



Troop 615 News



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Scoutmaster Minute



Good day Scouts and Scout families!

It's now just after Christmas and New Year's, and I wanted to reflect on a few things from this past year.

All the boys that graduated in 2015 earn the rank of Eagle Scout. That's a pretty amazing accomplishment and quite a testament to the boys (and their families) from that Scouting class.

We've had an amazing year of outings! I was bummed that I missed the ski trip this year while recovering from surgery. The February outing was memorable for the cold. I don't believe we've ever had an outing where the truck was so cold that it wouldn't start. March was memorable for being the first outing since our family joined the troop that was cancelled due to weather. Unfortunately, the snow was coming down pretty hard at the times we would have needed to be traveling. April was our first time doing Wilderness Survival at Broadcreek. Doing Wilderness Survival at a different place provided some additional challenges for the boys. The native materials are different at Broadcreek than at Camp Tuckahoe! May was white water rafting and was a hit (as usual) and the food was spectacular. June was a blast kayaking at Tuckahoe State Park. July was another awesome summer camp experience! August was a hoot playing all sorts of sports at Broadcreek (ultimate Frisbee, whiffle ball, full contact gaga, etc.). September was hiking at Washington Monument State Park. The boys had a good time getting some hiking in while Dr. Albuerne hooked up a rotisserie to cook a bunch of chickens over a fire. October was Webelos-O-Ree and was another spectacular event! The pig was amazing and we came home with great memories and two additional Iron Skillet trophies. November was MaizeQuest and included a bit more excitement for the Anderson family than most other outings. December was Iron Chef and games at Broadcreek where the temperatures dipped into the 20s overnight but the sun was out and we were all playing games during the day. Whew!

2016 will be another exciting year for the Troop! We are in the process of getting a crew ready for Philmont and two crews for Sea Base. Both of these high adventure activities take place over the summer. Speaking of summer, it's time to start thinking about and planning for summer camp! There will be requests for forms, payment, and T shirts before you know it. I can't wait!

We've just completed the re-chartering process. Our Troop now has ~ 51 Scouts and another nearly 70 adults registered. Those numbers are down a bit compared to years past. When our family first joined Troop 615, there were 36 Scouts that were part of the first year group! That number provides a contrast for the total number of Scouts from this past incoming class that have re-chartered: 3. So, we're going to be changing our strategies a bit for how we go about recruiting new Scouts. We're going to be holding an open house session on January 27. We'll be inviting the local Cub packs to stop by, visit with the Troop, have their Cubs participate in some cooking instruction and see if Troop 615 is a good fit.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLC (PATROL LEADERS CONFERENCE) MEETINGS

ALL PATROL/ASST PATROL LEADERS, AND THOSE WITH A TROOP POSITIONS NEED TO ATTEND - 1/13, 2/10, 3/9, 4/13 @ 6:30 PM

PARENT MEETINGS

ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND - 1/13, 2/10, 3/9, 4/13 @ 7:00 PM

JANUARY OUTING - SKI OUTING - SEVEN SPRINGS RESORT - 1/29-1/31

SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION

FEBRUARY OUTING - PHILADELPHIA - VISIT TO EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY, DOWNTOWN PHILLY, AND OVERNIGHT ON THE USS NEW JERSEY - 2/20-2/21

MARCH OUTING - WILDERNESS SURVIVAL - 3/11-3/13

Advancements



Rank Advancements:

Connor Maloney - Life

Merit Badges:

Connor Maloney - Scholarship
Jackson Pugliese - Camping

Congratulations Scouts!

Scoutmaster Minute Cont'd

I believe we have a fabulous Troop! Having an opportunity to see our boys in action will provide those Cubs and their parents with a chance to see who we are and what we're about.

I look forward to another spectacular year of Scouting!

Yours in Scouting,

Dr. Anderson

Skiing\Snowboarding Outing

– 1/29-1/31/16

- This outing is open to families!
- The deadline for signing up for this outing is 1/13/16. After that date, as space permits, we will take on a first come first served until 01/22/2016 (1 week before outing).
- The maximum space for lodging is 30 people. Families can opt to arrange for their own lodging as well.
- Please find attached below the Permission Slip, Pricing/Option form and Waiver Form.



Fruit Sale Updates



Congratulations to the top Fruit Sellers so far!

November:

Top sales

- Christopher Borgert (\$50 Visa GC)

Top 2 scouts who brought in the most new customers

- Ray Strozyk (\$25 Visa GC)
- Zachary Haines (\$25 Visa GC)

December:

Top sales

- Christopher Borgert (\$50 Visa GC or S-A credit of same amount)

Top 2 scouts who brought in most new customers

- Ray Strozyk (\$50 Visa GC or S-A credit of the same amount)
- Zachary Haines (\$25 Visa GC or S-A credit of the same amount)

Reminder:

January fruit sale order forms are due on 1/10/16 and the pickup date will be 1/23/16.

Please find the order form attached at the end of this email.

Happy Selling!!



Popcorn Sales Complete!

Winners of the Popcorn Prize Drawings:

Scouts that participated in the Troop 615 Popcorn Sale were entered into a drawing for prizes. The more popcorn the Scout sold the more entries they had in the drawing.

At the End of Year Celebration Dr. Anderson and Timmy Packard alternated drawing the prize winners.

Here are the winners of the 2016 Popcorn Prize Drawings:

Leo Schafer ----- \$ 200 Visa Card

Christopher Borgert -- \$ 100 Visa Card

Jeremy Fox ----- \$ 50 in his Scout Account

Joey Peters ----- \$ 35 fee for a Weekend Camping Trip

Great Job Scouts!

December Outing – Iron Chef/Gaming – 12/4/15-12/6/15

The Iron Chef/Gaming outing was filled with lots of games and tasty food. The scouts quickly went to bed after arriving at the campsite. In the morning the scouts woke up to a bugle call and started cooking breakfast. The scouts either had breakfast sandwiches or pancakes and bacon. When the scouts finished cooking and eating some went to go get fire wood while others stayed back at the camp to set up the video games. There were 2 screens available, 1 which could have 5 players and another that could have 4. The most played game of the outing was Super Smash Bros. The game was played on both screens for the majority of the outing. After lunch some scouts joined in on a Magic tournament that lasted till dinner. For the main course both patrols entered pizza, but the Dutch oven pizza beat the skillet cooked pizza. The winning dessert was a candy cookie entered by the older patrol, while the younger patrol had deep fried Oreos. The scouts were up a bit longer playing games until lights out. On Sunday morning, the scouts tried to get packed up by 9:00 a.m. when the camp inspection came through. They were able to get back to the church by 11:00 a.m.

~ Zack Cherry – Troop 615 Historian



Troop 615 Eagle Badge Counselors

First Aid

- Albuerne, Marcelino*
- Anderson, Bruce
- Howard, Timothy
- Luther, Steve
- Smith, David

Citizenship in the Community

- Anderson, Bruce
- Duesterhaus, Daniel*
- Gattis, David
- Hart, Len
- Howard, Timothy
- Luther, Steve
- Maloney, Dan*
- Smith, David

Citizenship in the Nation

- Anderson, Bruce
- Duesterhaus, Daniel*
- Gattis, David
- Hart, Len
- Howard, Timothy
- Luther, Steve
- Maloney, Dan
- Smith, David

Citizenship in the World

- Anderson, Bruce
- Duesterhaus, Daniel*
- Gattis, David
- Howard, Timothy
- Luther, Steve
- Maloney, Dan
- Smith, David

Communication

- Anderson, Bruce
- Howard, Timothy
- Luther, Nicole
- Luther, Steve
- Maloney, Dan

Cooking

- Anderson, Bruce
- Gattis, David
- Howard, Timothy
- Lizzo, Patti
- Parks, Chris

Personal Fitness

- Anderson, Bruce
- Howard, Timothy
- Luther, Steve
- Maloney, Dan*
- Smith, Charles

Emergency Preparedness (EP) OR Lifesaving (L)

- Anderson, Bruce (EP)
- Gattis, David (EP)
- Howard, Timothy (EP)
- Luther, Steve (EP)

**** no counselors for Lifesaving**

Environmental Science (ES) OR Sustainability (S)

- Anderson, Bruce (ES)
- Howard, Timothy (ES)
- Luther, Steve (ES)
- Parks, Chris (ES)
- Luther, Steve (S)

Personal Management

- Anderson, Bruce
- Gattis, David
- Hart, Len
- Howard, Timothy
- Luther, Nicole
- Luther, Steve
- Parks, Chris

Swimming (S) OR Hiking (H) OR Cycling (C)

- Maloney, Dan (S)
- Anderson, Bruce (H)
- Gattis, David (H)
- Luther, Steve (H)
- Smith, Charles (H)
- Aguilera, Diane (C)
- Harris, Ken (C)
- Luther, Steve (C)
- Smith, Charles (C)

Camping

- Howard, Timothy
- Luther, Steve
- Smith, Charles
- Smith, David

Family Life

- Anderson, Bruce
- Cawthra, Jen
- Gattis, David
- Howard, Timothy
- Luther, Steve
- Maloney, Dan
- Parks, Chris

*Denotes paperwork pending.

If you are interested in becoming a Merit Badge Counselor please contact Patti Lizzo at patti32@comcast.net.

Seven Springs Resort Ski/Snowboarding outing

Dates: 01/29/2016 - 01/31/2016

Name _____

Option chosen _____

3 chalet accommodates up to 30 maximum people. We have not made other accommodation to allow more for the lodging. Please sign up accordingly so you have spot for the lodging.

2 nights (Fri. and Sat.) of group lodging in Chalet
 2 meals on Saturday for buffet type Breakfast and Dinner, and
 shared transportation/fuel cost are included in the \$135.00 below.

If you would like to ski or snowboard on Sunday, all expenses are on your own. The equipment or lesson costs below are for Saturday only. Troop will provide cash of \$15 per person for Saturday Lunch.

Please feel free to bring your own equipment to reduce the cost for this trip.

Whether you bring your own helmet or rent from the resort, this is a MUST have equipment and BSA mandatory to participate in skiing or snowboarding.

	Group lodging, meals, and transportation	Helmet Rental (Per Day)	Ski Rental (Per Day)	Snowboard Rental (Per Day)	Lift Ticket (Per Day)	Group Lesson (Per 2 hours)	Private Lesson (Per Hour)	Total
Option	\$135.00	\$5.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$61.00	\$53.00		
1	x							\$135.00
2	x	x	x		x			\$241.00
3	x	x	x		x	x		\$294.00
4	x	x		x	x			\$241.00
5	x	x		x	x	x		\$294.00
Custom***								

***For the Custom, please mark "x" in the items of your choice, add the cost of items chosen, and place the total.

Driver name _____ Able to transport how many passengers? _____

Payment: Check Cash Scout Account

Date received: _____ Received by: _____

Troop 615 Activity: 2016-01 Skiing/snowboarding trip to 7 Springs Resort

Activity: **Skiing/Snowboarding** at **Seven Springs, PA** Dates: **1/29/2016** to **1/31/2016**
 Departure: **At 5:30 PM** Return: **At 2:30 PM**
Friday Evening on 1/29/2016 **Sunday Afternoon on 1/31/2016**

Emergency Contact Person: **Bruce Anderson/Yung Cho** Phone: **410-979-0008 (Bruce) / 443-760-8891 (Yung)**

Site Name and Number: **Seven Springs Mountain Resort** Cost: **Varies based upon the options**

Return the above information and return the form below with any cost by: **1/13/2016**

Troop 615 Activity Permission Slip

Activity: **Skiing/Snowboarding** at **Seven Springs, PA** from **1/29/2016** to **1/31/2016**

In consideration of the benefits to be derived and in view of the fact that Boy Scouts of America is an educational institution, membership in which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and well being of my Scout son(s)/ ward(s) namely: _____ on the activity named above, I agree to his participation and waive all claims against the leaders of this trip, officers, agents, and representatives of the Boy Scouts of America and the sponsor. In the event of an emergency, the Troop leader of the activity named above has my permission to obtain medical treatment for this Scout at the nearest hospital or doctor at my expense, if our own doctor is not readily available and as restricted on the Emergency Data Sheet on file with the Troop.

Please Note: Each Scout will need meal money for three meals (Friday supper, Sunday breakfast and lunch).

_____/_____/_____-_____-_____- () Yes, I will attend this activity
(Signature of parent or guardian (Date) (Emergency Phone #) with my son(s). # _____ Adults

This Scout is highly allergic or sensitive: _____
 What, if any, medication is this Scout taking? _____
 Special instructions for this medication: _____

Do you want the activity leader to carry the medication? **Yes () No ()**

Date of last tetanus shot/booster? ____/____/____

I can drive: _____ Number of Passengers: _____

Name of Adult Attending: _____

Medical Insurance Information

Company: _____ Emergency No. _____ - _____ - _____

Policy No: _____ Control No. if group Policy: _____

Use the back of this form to alert the activity leaders of any additional information and explanation of any problems.

I am available to drive boys to the camp and/or pick up. Yes () No ()

Paid on _____ by: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Scout Account _____

Received by: _____



STUDENT AGREEMENT/PARENTAL PERMISSION & CONSENT FORM

STUDENTS NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

STUDENTS ADDRESS: _____ PHONE _____

TRIP LEADER: _____ GROUP NAME: _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

While participating in this ski trip, I accept full responsibility for maintaining good conduct, and I will follow the direction of the chaperone/trip leader, the rules of the resort and any state laws. I understand that curfews may be imposed and that no alcoholic beverages and /or illegal drugs or narcotics are permitted. If I am found in possession of/or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, I understand that fines and / or arrest may result, that my parents will be notified and arrangements made for my immediate transportation home. I am aware that skiing / snowboarding is an inherently dangerous sport carrying significant risk of personal injury. I know that there are natural and man-made obstacles or hazards, surface and environmental conditions, and risk which in combination with my actions can cause me very severe or occasionally fatal injury.

Aware of the risks and willing to assume them, I hereby waive, release and agree to hold harmless Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Inc., its employees, agents, officers, and directors from any and all claims by me for any liability, injury loss or damage in any way connected with my participation in the sport of skiing. I intend for this waiver and release to also apply to any relatives, personal representatives, heirs, beneficiaries, next of kin or assigns who might pursue any legal actions or claim on my behalf.

X _____
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE DATE

PARENTAL PERMISSION & CONSENT

I give permission for my child to attend the above described ski trip knowing that I accept responsibility for his/her actions at all times. I understand and agree that the trip leader, chaperones, trip organizer and Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Inc., do not assume any responsibility or liability form any injury my child may sustain. I am aware that skiing is an inherently dangerous sport carrying significant risk of personal injury. I know that there are natural and man-made obstacles or hazards, surface and environmental conditions, and risk which in combination with my child's' actions can cause very severe or occasionally fatal injury.

Aware of the risk and willing to assume them, I hereby waive, release and agree to hold harmless Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Inc., its employees, agents, officers, and directors from any and all claims by me for any liability, injury, loss or damage in any way connected with my child's participation in the sport of skiing. I intend for this waiver and release to also apply to any relatives, personal representatives, heirs, beneficiaries, next of kin or assigns who might pursue any legal actions or claim on my behalf. I agree that all disputes arising under this Release or from my use of the facilities at Seven Springs shall be litigated exclusively in the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and decided under Pennsylvania law.

X _____
PARENTS SIGNATURE DATE PHONE NUMBER

CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT & CHILD'S MEDICAL INFORMATION

I, _____, _____ consent and agree to the emergency medical
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD

treatment for the well being of _____
CHILD'S NAME

In case of emergency, please notify additional family contact (i.e., grandparent, uncle, aunt):

NAME PHONE NUMBER RELATIONSHIP

NAME PHONE NUMBER RELATIONSHIP

X _____
PARENTS SIGNATURE DATE



BSA Troop 615

2015-16

Citrus Sale

A healthy, delicious way to support Scouting!

Customer Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Pickup date:	01/23/2016 (Order deadline:01/10/2016)
Donate to food bank? (Please Circle):	Yes No
Selling Scout Name:	

Happy New Year 2016!

Large Boxes (4/5 bushel)			Small Boxes (2/5 bushel)				Bag	Amount Enclosed	Check No. <small>(Payable to 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			
\$41	\$38	\$55	\$22	\$21	\$29	\$30			

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

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



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

Pickup date for this order is 01/23/2016. All orders received by deadlines will be available at the 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 2016!	

Great Fruits for a Great Cause from BSA Troop 615!