December, the Venture Patrol had a Winter Bash camp out. We went to Seven Mountains Scout Camp, did a night hike around camp, a day hike on a portion of the Mid State Trail, a gift exchange and youth spent the night in Eagle Lodge. Jake LeVan took "scout-lead" to a high level - contacting council, booking the reservation and creating the permission slip, in addition to all the other organizing that goes along with each camp out. 6 scouts from Troop 31 attended, as well as 3 additional youth guests, all had a great time and look forward to future venture patrol events.

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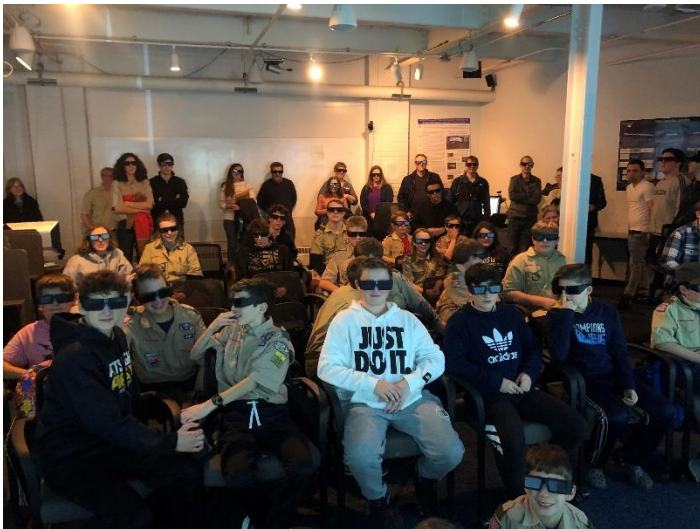
-Submitted by Kevin

Leap Year Campout

Scouts took advantage of a rare experience: camping overnight on Leap Day (Night). Although it comes around every four years, it will not hit on a Saturday again for almost 30 more years. It felt like a normal February night in Central Pennsylvania; lows in the teens, which allowed everyone to practice their cold weather camping skills. Many Scouts worked on cooking requirements which resulted in a host of good food that was consumed by the hungry campers. A roaring fire kept everyone (somewhat) warm and also provided heat for s'mores and Dutch oven cobbler. Daybreak saw sun and slowly warming temperatures that allowed everyone eventually to shed some layers before packing up and heading home.



-Photos submitted by John Messner



Tour of the Immersive Construction Tour in Architectural Engineering, led by Mr. Messner

-Photos submitted by John Messner



Calendar for April 2020

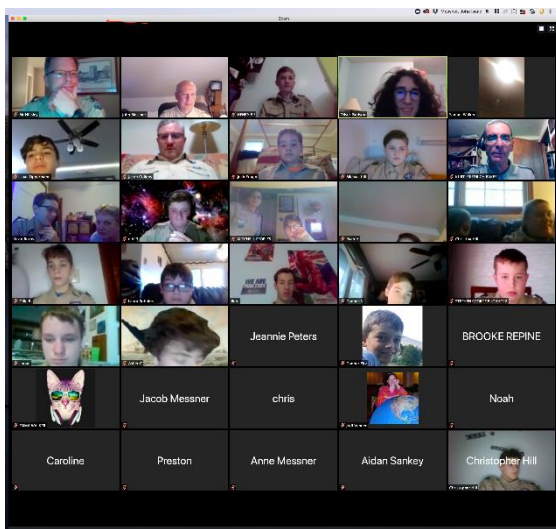
Tuesday, April 7	6pm	Adult Leaders Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday, April 7	7pm	PLC/Rank-up (via Zoom)
Thursday, April 8	7pm	Troop 31 Committee Meeting (via Zoom) - VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!
Tuesday, April 14	7pm	Scout meeting (via Zoom), Court of Honor
Tuesday, April 21	7pm	Scout meeting Merit Badges Family Life and Game Design (via Zoom)
Tuesday, April 28	7pm	Scout meeting Merit Badges Crime Prevention and Citizenship in the Community (via Zoom)

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Hospitality Co-Chair** - Assist with meal planning, organizing and some attendance, such as Webelos Woods (Fall), Klondike Derby (January), New Scout Campout (Spring) and other events where adults and guests are needed to be fed. Menus are already available for planning purposes and can be modified based on the dietary restrictions that exist at the time of the event.
- **Volunteer Coordinator**
- **Fundraising Coordinator**



If interested in any of these positions, please contact Anne Messner at messnerski@gmail.com



First ever virtual Scout meeting, 3/24/20

Stay healthy, stay safe...



We're all in this together!


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

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