



Troop 615 News



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A Message from the Program Staff

Good Afternoon Troop 615,

Some scouts have been indicating interest in attending a high adventure Sea Base outing. If you (as a parent or scout leader) or your scout is interested in attending Sea Base sometime during 2016, please reply-all to this email. NOTE: Scouts must be 14 years of age by the time of the outing. However, 13-year-old scouts who meet the following criteria can attend. **For the Spring season ONLY (February-April arrival dates) a Scout who would be eligible to attend in the Summer (May-August) IS eligible to attend. (For example 13 and IN the 8th grade or turning 14 during the summer.)**

Mrs. Cawthra and I will create a list of scouts and adults who are interested in attending during the 2016 year so our troop can enter the Sea Base lottery. Our hope is to get one of the choices listed below for our Troop 615 crew.

At least two adults should accompany a crew of 6-8 (including adults) and one adult must be wilderness first aid trained. If you are an adult and have an interest in accompanying the crew, please let us know.

The lottery opens January 15th, so we'd like to finalize our crew as soon as possible. Please note: the dates listed below are approximate. The website didn't have firm dates listed for 2016, however, these dates are based on the 2015 published calendar and we are hoping they are similar.

YIS,
Maureen Schafer

Bahamas Adventure

6-8 people
~\$808 to \$1077 per person
Available spring/summer
Spring break - 3/26/16 - 3/31/16
Summer - 6/19/16 - 6/24/16

St. Thomas

6-8 people
~\$808 to \$1077 per person
Available summer
Summer - 6/19/16 - 6/24/16

Keys Adventure

6-8 people
\$815 per person
Available year-long
Spring break - 3/26/16 - 3/31/16
Summer - 6/19/16 - 6/24/16
Winter break - 12/26/16 - 12/31/16

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLC (PATROL LEADERS CONFERENCE) MEETINGS

ALL PATROL AND ASSISTANT PATROL LEADERS NEED TO ATTEND
1/14, 2/11, 3/18, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10 6:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND 1/14, 2/11, 3/18, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10 7:00 PM

SKI TRIP – SEVEN SPRINGS RESORT –
1/30/15-2/1/2015 - *FAMILIES WELCOME*

FEBRUARY OUTING – CAMP TUCKAHOE,
PA - 2/13-2/15

SCOUTING FOR FOOD – BAG DROP OFF
3/7, BAG PICK UP 3/14

COURT OF HONOR – 3/11

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL OUTING –
3/20-3/23

BSA Catholic Religious Emblem class forming

Mrs. Pugliese is getting together a **Catholic religious emblem class** that will be starting soon. She currently has two scouts interested, and would like to welcome more scouts to join the class. Please give her a call at 410-313-8191 if you are interested or have any questions about earning the emblem.

Fruit Sale

I hope that everyone had joyful and safe holidays. We have hard deadline approaching fast for January fruit sales and to say the least, we are nowhere near 100 minimal large boxes count that we need to have to place an order. We are at 47 as of this writing. As always, I am hoping that we will make up at least 53 in next 6 days, but just to let you know that if we don't meet 100, we will not be able to place an order and also have to cancel and return all the checks and or payments to the customers. A place where I do not want to go or to think about such happening.

So, if you have some time and you can walk your neighborhood to sell to few customers, it will be marvelous and great. Please see attached January order form. Also, I will at troop garage this Friday (01/02) from 6 PM to 8 PM to collect all the orders you have to turn them in person.

- Mr. Cho

“Did You Know?” – From the desk of Mr. Cho

"Did you know?" if you can't attend an outing due to a scheduling conflict or illness at last minute and if meal planning has not been done or food has not been purchased for the scout or adult, you can get full credit for the outing you paid. In such a situation, you will get the full credit back to your scout account for future use.

Rank Advancements:

Eagle - Justin Cho

Life - Wes Norton

1st Class - Nick Benner

2nd Class - Ethan Tucker

Merit Badges:

Citizenship in the Community - Jake Norton

Collections - Conner Maloney

Computers - Joey Peters

Congratulations Scouts!

Help Wanted!

Troop 615 Chaplain's Assistant – Mrs. Silvia Pugliese is looking for someone to assist her with the religious emblem training. Please contact her if you are interested.

Service Project Coordinator – We are looking for someone that can act as a point of contact for our troop service projects, will organize volunteers and also track service hours for the troop.

Thank You!!

Thank you to **Ms. Botticelli** and **Mr. Benner** for hosting our December Holiday dinner. We really appreciate it!

Thank you also to **Mrs. Farthing** for volunteering to be our new Scouting for Food Coordinator. 2015 Scouting for Food will be on 3/7 (bag drop off) and 3/14 (bag pickup).

Thank you **Mr. Cho** for all your hard work for the Troop 615 Fruit Sale. This sale would not be possible without all your help and commitment!


Scout Brag Box

Troop 615 Scout, **Sam Seliger**, really out did himself with his Bar Mitzvah service project. Sam did extensive fundraising and was able to raise over \$3,000 for his project. With the funds raised, Sam purchased the kits to make 20 prosthetic hands. These hands will be sent to people in need all around the world that are victims of land mine accidents, birth defects, etc. Sam organized over 40+ youth volunteers to assemble the hands as part of his Bar Mitzvah celebration. Great job Sam!



Congratulations to our scouts **Mike Peter** and **Connor Maloney!** Their age 10-12 Columbia Ravens football team finished their season ranked #2 in the state of Maryland. Great job this season!

If you would like to send a shout out to any scout for an accomplishment in or out of scouts, please email the details to Melissa Maloney at Maloney.melissa2@gmail.com.

BSA Troop 615
 **2014-15**
Citrus Sale

A healthy, delicious way
to support Scouting!

Customer Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Pickup date for THIS order: 1/17/2015 (Order deadline: 1/03/2015)	
Donate to food bank? (Please Circle):	Yes No
Selling Scout Name:	

Happy New Year 2015!

Large Boxes (4/5 bushel)			Small Boxes (2/5 bushel)				Bag	Amount Enclosed	Check No. <small>(Pleasible to BSA Troop 615)</small>
40 lb. Florida Navel Orange	40 lb. Ruby Red Grapefruit	40 lb. Minneola Honeybell Tangelo	20 lb. Florida Navel Orange	20 lb. Ruby Red Grapefruit	20 lb. Variety Pack	20 lb. Minneola Honeybell Tangelo	5 lb. Florida Mandarin		
\$40	\$37	\$50	\$22	\$21	\$29	\$29	\$10		
City									

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 Please provide email if available. It helps the troop if we can email future order forms and pickup information directly to you.

Just enter quantities in the form above, and send with your payment payable to "BSA Troop 615". Please send the order to:

BSA Troop 615 c/o Yung Cho
 4509 Tulp Way
 Ellicott City, MD 21043



Pickup date for this order is 1/17/2015 All orders received by deadline will be available at Church of The Resurrection parking lot usually from 9:00 AM – Noon. Pickup date and time are subject to change. For most up to date pickup information, please check our web site: www.bsa615.com or call (410-988-2299) for a recorded message. Questions?, email Yung at 615fruits@gmail.com or phone 410-480-4960. We will not honor your order if payment is not received by the order deadline. We greatly appreciate your order, and thank you for your great support.

Please mark your calendar. We don't want you to miss out on rest of the fundraising dates:

Next Order Deadline	Next Pickup Date
See you in November 2015!	

Great Fruit for a Great Cause from BSA Troop 615!

STAND Training – DUE 3/15/15

For returning volunteers registering for the first time

1. As a returning volunteer, please register as a volunteer at www.shieldthevulnerable.org.
2. Though you are a returning volunteer, you are new to Shield the Vulnerable. Select: **First-Time Signup.z**
3. Select **Catholic Dioceses**.
4. Select **Baltimore Archdiocese**. Then select **Confirm**.
5. You will then see a letter from Archbishop Lori. After reading his letter, select **NEXT**.
6. User Login Data section: You will create your own login-ID and password. Please try to retain this information. You will need it when you need to be rescreened. Once all requested information is completed, select **Next Step**.
7. Affiliation section: Select **Volunteer** as User Type.
8. User Type: **Parish**, Where Located: **Ellicott City**, and Location Name: **Resurrection parish**.
9. If you are working with children (or with a ministry that enters the school like SVDP), select **Substantial contact w/children**. However, if you also will be driving children as part of your volunteer service, then select **Drivers with contact**. If you choose **No Substantial Contact**, you will not see the screens for steps 14-17 below.
10. You will be asked, "Do you volunteer at another location?" If you will be serving at another location, repeat steps 6-8 for that location.
11. Application Info section: You will be asked, "Are you a new volunteer?" Select **No**.
12. Answer the three questions for volunteers/employees and provide three references. Since your references were checked previously, they will not be checked at this time. However, you must complete this field in order to move to the next step. Select, **Next Step**.
13. Summary/Confirm section: Review your information. If it is correct, select **Accept** and then **Confirm Signup**.
14. Background Check Registration/Criminal History Screening: Once you have registered, you will be asked for the date of your last criminal history screening. If you have been screened within the last five years, you should not be rescreened at this time. For your date of screening, please enter the date on your STAND card. If you don't know the date, contact lmclean@res-ec.org.
15. If you have not been screened within the past five years, complete the background check form and authorization. Enter your electronic signature, then choose **I Consent to the Background Check** or **I DO NOT Consent to the Background Check**. (If you do not consent to the renewal of the background check, you may no longer serve as a volunteer who will have substantial contact with children.)
16. Protect the Children: STAND online training: the new policy requires that volunteers with substantial contact with minors, all employees, and all clergy renew this safe environment training (Protect the Children: STAND) every five years. Volunteers who completed training prior to 2009 are required to complete the training by March 31, 2015. You will be required to take the training again when you are scheduled to be rescreened and then once every five years thereafter.
17. Read and answer questions about the newly revised *Code of Conduct for Church Personnel* in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and *A Statement of Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth*.

Any questions, contact Lynne McLean, STAND coordinator, at lmclean@res-ec.org or 410-514-2031.