



Troop 615 News



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Scout Master Minute

Change is a constant in life...and we've experienced a major change in the Troop. Matt Vook has completed his assignment as SPL and now Tommy Reese steps in to lead the Troop. After the change of leadership, the Scouts participate in an event called Youth Leadership Training (YLT). The YLT is designed to provide Scouts with tools necessary to help them to figure out how things like how to effectively run patrol meetings, how to plan for meals on outings, how to work together effectively as a team. Scouts are starting in new leadership positions in the Troop, so we're going to be spending time with the Scouts on exactly what's needed to be successful in those positions. In addition, there are elements of YLT that are intended to help the boys grow and mature as young men (e.g., conflict resolution).

While YLT is required for all Scouts that have leadership positions in the Troop and for Scouts at or above First Class, it is open and available for all Scouts. This Sat, we will be meeting in the Church cafeteria for YLT. The meeting starts at 9AM.

In order to be ready for the meeting, Scouts should **arrive by 8:50**. Scouts should bring a pen and paper, a water bottle, and \$5 to help cover lunch.

The YLT will end at ~2:45.

YIS, Dr. Anderson

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

"Did you know" how the \$20 we collected for food on an outing was spent? Well, the majority goes to the food itself (\$17 to be exact, for both scout and adult alike). Now how does the other \$3 get used? \$1 goes into the campership. I will discuss about that in the future "Did you know". The other \$2 is spent on or reserved for things that are needed for common items used on the outings such as Dutch oven liners, aluminum foil, charcoal, paper towels, dish soap, bleach, etc. So, when you are the Grubmaster for any outing, you can maximize your food and not spend money on these common items. Happy Outings!

Thank you Volunteers!

I wanted to give a shout out to some terrific volunteers who have recently stepped up to fill some key positions. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Surender Sharma – Webmaster

David Smith – Equipment Coordinator

Mary Botticelli – Hospitality

Ken Harris – Roundtable Delegate

Dan Maloney & David Gattis – Fruit Sale Coordinators (I did not make them do it!)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLC (PATROL LEADERS

CONFERENCE) MEETINGS

ALL PATROL AND ASSISTANT PATROL

LEADERS NEED TO ATTEND

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO

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

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (YLT)

– 9/27, 8:50AM-2:45PM (SCOUTS IN

LEADERSHIP ROLES ARE REQUIRED TO

ATTEND)

BACKPACKING TRIP – 10/3-10/5

WEBELOS-O-REE – CAMP SAFFRAN –

FAMILIES WELCOME - 10/17-10/19

RE-CHARTER FORMS & FEES DUE -

11/5 (FORMS ATTACHED)

C&O CANAL BIKING/HIKING – MAPLE

TREE CAMPGROUND – ROHRERSVILLE,

MD - 11/7-11/9

SERVICE PROJECT – SETUP/TEAR

DOWN FOR THE CATHOLIC

DAUGHTERS CRAFT SHOW – 11/22 &

11/23

SERVICE PROJECT – JINGLE BELL

RUN – CENTENNIAL PARK – 12/6

Help Wanted!



Troop Secretary – Attend Monthly Committee meetings. Take notes and send out to the troop.

Service Project

Coordinator – Act as a point of contact for Troop 615 service projects. Recruit scouts to serve. Report service hours.

September Outing – Maize Quest – 9/19-9/21

It was a dark and stormy night...well, no; it was a beautiful and fun filled weekend! The outing was fabulous. Most families arrived at the site around 8:45 PM on Friday. We set up camp directly adjacent to a corn field, along the tractor path for the Maize Quest wagon tours.

Saturday started off a bit foggy, but the fog burned off by ~ 9 AM. The boys got breakfast ready, got ready for the day, and headed to the park around 10 AM. Maize Quest has a large corn maze (this year, the theme was "007: James Bond") as well as a bamboo maize. The bamboo maize has several different routes that you can take. At each check point in the maze, there are different color pots that are there as part of a personality test. The idea is to dip a finger into each of the colors that you come to, then once you emerge from the maze, compare which color you placed on what finger with a large print out with ALL the various options for color on fingers to determine your personality. Of course, some of the Scouts ended up with some color on places other than (or in addition to) their fingers.

The boys came back to camp for lunch. After lunch, most Scouts went back to the mazes. A cohort of Scouts stayed back at camp for a bit and learned about light weight stove cooking from Mr. Gattis. They made some backpacking mac n cheese and got requirements for Second Class checked.

The boys came back to start getting ready for dinner around 5 PM. One patrol made ~ 10 lbs of french fries to go along with their bacon cheeseburgers! Another patrol made chicken fettuccine for the main course, and then deep fried Oreos for dessert. After getting dinner and cleaning up, a group of Scouts went back to the mazes for some night maze fun. A group of Scouts decided they wanted to hang back at camp and get a fire going. Some other Scouts were just tuckered out from running around all day and they just relaxed at camp after dinner.

Sunday was foggy! Unfortunately, all the gear was wet from the fog. Once we arrived back at the church, all the tents and canopies got stretched out in the parking lot to dry. By that time, the sun was out and the parking lot was warm. Everything dried and got put away for next month: Webelos-O-Ree!

Thanks to Mr. Pierre for taking pictures of the outing! Check them out at this link:

<http://troop615.smugmug.com/Maize-Quest-2014/i-Zk5Hx2F/A>

Dr. Anderson



Pictures courtesy of Mr. Gattis

Reminders from the Activities Coordinators

I would like to thank Len Hart and Brady Schafer, our Troop 615 Activities Coordinators. Let me tell you this is a tough job! After the SPCs (Semi-Annual Planning Conferences), Len and Brady go to work trying to make the outings happen for the boys. This requires a lot of research and many phone calls and emails to find proper accommodations for the troop and book fun activities for the boys. Many times this is a moving target with things constantly changing.

Here is what you can do to help! This goes for Program Staff too!

1. Adhere to the deadlines. Permission slips for upcoming outings are sent out 3 weeks ahead of time. Outing deadlines usually close 8 days prior to departure. This allows enough time to confirm the number of participants on the outing, arrange for payment for accommodations, work out the transportation plan, submit a BSA tour permit and also do meal planning and shopping.
2. Submit your payment with your permission slip. Tracking down missing payments takes a lot of time for Mr. Cho.
3. Make sure you have updated health forms submitted (adults & scouts). Ms. Cawthra will contact you if you don't!
4. Volunteer to Drive. Oftentimes we do not have enough drivers to get scouts to and from outings.
5. If you need to drop out of an outing please notify Len and Brady as soon as possible. Please understand that refunds are not always possible if we have already pre-paid for a facility/activity. If a replacement is found for you then your fee will be refunded.

Popcorn Reminders

Hi All -

The popcorn Show-n-Sells are completed and we received about \$2600 in popcorn and donation money! I am asking that scouts turn in their order forms and money by Wednesday, October 8th. If anyone thinks they will be selling beyond that date, please contact me to make arrangements. Keep up the good work! - Mrs. Borgert

Merit Badge Library

Connor Maloney, Troop 615 Librarian, is asking for merit badge books to be donated to the troop in order to update our library. Our library is very out of date with many books from the 60's and 70's!

Go to this link to see if your books are the most current versions. <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/mbbooks.asp>

Also, please let Connor know if there are any books you are interested in! Thank you!

Rank Advancements:

Tenderfoot - Zachary Cherry, Trevor Moore, Ethan Tucker, Shepard Stevens

2nd Class - Michael Peter, Zachary Vook

1st Class - Samuel Farthing, Zachary Vook

Star - Wyatt Currie, Brendan Rice

Life - Isaac Luther, Joey Peters

Merit Badges:

Basketry - Ryan Gattis

Canoeing - Ryan Gattis

Citizenship in the Nation - Jack Cumming

Cooking - Tyler Hart

Family Life - Jake Norton

Game Design - Joey Peters, Tyler Lizzo

First Aid - Connor Maloney

Kayaking - Ryan Gattis

Oceanography - Scott Anderson

Orienteering - Ryan Gattis

Rowing - Ryan Gattis

Scuba Diving - Isaac Luther

Shotgun Shooting - Ryan Gattis

Truck Transportation - Leo Schafer

Wilderness Survival - Ryan Gattis, Tyler Lizzo, Joey Peters

Woodcarving - Liam MacKinnon

Congratulations!

Adult Re-Charter Form

Please complete **ALL INFORMATION BELOW** if you are "re-chartering. Youth Protection is required for re-chartering purposes and to attend all Troop 615 outings/trips. Please submit this form with a copy of your Youth Protection Certificate to confirm your current status, along with the necessary membership fee (check made payable to Troop 615).

2015 Adult Fee \$36.00.

Name: _____ DOB _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Health Form on File: Y / N (required for outings)

Insurance: _____ Policy #: _____

Emergency Contacts(s) _____

Car Insurance: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE EVERY ITEM BELOW

<u>Vehicle(s) - year/make/model</u>	<u>#/Seat Belts</u>	<u>Lic Plate #</u>	<u>Insurance (in thousands)</u>		
			<u>Per Person</u>	<u>Per Accident</u>	<u>Property</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Boy Scout Troop 615 Directory- PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION BELOW

I agree to have the following information included in the troop directory:

Name

Phone Number: **(Circle)** Home Cell Both

Email

Signature

Date

Scout Re-Chartering Form

Please complete only if you are "re-chartering." Please complete **ALL** information.

2015 Scout Fee: \$144 per scout \$120 (each additional sibling)
Please make your check payable to "Troop 615" and attach to this form.

Name: _____ Patrol _____

DOB _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Health Form on File: Y / N Insurance: _____ Policy #: _____

Emergency Contacts(s) _____

Father _____ Mother _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Cell _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Email _____

Boy Scout Troop 615 Directory – Please complete all information below.

I agree to have the following scout information included in the troop directory.

Name

Phone Number: **(Circle)** Home Cell Both

Email

Parent Signature