



Troop 615 News



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Scoutmaster Minute



It's now well into March and things are hopping in the Troop! We have Scouting for Food happening as well as Wilderness Survival Outing and a Philmont shakedown outing. Last weekend, we finished a busy weekend of Blue and Gold cooking as well as the finals for the Chili Cook Off. It's going to stay busy for the next several months leading up to summer camp 2016. Get ready!

While everyone is busy with work, school, baseball, soccer, swimming, theater, and all of the other activities that are taking place in everyone's lives, it's good to remember that we're ALL involved in multiple things! Every once in a while, something doesn't get done on time (like the newsletter...my apologies!). Occasionally, you might run into someone that is really feeling the pressure of everything that needs to get done...someone who has been pulled in a lot of directions all at the same time. Be aware that everyone is over-committed, be aware that there are multiple factors that can influence how people react and respond. You may not realize that the person with whom you strike up a routine conversation may not share that they're very worried about how they are going to care for their elderly mother, or that they just got some medical tests back that are preliminary, but don't look good. Be aware that sometimes you might run into someone that just needs a little bit of time, a little bit of good humor, an opportunity to talk about what's happening, or maybe just a hug. That's one of the joys of being part of a community. People look out for one another and offer to help in whatever way they can. That's one of the amazing things about the people in this community in this Troop: they jump in to help, they're ready to listen, and they just step up when they need to do so and sometimes even to offer a hug.

YIS,

Dr. Anderson

Howard County Cub Scout Day Camp



The Howard County Cub Scout Day Camp will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on June 20th – June 24th.

Boy Scouts can volunteer at the Day Camp, which is a great way for Scouts to have fun, reach out to the community and provide a great service to our fellow scouts. Scouts, what could be better than spending a week this summer with your friends and have the opportunity to shoot BB guns and do archery? Mom and Dad -- this might appeal to you -- camp for a week for \$25.00, cheapest gig in town!

Boy Scout Training – June 18th 12:00 PM in sheep building or June 19th in the main hall. For Registration and more information: <http://www.npdaycamp.com/npdc/>.

Mrs. Teresa Vook is our Troop Howard County Cub Scout Day Camp Coordinator. Please contact her teresateacher@hotmail.com if you are interested.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLC (PATROL LEADERS

CONFERENCE) MEETINGS

ALL PATROL/ASST PATROL LEADERS, AND THOSE WITH A TROOP POSITIONS NEED TO ATTEND – 4/13, 5/11, 6/8 @ 6:30 PM

PARENT MEETINGS

ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND - 4/13, 5/11, 6/8 @ 7:00 PM

MARCH OUTING – WILDERNESS

SURVIVAL/CAMPING MERIT BADGE – CAMP TUCKAHOE – 3/11-3/13

SCOUTING FOR FOOD BAG

DISTRIBUTION – 3/12

SCOUTING FOR FOOD BAG PICKUP –

3/19

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (YLT)

– 3/19

APRIL OUTING – ADVENTUREE –

BROADCREEK – 4/22-4/24

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION DUE

DATE – 4/27

5TH ANNUAL BULL PORK ROAST – 5/14

– SEE ATTACHED FLYER – **TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR SALE NOW!**

MAY OUTING – WHITE WATER RAFTING –

5/20-5/22

WE REMEMBER – 5/27

JUNE OUTING – FIREARMS - 6/3-6/5

PHILMONT – 7/15-7/27

SUMMER CAMP – OCKANICKON 7/17-7/23

AUGUST OUTING – GUPPY GULCH –

8/5-8/7

ECO ADVENTURE SEA BASE – 8/12-

8/18

ST. THOMAS SEA BASE – 8/14-8/20

Rank Advancements:

Ray Strozyk - 2nd Class
Zach Cherry - Star
Liam MacKinnon - Star
Jack Cumming - Life

Merit Badges:

Zach Cherry - Personal Fitness
Matthew Harris - Family Life
Jacob Kempic - Citizenship in the World

Congratulations Scouts!



Scouting for Food

Please sign up for Scouting for Food at this Sign Up Genius link:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0949aaaf229-scouting>

Scouting for Food 2016 is being held on Saturday, March 12, for bag distribution and Saturday, March 19 for food collection and delivery to food pantries in Howard County. As in previous years, Troop 615 has been assigned to collect food donations in the Valley Meade neighborhood. We are in need of adults to drive scouts and scouts to distribute bags and pick up food. Please consider volunteering your time for this worthy cause. Scouts will earn service hours.



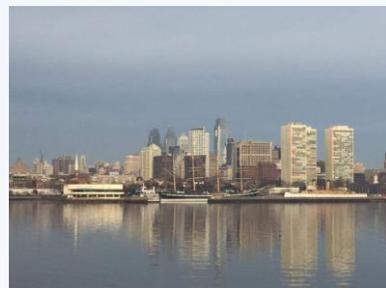
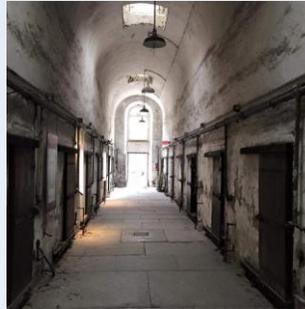
Scout Sunday

Several scouts and families enjoyed **Scout Sunday** at the Church of the Resurrection on Sunday, 2/7/16. Leo Schafer, Ryan Gattis and Zack Cherry participated in the mass and were honored to receive their Religious emblems. All 3 scouts and Mrs. Pugliese also received a special medal for the Catholic faith. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our scouts and participating in the services. Following the mass, everyone enjoyed a nice brunch in the church hall. Thank you to Mr. Benner & Ms. Botticelli for organizing the brunch! Thanks to Mrs. Pugliese for leading scouts as our Troop Chaplain.



February Outing – Philadelphia – 2/20-2/21

The Philadelphia outing had many fun and interesting moments. The scouts arrived Saturday morning at the Eastern State Penitentiary instead of Friday night. The scouts toured the Penitentiary in two groups and they were able to go in several cells and unlock a cell as well. After the tour, the scouts drove to Sonny's, which was the cheese steak place where we ate. After the scouts left the line for Sonny's went out of the restaurant and into the open air. The scouts then walked to Independence Hall and the place where the Liberty Bell is stored now. After that, the scouts walked to get ice cream at a famous place with a line snaking all the way around the block. After getting Ice cream the scouts drove to the huge battleship New Jersey which is the most decorated battleship in the U.S. Navy. The scouts were fed dinner on the battleship before going on a tour throughout the entire battleship showing the inside of the turrets, the cabins for officers and the war room. The scouts went to bed at 2300 hours planning to wake up at 0730 in the morning. The scouts woke up, got packed and got ready to lead the flag ceremony and eat breakfast. After the scouts ate, they got their gear before walking onto the pier for a military themed Interfaith Service. After the Interfaith Service the scouts walked to the parking garage where they got in their cars and left back for Ellicott City MD. ~ Zack Cherry – Troop 615 Historian



Health Forms Needed



The BSA requires all boy scouts to have a completed health form on file and to update the form annually. Updated health forms are due by Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Please provide 2 copies of each page of the health form and a copy of both sides of your health insurance card. It is recommended that you make a copy of the forms for your records.

If scouts are planning to attend Boy Scout summer camp, Parts A, B and C of the health form must be completed. Note: Part C requires the signature of a physician so consider scheduling physicals now or dropping off the form for the physician to complete.

If scouts are not planning to attend Boy Scout summer camp, only Parts A and B need to be completed. No physician signature is required.

The health form is located on the Troop 615 web site: <http://www.bsa615.com/documents/forms/> and there is a helpful guide available to help minimize errors and omissions. The guide is located on the Troop 615 web site: <http://www.bsa615.com/documents/forms/>

Please give completed forms to Jennifer Cawthra.

Sea Base 2017



Troop 615 has the opportunity to send a crew on the Sea Base St. Thomas adventure from Sunday, August 13, 2017 to Saturday, August 19, 2017.

The Sea Base St. Thomas adventure will allow scouts to travel to the tropics and experience the allure of the Virgin Islands. Here the trade winds blow and the territories of St. Thomas and St. John offer some of the best sailing and snorkeling in the Caribbean. Scouts will sail aboard a 41+ foot yacht with an experienced captain and will visit the area around the islands of St. Thomas and St. John. They will snorkel the crystal blue waters and discover the underwater wilderness that lies below the surface. They will visit the Virgin Islands National Park, a 7,000 acre facility on the island of St. John, where they can explore, hike, enjoy the beach and fish. All crews will participate in a one-half day service project while in the park. No passport required.

The crew is 6 to 8 people where at least half of the crew must be youths and at least 2 members must be adults. To be a crew member, you must meet the following eligibility requirements.

- Must be currently registered with the BSA
- **Minimum age is 13 years old - as of August 12, 2017**
- Must pass a BSA swim test in a strong manner
- All participants must be less than 295 lbs.
- Must have a current BSA Health & Medical Record, signed by a physician
- All adults must be trained in Wilderness First Aid and CPR
- All adults must have current youth Protection Training, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat

Sea Base can accommodate food restrictions.

The cost of the adventure is \$6,650 which will be divided evenly amongst the crew members. (For example, if there are 8 crew members, the cost per person is \$831.25.) There are additional costs including the airfare to/from St. Thomas and spending money. Airfare is estimated to be \$700 round trip per person.

For Sea Base 2016, we were able to accommodate all who wanted to go. Hopefully that will be the case in 2017. However, if it turns out that there is more demand than available spots; preference will be given as follows:

- Those who are not going on a Sea Base adventure in 2016
- Older scouts (based on birth date)
- Higher ranking scouts (based on rank advancement date)

If the opposite is true - there are not enough Troop 615 members to form a crew; those who meet the eligibility requirements from other troops may be included. If there are still not enough members to form a crew, then the reservation will be cancelled and we'll try again for 2018. If interested, contact Jennifer Cawthra, popoki@comcast.net. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

THE 5th ANNUAL
BULL-PORK ROAST

Sponsored By:

**SPONSORSHIPS
ARE
AVAILABLE**



**BUFFET STYLE
ALL YOU CARE
TO EAT**
(on premises)

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

3175 Paulskirk Drive, Ellicott City, MD

Single ticket: \$30 in advance or \$45 at the door
Table of 8: \$220 | Table of 10: \$270 (*in advance*)

Door Opens 5:30PM

Food Service 6:00-9:00PM

Final Prizes Announced 8:45 PM

**MUSIC
SILENT AUCTION
50/50 RAFFLE
DOOR PRIZES**

**Proceeds To Benefit:
Boy Scout Troop 615
Church of the Resurrection**

**CARRY OUT
AVAILABLE
\$15/PLATE**
(reservation preferred)

Email: BPRTix@gmail.com | Phone: 410-992-7723 (Dan) | www.facebook.com/FriendsofTroop615

MENU

Baltimore Pit Beef • Smoked BBQ Pork • Cuban Roast Pig on a Spit • Memphis BBQ Chicken
4 BBQ Sauces & Mr. Cho's Special Sauce • Troop 615 Award-Winning Chili • Sweet Corn
Deluxe Mac & Cheese • Mashed Potatoes & Peppercorn Gravy • Deluxe Hot Dog Bar
Ms. Teresa's Spinach Salad • Romaine Garden Salad • Green Beans • Horseradish Cole Slaw
Decadent Chocolate Brownies • Apple Crisp a la mode • Gluten-Free and non-meat options
Free Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Water • Wine, Beer and Sodas for purchase

Absolutely No Outside Drinks Allowed

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Contributions to this organization may be tax-deductible, consult with your tax advisor.

2016 Ockanickon Summer Camp Registration Form

***** Camp Dates: July 17 (Sun) – July 23 (Sat) *****

Troop 615 will be going to summer camp at Ockanickon Scout Reservation
in beautiful Bucks County, Pennsylvania. www.ockanickon.org

Complete the form below, and then give the bottom portion along with your payment (checks payable to Troop 615)
to one of the following adult leaders:

Jill Reese or Shura Shontz, Summer Camp Coordinators, or Yung Cho
OR MAIL TO: Jill Reese at 2735 Dunleer Road, Ellicott City 21042

Scout Health forms will be due in early June 2016 – so get those physicals scheduled NOW.
Camp T-shirts and Camp Photos will be ordered at a future date for an additional (small) fee.

Payment Type	Amount
Cash	\$
Check # _____	\$
Scout Account (Check with Yung Cho for current balance)	\$
Total =	\$

Please retain this upper section for your records.

Please submit this lower section along with your payment (payable to Troop 615).

2016 Ockanickon Summer Camp Registration Form

***** Camp Dates: July 17 (Sun) – July 23 (Sat) *****

Scout: _____

Summer Camp Fees

Rate	Camp Fee	Due Date
Special Discounted	\$415	02/24/2016
Regular	\$435	04/27/2016
Late	\$455	05/25/2016
Webelos Crossover	\$415	05/25/2016

Payment Type	Amount
Cash	\$
Check # _____	\$
Scout Account	\$
Total =	\$

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

DIRECTIONS:

1. Please **PRINT** all information. Parent and/or guardian must complete **ALL** information on **BOTH SIDES** of this form.

2. Applications should be mailed to: WASHINGTON CROSSING COUNCIL, B.S.A.
ONE SCOUT WAY
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901-4890

3. Completion of this form DOES NOT automatically guarantee a camp scholarship. Scholarships are made, first on the basis of need and second, on the basis of funds available.

4. Scholarship applicants must be attending a Washington Crossing Council, BSA summer resident camp during the upcoming summer season.

5. The maximum amount of scholarship funds granted is 50% of the total camp fee. A granted scholarship in the applicant's name that is not used cannot be used in a subsequent year.

6. Approved applicants will be notified in writing.

7. All applications must be submitted by April 1st, 2016

PACK #: _____ TROOP #: _____ COUNCIL: _____ DISTRICT: _____

UNIT CHARTERED TO: _____ Date of Application: ____ / ____ / ____

1. APPLICANT'S NAME _____ AGE: _____

2. ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: ____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: (____) ____ - ____

3. DATES ATTENDING CAMP: From: ____ / ____ / ____ To: ____ / ____ / ____

4. CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP

5. Has the applicant attended a Washington Crossing Council Summer Camp before? YES NO

6. Has the applicant received a camp scholarship previously? YES NO

7. Reason for the scholarship request:

- Parent(s) or Guardian(s) currently unemployed
- Extreme illness in immediate family, with accompanying financial burdens
- Large, immediate family size with minimal income
- Other, Explain: _____

8. TOTAL CAMP FEE _____ \$ _____

9. Family's share of camp fee _____ \$ _____ (Required – cannot equal zero)

10. Share of camp fee from the unit _____ \$ _____ (Required – cannot equal zero)

11. Share of camp fee from other source _____ \$ _____

12. Amount requested from the Camp Scholarship Fund _____ \$ _____ (**MAXIMUM** grant is 50% of the total camp fee)

13. UNIT LEADER'S NAME: _____ Phone: (____) ____ - ____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: ____ ZIP: _____

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

APPLICANT APPROVED: _____	DATE: ____ / ____ / ____
HOLD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: _____	DATE: ____ / ____ / ____
APPLICATION NOT APPROVED: _____	DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICED MEALS SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

PDE-3790A (1/93)

SPONSOR NAME: Washington Crossing Council, Boy Scouts of America

To apply for free and reduced- priced meals for your child, carefully complete, sign and return this application to the sponsor. If you need help with this form please call this telephone number: 215-348-7205 (Washington Crossing Council Service Center).

1. NAME OF CHILD: _____
Last Name First Age

2. FOSTER CHILD In certain cases foster children are eligible for benefits regardless of your household income. If you are applying for a foster child, contact the sponsor for Instructions. Complete Part 4 for the foster child only.

3. HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING FOOD STAMPS OR AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN

If you are NOW receiving food stamps or AFDC for THIS child, you may give your food stamp case number or AFDC number. If you complete Part 3, do not complete Part 4. THE APPLICATION MUST HAVE THE PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF AN ADULT.

YES, I received food stamps or AFDC for this child this month and want Summer Food Service Program meals. Food Stamp Case Number _____
 or
 AFDC Case Number _____

4. ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS

If you did not give a food stamp case number or AFDC number; you MUST complete the following information and sign the application or your application can not be approved.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: List the names of everyone living in your house hold: Include yourself and the child listed above. If you need more space, use a separate sheet of paper.

INCOME: List all income received last month on the same line with the person who received it. You must list gross income BEFORE deductions for taxes social security, etc. List each amount under the correct title. The sponsor will total the monthly income.

LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS		MONTHLY INCOME				
Name (Last, First)	Age	Monthly Earnings from Work (Before Deductions)		Monthly Welfare Payments, Child Support, Alimony	Monthly Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	All Other Income Received Last Month
		Job 1	Job 2			
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						
7.						
8.						

PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESNETATION: I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that sponsor officials may verify the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal laws. An adult MUST sign the application before it can be approved.

 Signature of Adult Printed Name of Adult

 Home Address

 Date Signed Home Telephone Work Telephone

Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act requires that, unless your child's food stamp or AFDC case number is provided, you much include the social security number of the adult household member signing the application, or an indication that the household member does not possess a social security number. You do not have to give social security numbers, but if you refuse your child cannot receive free or reduced-priced meals. The social security numbers may be used to identify you for verifying the information you report on this application. If incorrect information is discovered, a loss of benefits or legal action may occur.

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Determination: Eligible Ineligible To figure Monthly Income:
 Signature of Determining Official: _____ Weekly x 4.33 Biweekly x 2.15 Twice a month x 2= _____

It's important to realize the major differences between a traditional travel insurance policy and a summer program insurance policy.



THINGS TO KNOW WHEN BUYING SUMMER CAMP INSURANCE

Summer camp is a time for enrichment and activity for your child. Don't let a "what if" ruin your investment.

- 1 WORDING** It seems simple, but when researching insurance, look for policies that specifically mention "program."
- 2 EXPERIENCE & RELIABILITY** Be sure you work with a reliable provider who has years of experience insuring summer program participants.
- 3 CLAIMS PAYMENT HISTORY** Money talks. Work with a provider that has a proven track record of paying claims to summer program families.
- 4 HOMESICKNESS** Most children feel homesick when they're at camp. Parents should select summer program insurance plans that do not have any psychological exclusion.
- 5 SPORTS EXCLUSIONS** Sports are an integral part of many summer camp programs. You'll want a plan that includes coverage for recreational sports.
- 6 EPIDEMIC EXCLUSIONS** Many travel insurance plans exclude coverage for epidemics and pandemics. Be sure to purchase a plan that covers these types of outbreaks.
- 7 CANCEL FOR ANY REASON** Traditional travel insurance plans will only offer this coverage if it is purchased within two-weeks of initial deposit. Pick a plan that allows families to obtain cancel for any reason coverage as long as the insurance is purchased before the final payment for the program is made.
- 8 MEDICAL EXPENSES** Many medical providers utilized at a summer program are often considered out of network by a family's health insurance plan. Summer Program insurance can supplement a family's health insurance plan.
- 9 PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS** Most generic travel insurance plans will only waive a pre-existing condition if the plan is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Summer program-specific plans often allow families to waive a pre-existing condition as long as the insurance is purchased before the final payment for the program is made.
- 10 U.S. AND NON U.S. RESIDENT** International participants at your summer camp can make for memorable friendships. Be sure to work with a provider who can cover participants worldwide.

Researching more about these plans and asking questions of the provider will help parents have more confidence when making the investment in a summer program for their children. Families should always review any specific summer program insurance plan before purchasing.

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See available coverage at www.aplusplans.com
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