



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

June 2016 Newsletter: Scout Troop 622

The Scoutmaster's Minute:

The story of "Everybody's Canoe"

A young Indian brave was busy at work carving a canoe out of a log. As he worked, members of his tribe passed by. They all had a piece of advice to offer the young man.

"I think you are making your canoe too wide," one of them said. The young brave, wishing to show respect for the advice of an elder, narrowed the canoe.

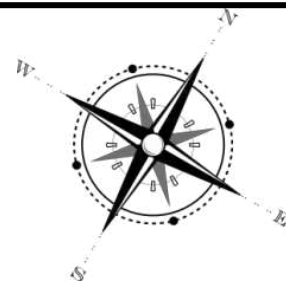
A little later, another warrior stopped and said, "I'm afraid that you are cutting your stern too full," he said. Again the young brave listened to the advice of the elder and cut down the stern.

Very soon, yet another member of the tribe stopped, watched for a while, then commented, "The bow is too sheer." The young brave accepted this advice as well and changed the line of the bow.

Finally, the canoe was complete and the young brave launched it. As soon as it hit the water, it capsized. Laboriously he hauled it back onto the beach. Then he found another log and began his work anew. Very soon, a member of his tribe stopped by to offer some advice, but this time the young brave was ready.

"See that canoe over there?" he asked, pointing to the useless craft on the beach. "That is everybody's canoe." Then he nodded at his work in progress. "This one," he said, "is my canoe."

Yours in Scouting,
Craig Wood, Scoutmaster



BE PREPARED

Upcoming Events:

June 3:

Graduation - Congratulations to our Senior Scouts!

June 4-8:

50 mile Kayak Trip

June 7:

NO Scout Meeting

June 6-11:

Turbotville Carnival
Soda Ring Toss Stand

June 10:

Turbotville Carnival Parade
Forms at 6PM, Moves at 7PM

June 11:

Chicken B-B-Q at the Carnival

June 17 -19:

Family Camping

June 21:

PLC Meeting
Committee Meeting

June 23:

Resurrection Festival Setup
Service Opportunity



June 2016:

Weekly Meeting: Tuesday, 7:00PM – 8:30PM

Weekly Meeting Location: Moser Field

Theme: Athletics

Opening: Nature Patrol

Service Patrol: Black Panther Patrol

Games: Ranger Patrol

Important News:

Kayak Trip:

We will be meeting at **6:30AM on Saturday June 4** at Zion Church. We will leave the church by 7AM. We will travel to Coburn and be departing from there where we will then be going about 18 miles to Camp K where we will be staying both Saturday and Sunday night. You will need to bring a packed lunch from home that day and water.

Sunday we will be doing a service project at Camp K.

Monday, we will be leaving Camp K and traveling to New Berlin (16 miles). We will be eating supper at the Legion, which will cost each participant \$10.

Tuesday, we will leave New Berlin and travel to Byers farm outside of Winfield (5 miles). This is a horse farm and he has offered to let us stay here while we kayak.

Wednesday, we will finish our trip at Selinsgrove Park and head back to the church for pick up by parents.

We are asking that you drop off your kayaks at Styer’s Crane Service on Rt 54 outside of Turbotville by **Wednesday June 1**. Please put them in the back yard by the shed.

A reminder to all Scouts and parents that you should bring a refillable water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, an extra pair of shoes, a whistle, your swimsuit, a towel, a mess kit, a sweatshirt/jacket, extra clothes, your PFD, and your camping supplies.

Food costs will be about \$25, not including the Legion meal.



Thank YOU!

Thank you to ALL the Scouts who helped with Soup and Sandwich meal at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church! There were many in attendance who complimented the meal and the service of our Scouts. We collected about \$300 in donations for the evening.

Thank YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Spaghetti Supper. And a huge thank YOU to Mr. Mark Reasner for coordinating this event for us. We netted over \$700, which will help with many of the Troop’s expenses in the coming months.

Thank YOU!

Thank you to all the Scouts, Leaders and parents who volunteered to provide snack breaks to the travelers on I-80 over the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. We netted about \$2000 profit. Ten percent of this is the Troop’s funds and the rest will be split by the number of shifts worked and proceeds will be deposited into each Scout’s account. (about \$50)

Events and News:

Turbotville Community Carnival:

Our Troop will be running the Soda Ring Toss at the Turbotville Community Carnival, which is being held June 6th through June 11th.

As discussed at PPC, the assigned Patrol schedule for volunteers is:

Monday, June 6th – Arrow of Light Cub Scouts
Tuesday, June 7th – Arrow of Light Cub Scouts
Wednesday, June 8th – Ranger Patrol & Lightning Patrols
Thursday, June 9th – Nature & Troll Patrols
Friday, June 10th - Red Stag & Flaming Eagle Patrols
Saturday, June 11th - Cobra & Black Panther Patrols

Please arrive at 5:15PM to set up.

Finish around 9:30 – 10PM, depending on crowds/weather.

We need some Scouts to volunteer to assist the Cub Scouts in working the stand on Monday & Tuesday night. If you are able to assist, please let either Scoutmaster Wood or Nick Craig know.

We also need help setting up and tearing down the game area before and after the carnival. Set up and tear down will both take place on Sunday afternoon....watch for more information.

Our Troop has also been asked to participate in the Community Parade on Friday, June 10. The Parade forms at 6PM at the old Dollar Barn and marches up Main Street to the Carnival grounds. If you are interested in participating, sign up at the ring toss booth or contact Scoutmaster Wood.

Gardening Merit Badge:

Anyone interested in earning the Gardening merit badge, please contact Shelly Craig at [570-437-3736](tel:570-437-3736) or n.craig.61@gmail.com. This is not a merit badge that you can complete in a classroom setting. You will need to spend the growing season working on your garden. Mrs. Craig will arrange garden visits to see your work as it progresses. Please read the requirements before starting this badge to make certain it is for you.



Volunteers Needed:

Another opportunity to help our community and people who work with us will be on **Thursday, June 23** at the Resurrection Church in Muncy.

Scouts are being asked to help with set up for the annual Church festival. We meet at **Zion at 4:45PM**, leave at 5PM to arrive at the church in Muncy. You can also meet us at the church at 5:30PM. We are usually done by 8PM.

Please help with this service opportunity if you are able....many hands make for light work. Please see Mr. Gregory Hayes if you have questions.

Volunteers Needed:

Zion Church is asking for volunteers to help with their chicken bar-b-q at the Carnival on **Saturday, June 11**. Anyone interested in learning more about how you can help or anyone who is interested in assisting, please contact Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Dyer.

Just a reminder to keep track of your service hours toward your rank advancement and for our annual awards at our Winter Court of Honor.



Events and News:

Camp Karoondinha Resident Camp 2016:

We are registered for Summer Camp 2016! Our Troop will be attending Camp from **July 10-16**. Merit Badge signups were completed and all Scouts know which Merit Badges they will be enrolled in. Now is the time to begin working on the pre-requisites.

Just a reminder for all parents, parent visitation night will be Wednesday, July 13. This will also be the night of the OA Callout Ceremony. More information regarding camp and the visitation night will be shared in the coming weeks.

Specialty Week at Camp K:

Camp K will once again be offering a Specialty Week where Scouts can camp and earn Merit Badges not normally offered at Camp K. The Merit Badges being offered this year are: Home Repairs, Rowing, Game Design, American Heritage, Communications, BSA Lifeguard, Painting, Electricity, Music, Traffic Safety, Radio, Genealogy and Cope & Climbing. The cost for this is only \$175 and the camp dates are July 6, 7, and 8. This event is a supplemental opportunity and is on an individual basis; we will not be organizing a Troop group.

Family Camping:

Plans are underway for the annual Family Camping event. Family camp will be held **June 17th through the 19th**. We will be spending the weekend in Southwest PA near Ohiopyle State Park.

For flexibility and logistics families are invited to travel at their discretion on Friday to our camp site at Benner's meadow run camp ground outside of Farmington PA - trip will take about 4 to 4.5 hours. We have a group campsite reserved for 2 nights. Cost will to camp is \$12.25 for adults and \$7.50 for youth per night. The camp ground offers lots of activities including a fishing pond and swimming pool. Visit their website at www.BennersMeadowRun.com for more details. Families are responsible for providing their own food for the weekend.

Activities include: rafting, caving, historical sites, swimming, biking and hiking. Please contact Jeff Feerrar at feerrar@windstream.net or 570-649-5588 with any questions you may have about our activities and options. (Sign-up sheet for camping is available on-line.)

To our Scout Family:

Brock Blakeney, Ryan Hayes and Christopher Dyer would like to extend an invitation to join them at their joint Eagle Scout Court of Honor on **Saturday, June 24 at 2PM** at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Turbotville.

There will be a reception following the ceremony. Please **RSVP to 570-437-4007 by June 14** if you are planning to attend.

Camp K Mailing Address:

Scout's Name, Troop # 622
Camp Karoondinha
225 Thomas Dam Road
Millmont, PA 17845

Signups will be coming out soon for the Fourth of July Roadside rest. Shifts will be 6 hours in length. All Scouts are asked to sign up for only one shift during first rounds. Additional signups will be announced once everyone has a chance to register for one time slot.



Troop Contacts:

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Senior Patrol Leader: Christopher Dyer

Troop Committee Chair: Thomas Abraham

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Advancement Chair: Michelle Carroll

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Scout Account Information: Norm Craig,

Email: n.craig.61@gmail.com

Requests for Scout Account balances may be emailed to Norm; he will make every attempt to respond within 48 hours.

Board of Review: A Board of Review can be scheduled by contacting Michelle Carroll, Advancement Chairman. Boards of Review need to be **pre-scheduled** to help with planning and resources. Boards of Review are scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise announced. The next Board of Review is planned for **Tuesday, June 28**. Please contact Michelle to schedule in advance.

Please remember that a Scoutmaster conference **must** be completed **before** a Board of Review is scheduled. Scouts may ask any of the Assistant Scoutmasters for a review for rank.

Physical Forms can be turned into Candice Henley at the Scout meetings. The BSA recommends that everyone who participates in Scouting events have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed physician. Physicals are required by Camp K, and should be turned in by **July 5** so that copies can be made for the Camp.

The **Troop Calendar** and other important documents can be accessed online at our Troop website. Check out the website for links to forms and details about upcoming Scouting events.



Future Events:

July 1 - 4:

Roadside Rest I80 East & West
90% of profits to the Scouts

July 5:

Meeting at Moser Field

July 10 – 16:

Resident Camp at Camp K

July 13:

Family Visitation Night
OA Callout Ceremony

July 19:

PLC Meeting
Committee Meeting

July 26:

Board of Review

July 29 – 31:

Eagle Reunion Campout at
Forest Hill

We are still missing several Troop tents. Please return them to Troop Quartermaster Austin Koch as soon as possible. If you have them, we can't use them for Troop activities and there are times we need them. Thank you!



Jamboree 2017:

The BSA Jamboree is to be held **July 19th – July 28th, 2017** at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

The Youth Fee is **\$1525** to attend the Jamboree and includes transportation to and from the event.

The national fee covers the expense of program materials, food, insurance, and equipment, as well as the use of a tent, cot, dining shelters, stoves, fuel, and cooking utensils during your adventure at the Jamboree. (The national fee also includes a "Jambo 17 Kit," the contents of which will be announced at a later date.) Local council fees include transportation.

(Participants should plan to have an additional \$300 - \$500 set aside for uniform requirements, patch purchases, food purchases and souvenirs.)

A non-refundable deposit of **\$250** is due upon registration. A payment plan of \$100 per month will then be set up for registered participants. (Payment plan begins March 2016)

To participate in the Jamboree:

- Scouts and team members **MUST** have a current BSA membership with a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team.
- **MUST** be at least a First Class Scout.
- **MUST** be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree or an 11 year old that has graduated the 6th grade, but has not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local council.
- **MUST** have appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent. (An email will be sent to the parent/guardian during the application process.)
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training experience with local council and unit leader.
- Filed a BSA Health & Medical Record with their council within one year of attending the Jamboree. (The local council will provide specifics closer to the Jamboree.)
- Submit all registrations fees per the local council's payment schedule.

Registration is open NOW! To submit a **NEW** application to attend the Jamboree, you will need your My.Scouting username and password. If you do not have a My.Scouting account, please go to My.Scouting.org and follow the directions to create an account.

For more information on the 2017 Jamboree, check out their website at:
<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>

Many of our current Scouts in the Troll and Lightning Patrols attended the 2013 Jamboree. Assistant Scoutmasters Justin Blakeney, Rick Dyer and Robert Smith also attended. All who attended in the past will be happy to share information with anyone interested in learning more about the Jamboree. More information will be shared as it becomes available.