



# Troop 615 News



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## Scout Master Minute

Good day Scouts! I wanted to provide some additional information about some definitions. We've had a couple questions about what a Patrol Meeting means, especially how it relates to meeting the requirement for National Honor Patrol. The definition of the Patrol Meeting is one that is planned and business like. At a MINIMUM, one thing that every meeting needs (in order to be successful) is a plan: an agreed upon time and place to meet, an agenda, and some specific outcome or outcomes. The BSA definition also includes a requirement for a Scribe to document what happened at the meeting, to submit subsequent reports at PLCs, and suggests that the meeting be primarily focused on planning. The expectation is that these meetings be planned, businesslike and focused on planning upcoming activities.

So, do Patrol Corners count as meeting the definition of a Patrol Meeting for National Honor Patrol?

If the boys can show that they have arranged (in advance) to hold Patrol Meetings during regular weekly Scout meetings and that those meetings have met the above expectations (e.g., Was there a plan to meet? Was an agenda developed? Were notes from the meeting documented? Was the meeting businesslike? Was the focus on planning for the Patrol? Were reports of the meetings provided at the PLC? Do specific members of the Patrol have individual assignments?), then they will be able to count those meetings towards earning National Honor Patrol.

YIS,

Dr. Anderson

## Do a Good Turn!

Troop 615 has the opportunity to participate in a great service project! **Hope for Henry** is an organization that benefits children with cancer and other serious illnesses. They are hosting a fundraiser **RUN A 5K TO MAKE A KIDS DAY TO BENEFIT HOPE FOR HENRY** on Labor Day, 9/1 at Cypress Meade Park. They need help with staffing the race routes to ensure all runners and walkers follow the correct path. This is a great opportunity to count towards National Honor Patrol, towards community service hours for advancement or community service hours for school. Here's a link to information on the organization, Hope for Henry: <http://www.hopeforhenry.org/>. Please contact Dr. Anderson if you and/or your family can volunteer.

### Event schedule and times:

Breakfast and Registration - 8:30 a.m.

Warmup & Stretch - 9:00 a.m.

5K Race Start - 9:15 a.m.

1 Mile Fun Run - 9:20 a.m.

Location: Cypress Meade Park

3100 Fawnwood Drive Ellicott City, MD21042

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### PLC (PATROL LEADERS

### CONFERENCE) MEETINGS

ALL PATROL AND ASSISTANT PATROL

LEADERS NEED TO ATTEND

9/10, 10/8, 11/12 6:00 PM

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO

ATTEND 9/10, 10/8, 11/12 7:00 PM

### SERVICE PROJECT – HOPE FOR

**HENRY RUN** – 9/1

**ELECTIONS** – 9/3

### EAGLE FUNDRAISER – MATT JACKSON

– 9/4 - SEE FLYER AT BOTTOM OF

NEWSLETTER

**COURT OF HONOR** – 9/13

### SERVICE PROJECT – HEALTH FAIR –

9/13-9/14

### MAIZE QUEST OUTING – NEW PARK,

**PA** – 9/19-9/21

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (YLT)

– 9/27, TIME TBD (SCOUTS IN LEADERSHIP

ROLES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND)

### WEBELOS-O-REE – CAMP SAFFRAN -

10/17-10/19

### NEW YORK CITY DAY TRIP –

TENTATIVE – 11/15

### GAMING -OUTDOORS, BOARD/VIDEO

**GAMES OUTING** – 12/13-12/15

## Court of Honor



Please go to this link to sign up to assist with set up/clean up and to bring a dish to the 9/13 Court of Honor pot luck

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080548A8AB2CA02-court/11317776](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080548A8AB2CA02-court/11317776)

## August Outing 8/15/14-8/17/14

When we met at the church at 5:00pm on Friday night, I was already excited. I had heard great things about the Patuxent Naval Air Station from people who had been there before. When we got there, as usual we set up tents. When we got up, we made breakfast and were briefed on what activities there were then we were released. I first did mini-golf then fished. Then we made lunch. In the afternoon I kayaked and played more mini-golf. It was awesome!

- Leo Schafer, Troop 615 Historian



## Eagle's Nest

Justin Cho's Eagle project is complete! The goal of the project was to remove overgrown vegetation and trash from the **Kuller, Kane, Smith Cemetery** located on Old Frederick Rd directly across from Howard County Firehouse 8 and to do historical research regarding the family buried in the cemetery. Great job Justin!





# Adult Training

## Woodbadge

Orientation: Thurs., August 28, 2014

Weekend 1: Sept 20-22, 2014 Camp Spencer, Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation (3 full days - 7am Saturday thru 5pm Monday)

AND Weekend 2: October 24-26, 2014

Registration: <http://www.baltimorebsa.org/wood-badge/n6-220-14-2/54871>

Contact for More Information: Jean Jordan (JJ), Course Director – [francois50@cablespeed.com](mailto:francois50@cablespeed.com) or 301-252-8688

## Specific Leader Trainings

CLICK ON THE DATE BELOW TO REGISTER (ALL COURSES ARE FREE-REGISTRATION FOR HEADCOUNT!)

8:30 am Gathering - 9 am Kickoff - Graduation times vary by course. Coffee will be available (and soda machine).  
BYO bag lunch, if applicable.

- [Saturday, August 16, 2014 - Baltimore Area Council Service Center](#)
- [Saturday, November 15, 2014 - Baltimore Area Council Service Center](#)
- [Saturday, December 6, 2014 - Sojourner Douglass College - TBA](#)
- [Saturday, January 17, 2015 - Baltimore Area Council Service Center](#)
- [Sunday, February 22, 2015 - Baltimore Area Council Service Center](#)

9 - 4:30 pm Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training  
9 - 11:00 am Unit Committee Training ( Packs & Troops)  
9 - 11:00 am Charter Organization Representative Training

## It's Popcorn Time!



Troop prizes **new this year** for top sellers:

**1st place - \$100 Visa Card or \$100 in your scout account**

**2nd place - \$75 Visa Card or \$75 in your scout account**

**3rd place - \$50 Visa Card or \$50 in your scout account**

Earnings: Scouts can earn up to 34.4% of sales for their scout account.

Funding High Adventure: \$3000 in sales nets approximately \$1000 in the scout account.

Prizes: Prizes include O's tickets, vacation packages, free week at Broadcreek, and much more. See me for more details. These top prizes are VERY obtainable for anyone who sets this as a real goal.

Military Support: Your customers can make donations to send popcorn to the military serving overseas. We have tax receipts that we can give those customers.

Payment: Please make checks payable to "Boy Scout Troop 615". Try to get as much money as possible up-front.

Show-n-Sells: There will be 4 opportunities for Show-n-Sells. Mrs. Botticelli created this sign up for the show and sells - [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/805084CA4A623A13-troop/11317776](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/805084CA4A623A13-troop/11317776). Please sign up now!

Saturday, Sept. 6th, 10am-2pm, Giant Store at Dorsey Hall Road

Sunday, Sept. 7th, 6am-11am, Dunkin' Donuts at 4872 Montgomery Road

Saturday, Sept. 13th, 9am-5pm, Giant Store at Chatham Mall

Sunday, Sept. 21st, 6am-11pm, Dunkin' Donuts at 4872 Montgomery Road

### Key dates:

Now! .. Popcorn order forms are available at all meetings

Wed, Oct 15 .. Popcorn order forms due to me (Denise Borgert)

Wed, Nov 12 .. Popcorn available for delivery to customers

Questions or Support: Please contact me (Denise Borgert, [410-531-2476](tel:410-531-2476) (h), [240-593-2767](tel:240-593-2767) (c)) and I will do anything I can to help you. Be creative in your sales techniques!

Thanks, Denise Borgert

## Backpacking Trip – All are WELCOME!

Scouts and Parents,

Several people have asked me questions about the proposed backpacking outing, tentatively scheduled for October 3-5. Also, Melissa told me that I was not very clear about the planned activity (although I knew exactly what I meant to say. lol). Let me try and set some parameters. This activity is in addition to the regularly scheduled outing in October. It does not replace it. I believe Webelos O Ree is scheduled for the weekend of 17 Oct.

The actual hike has not been planned. Frankly, I had hoped to involve whoever wanted to attend the hike in the planning process rather than me picking what I want to do. That said, the plan is to give a taste of backpacking, not to accumulate a ton of miles. I anticipate a very short hike on Friday night to the campsite location, a hike of 6-10 miles on Sat., and hopefully a short hike to the cars on Sun. I would anticipate returning to the church sometime early on Sunday AM.

I would like to have enough adult participants so that we can drop a car at the take out point on Friday night so that we can plan a point to point hike vice and in and out hike. If we do not have enough adults to pull this off, then we will do an in and out hike.

I am anticipating the hike to be somewhere on the Appalachian Trail (AT), although I was recently told that there are hiking trails in the area that give out badges for their completion. If someone has a strong preference, they should come to the meeting prepared to discuss their idea with the interested people. Another idea is to try and hit the high points in PA, MD and WV. Each high point is within easy driving distance. That said, that idea is not really backpacking, but it is something I would like to do at some point.

Who can attend? We are opening this up to scouts and family members.

What if you don't have equipment? Several people have offered to lend people equipment. Also, there are several older style backpacks in the shed that are available for use. At this upcoming meeting, I would like to match scouts and people up with individuals willing to lend equipment. Also at the upcoming meeting, I would also like to try and put pen to paper and actually plan the hike. Please come prepared to discuss.

David Gattis, ASM

## Northern Tier

Northern Tier is the Boy Scouts of America's gateway to adventure in the Great Northwoods. In the summer, scouts from Northern Tier's three wilderness canoe bases explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeast Manitoba.

Wilderness canoeing expeditions are offered through three canoe bases. All trips are fully outfitted and provisioned. A highly trained staff member, called an Interpreter, accompanies all crews on their trek. Northern Tier crews paddle in almost 6 million acres of canoe-access only wilderness - from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) of Minnesota to the Atikaki Provincial Park of Manitoba. Trips range in length from 6-10 days and usually include between 50-150 miles of wilderness travel.

Find out more about the opportunities available at Northern Tier's three wilderness canoe bases (the Charles L Sommers Base, Ely, MN; the Donald Rogert Base, Atikokan, ON; and the Northern Expeditions Base, Bissett, MB) as well as the several provisional programs Northern Tier offers to individual scouts. <http://www.ntier.org/TripPlanning/Ely.aspx>

All participants must be age 14 by the time they arrive at Northern Tier OR have graduated from the 8th grade and be age 13 by the time they arrive. Additionally, Troop 615 requires that scouts be first class or above at the time they attend. Troop 615 typically sends a contingent to Northern Tier every two years. That would be summer 2015. The time to start planning the outing is now. The contingent needs adult leaders and scouts to plan the outing. A rough cost estimate per person is \$1800. The Troop will create a payment plan, once we have a better cost estimate. However, we are collecting a deposit of \$100 per person as a deposit, as an expression of interest. Please speak with me at the Wednesday meeting.

David B. Gattis, ASM

## Rank Advancements:

Eagle - Adam Albuerne

Life - Scott Anderson

2nd Class - Nick Benner

2nd Class - Sam Farthing

Tenderfoot - Matthew Harris

Tenderfoot - Zachary Vook

## Merit Badges:

Backpacking - John Parks

Camping - Matt Hill

Chess - Joey Peters  
- Leo Schafer

Cit In Community - Garrett Currie  
- Aaron Luther  
- Leo Schafer

Cit In Nation - Kyle Amend  
- Garrett Snyder

Communications - Leo Schafer

Computers - John Parks

Cooking - Drew Benson

Electronics - Joey Peters

Environmental Science - Wyatt Currie

Game Design - Garrett Hill

Indian Lore - Leo Schafer

Nature - Jake Klein  
- Joey Peters

Oceanography - Garrett Hill  
- Jake Klein

Pets - Garrett Currie  
- Wyatt Currie

Pottery - Garrett Hill

Pulp and Paper - Liam MacKinnon

Rowing - Jake Klein

Sports - Garrett Currie  
- Wyatt Currie

Swimming - Jake Klein

Weather - Garrett Hill

Welding - Joey Peters

## Awards:

Nova: Start Your Engines - Joey Peters

Nova: Whoosh! - Joey Peters

# Congratulations!

## My Provisional Camp Experience at Broad Creek

On the last week in July I went to Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation in northern MD. I was a little nervous because I had never provisional camped before and had heard that food there was unsafe for human consumption. But after coming home with two merit badges not offered at Ockanickion and a partial on another, my view was dramatically changed.

First let me talk about the food. Those of us who have been to Ockanickion know that the food there is the greatest camp food in the mid-Atlantic, but Broad Creek is very good all the same, on a scale from 1-10 the food is a 7.

Though the merit badge selection at Broad Creek is much more extensive than Ockanickion, there are many more pre-reqs. For example, while Ockanickion has no pre-reqs for radio or art, Broad Creek has some for both, I give this a 7.5.

At Broad Creek, most camp facilities are sub-par (the Eagle department was a canopy), but the waterfront was amazing. After a 15-minute car ride and 5-10 minute speed-boat ride, we got to a dock on Lake Conowingo within viewing distance of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station. We spent about an hour each day on the lake in great weather. I give the facilities a 6.

The provisional experience was amazing and I would recommend it to anyone that wants to try it.

- Leo Schafer, Troop 615 Historian

### Matt Jackson's Eagle Project Fundraiser



Restaurant Night on Thursday, September 4th, 2014

4910 Waterloo Rd. Ellicott City, MD

Please present this flyer to your server and a portion of the proceeds will benefit my project at the Howard County Conservancy.

<http://tbonzgrille.com/>

<http://www.hcconservancy.org/>

Contact Matt Jackson at [mattjackson@comcast.net](mailto:mattjackson@comcast.net)

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