



Troop 615 News



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Scoutmaster Minute



Good day Scout families! It's now mid-October, the leaves are changing (despite the 80+ degree temperatures today!), and we're getting ready for the annual Webelos-O-Ree outing (WoR)! WoR is one of my favorite outings. For many years, WoR took place on what seemed to be the wettest and nastiest weekend of the year. We've been very fortunate that the site we've been in (Pioneer) has stayed relatively well drained. At other camp sites, I've seen rivers of water running through camp and even through individual's tents. This year, the forecast looks promising. However, that doesn't mean it's OK to not bring rain gear or to not pack for cooler temperatures. That doesn't mean you can set up tents anywhere that's convenient. Being prepared means having the gear necessary to be warm and dry no matter what the weather. Being prepared means thinking about the site where you set up your tent so that you don't end up with a river running through it, making sure it's set up properly and that the fly is pitched correctly. Those little things can that can make a big difference in whether you are warm and dry or cold and wet.

WoR is not only a lot of fun, it's also one of the main ways that rising Scouts get a chance to meet with the Troop and find out if this Troop is one that might be worthwhile to join. We will be cooking a pig again this year as a way of marketing the Troop and showing our interest and ability to cook good food, even while in the woods. For those that are going to be attending, bring a healthy appetite! We're also going to be inviting our neighbors from Pack 461 (the pack based at the St. Paul School) to have dinner with us Sat night. The folks in Pack 461 have a number of rising Scouts this year and we hope that many or all choose to continue with Boy Scouts with Troop 615.

BTW: There is a new term for Cub Scouts that have completed their Webelo year: Arrowmen. Webelo II is no longer used. Arrow of Light (or Arrowmen) is the new thing to call Cubs in their last year of Cub Scouting.

At WoR and for the next several months, we will be receiving visitors to the Troop from folks interested in continuing in Scouts. Those first (and second and third) impressions count. You are not only representing yourself, but your Troop, the sponsoring organization for the Troop (the Church of the Resurrection), and also Boy Scouts nationally. You're actions, behaviors and attitudes can make a huge difference and can influence Scouts to join our Troop or to join Boy Scouts in general. Set the example and lead the way!

YIS,
Dr. Anderson

Re-chartering forms are due 10/26!!

Please complete the attached forms and submit them to Mrs. Gattis with the necessary fees along with your updated Youth Protection certificate. All adult members must update your Youth Protection training. Go to My.Scouting.Org to take your Youth Protection.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLC (PATROL LEADERS

CONFERENCE) MEETINGS

ALL PATROL/ASST PATROL LEADERS NEED TO ATTEND – 11/9, 12/14, 1/11 @ 6:30 PM

PARENT MEETINGS

ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND – 11/9, 12/14, 1/11 @ 7:00 PM

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - 11/2

NOVEMBER OUTING – TREEHOUSE

CAMPING & BIKING – 11/4-11/6 (FLYER ATTACHED)

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S CRAFT SHOW

– 11/20

DECEMBER OUTING – 12/2-12/4 –

GAMING/FRISBEE OUTING

JANUARY OUTING – 1/27-1/29 –CAMP

HASHAWHA

FEBRUARY OUTING – CABIN CAMPING –

TBD - 2/17-2/19

SKI/SNOW TUBING DAY TRIP – SKI

ROUNDTOP – 2/25

MARCH OUTING – 3/10-3/12 - US ARMY

HERITAGE & EDUCATION CENTER

APRIL OUTING – 3/31-4/2 - GENESEE

VALLEY

MAY OUTING – 5/19-5/21 – WHITE

WATER RAFTING

Service Project – Catholic Daughter's Craft Show

The troop will be helping with set up and tear down as well as manning a booth. Please sign up to help.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ba5ab2b0-catholic1>



Health Form Coordinator

Looking for an opportunity to potentially work with everyone in the Troop? Here's your chance! The Troop is looking for a new **Health Form Coordinator**.

The Health Form Coordinator collects the health forms for all scouts and adults who participate in weekend outings and summer camp. The coordinator ensures the health forms are complete. If any items are missing or incomplete, the coordinator works with the parents to address the issues. You won't have to work alone because the current coordinator is available to assist you, if needed. Most of the work is in the last spring/early summer preparing the forms for summer camp. There is a small amount of work throughout the year to confirm that all scouts and adults attending the outings have a current health form on file. If you're interested, contact Jennifer Cawthra, popoki@comcast.net.

Treasurer



Mr. Cho is looking for someone to take over the Treasurer position. Duties or functions for the Troop's Treasurer Position include:

- ✓ Collect and deposit for troop events. (Outings, summer camp, High Adventures, Blue and Gold catering, etc.)
- ✓ Keep track and reconcile all events.
- ✓ Reconcile monthly for the Operating and Scout Account checking accounts.
- ✓ Collect, deposit and reconcile for the popcorn sales annually.
- ✓ Prepare and present the Annual troop Operating budget in September or October of each year.
- ✓ Reconcile and replenish the troop's Unit account with the BAC.
- ✓ Follow up on any activities which required deposits or payments ahead of the event.
- ✓ Help create outing roster for the activities coordinator if necessary or needed.
- ✓ Keep track and reconcile for the Eagle projects.
- ✓ Complete and keep up on all the troop's necessary permit or licenses. (i.e. MD State park group permit)
- ✓ Help with the Annual re-charter process if needed.
- ✓ Approve and coordinate for the incoming business donations. (Verizon, State Farm, Navy Federal Credit Union, etc.)
- ✓ Issue any reimbursement for the events.
- ✓ Complete Tour Permit for the event if necessary or needed.

If you're interested, contact Yung Cho at reachyung@gmail.com.

Rank Advancements:

Wyatt Currie - Life
Drew Benson - Eagle
Aaron Luther - Eagle
John Parks - Silver Palm

Merit Badges:

Zachary Cherry - Chess
Jeremy Fox - Communications
Jeremy Fox - First Aid
Thomas Reese - Citizenship in the Community
Thomas Reese - Family Life
Thomas Reese - Personal Management
Raymond Strozyk - Environmental Science



MaizeQuest Outing 9/23/16-9/25/16

The weekend started out with the fresh taste of a crispy Chick-fil-A sandwich. Despite Mr. Stevens wishes, we had all stopped for dinner 30 minutes into the hour drive at a Chick-fil-A restaurant in Hunt Valley, Maryland, but we weren't alone. Another scout troop also arrived at roughly the same time, doubling the line! Among the things that happened there, if there was ever a competition of who had the longest straw, Leo Schafer won.

We arrived at our campsite in the middle of the dark. We had to set up our tents under the lights of our trusty propane lanterns, of which 4 of the wicks were broken, but we still managed. Through the dark sky was a brilliant view of the stars, untainted by light pollution.

The next morning focused on a quick breakfast before everyone could run off and lose themselves in the maze. The younger patrol had bacon breakfast sandwiches, while the older scouts had a fabulous batch of fresh donuts that rivaled the gourmet breakfasts the adults had. Soon after, we were joined by a few other scouts, and headed straight maze area. After watching a short mission briefing video, the door to the main corn maze opened, teams grabbed their flags, and all ran off into the distance as fast as possible. After fifteen minutes of running, turning, and a few cut-throughs, several of the teams had already finished the maze and were off to see what else the place had to offer. Most went directly to a large bounce pad where they could flip and race each other at inflated speeds. There was also a giant corn pit, in which scouts had thousands of kernels of corn to swim through, bury themselves with, or most of all, chuck at other scouts (no scout suffered any corn-related injuries). Past these main attractions were a bamboo maze, a timed maze, a giant slide, and even pedal go-karts. The scouts for the most part spent the majority of the day switching between all these activities, as well as creating their own, such as a 30 minute contest of water-bottle flipping. When dinner came around, everyone came back around to eat some delicious french fries, pasta, and protein. The older scout patrol even had baked an enormous chocolate chip cookie with extra M&M's using the power of a Dutch oven. After cleanup, the scouts spent one final hour at the MazeQuest grounds, spending the majority on the bounce pad. The day ended with another beautiful clear night sky.

The next morning, with temperatures in the 40's, the slowly crept out of their tents to make breakfast. Several scouts (myself included) forgot to bring cold weather gear, but were able to manage until the sun fully shone. Among the breakfast options were quick oatmeal and breakfast sandwiches by the scouts, a fancy platter of sausage, eggs, apple fritters, and who knows what for the adults. All the tents came down for the scouts by 9 AM, although it wasn't till around 9:45 AM the adults were cleaning up. In the meantime, the scouts spent their time packing the trailer and doing a police line - which restarted a total of about 8 times. Around 10 to 10:30, the camp is fully clean, and we are able to get on the road and go home.

For additional MaizeQuest photos check out TeamSnap - <https://go.teamsnap.com/859194/files/list/1721562>

MaizeQuest Pictures



9:00 AM

ADULT AREA

SCOUT AREA

Brandon's Donut Recipe



This is Troop Historian Brandon Ellis again. After this weekend's camp out, there was quite a commotion when I was able to successfully fry flawless donuts on an outing for all of the troop. It really was one of the highlights of the outing. Several of the adult leaders are even saying I should make these again for the Webelos-O-Ree!

Because of this interest in my cooking, I believe it may be of interest to the troop to learn of the recipe I used to create these doughnuts. Here is the recipe attached. It's from the Better homes and Gardens New Cook Book,

Cake Doughnuts

Mix, cut, and fry. That's all there is to making these doughnuts.

- 3¼ cups all-purpose flour**
- 2 teaspoons baking powder**
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon**
- ¼ teaspoon salt**
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg**
- 2 beaten eggs**
- ⅔ cup sugar**
- 1 teaspoon vanilla**
- ⅔ cup milk**
- ¼ cup margarine or butter, melted**
- Shortening or cooking oil for deep-fat frying**
- Chocolate Glaze (see recipe, page 89) or sugar (optional)**

In a mixing bowl stir together $2\frac{1}{4}$ cups of the flour, the baking powder, cinnamon, salt, and nutmeg. In a large mixing bowl combine eggs, sugar, and vanilla; beat with an electric mixer till thick. Combine milk and melted margarine or butter. Add flour mixture and milk mixture alternately to egg mixture, beating just till blended after each addition. Stir in remaining 1 cup flour. Cover dough; chill about 2 hours.

On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thickness. Cut with a floured $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch doughnut cutter. Reroll as necessary.

Fry two or three doughnuts at a time in deep hot fat (375°) about 1 minute on each side or till golden, turning once with a slotted spoon. Drain on paper towels. Repeat with remaining doughnuts and doughnut holes.

If desired, drizzle warm doughnuts with Chocolate Glaze, dip tops into glaze, or shake warm doughnuts in a bag with sugar. Cool. Makes 13 to 15 doughnuts and doughnut holes.

Chocolate Doughnuts: Prepare as above, *except* omit cinnamon and nutmeg, increase sugar to *1 cup*, reduce milk to $\frac{1}{2}$ cup, reduce margarine or butter to *2 tablespoons*, and melt 2 squares (2 ounces) *unsweetened chocolate* with margarine or butter.

Buttermilk Doughnuts: Prepare as above, *except* reduce baking powder to $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon, add 1 teaspoon *baking soda* to flour mixture, and substitute *buttermilk or sour milk* for the milk.



Cut the doughnuts by pressing straight down with a floured cutter; avoid twisting the cutter.



Use a slotted spoon to carefully lower the doughnuts into the oil and to turn them.

Webelos-o-Ree Outing - 10/21/2016 – 10/23/2016 – From Brandon Ellis

During this weekend, the troop traveled to Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation to camp out at Camp Saffran. Night one went as usual – a long drive marked mostly by a single stop at a Burger King restaurant, in which scouts order heaping amounts of chicken fries and nuggets, get more than their fill of soda, and are hyped up for the evening labors.



We received a “warm” reception at the camp site, tasked with the job of setting up in the dark and cool temperatures. After setting up the canopies in what seemed to be record time, the scouts proceeded to set up the tents, stake down the canopies, take out supplies, and realign the tents until they were in a line so straight that it surpassed the sophistication of a computer. After some scouts started to collapse on the ground, it was time for the troop to hit the sack.



The next morning was marked by the fresh sight of dead roasting pig. As per tradition, the youngest scouts woke up extra early in order to prepare a whole pig that would roast the rest of the day. That morning also marked the beginning of the five star catering service the adults crafted to the fellow scouts: fresh hash browns, sausage, eggs, and even salsa were on the menu. After scouts were full to the brim, the activities began. A partition of the scouts went to perform a service project for the campsite, cutting down low pine branches

throughout the forest to increase efficiency of the evergreens. Another group of scouts went to the “helium rod” station, where scouts convinced gullible Cub Scouts that a tent pole had helium inside, and brought together the teamwork of these Cub Scouts to see the “helium” in action. One last group of scouts stayed at the campsite, welcoming visiting Cub Scouts and demonstrating to Arrow-men how Boy Scouts cook and the safety which we use.



Noon came, and so did phase 2 of the adult’s deluxe catering. We enjoyed Gyros, Hot Dogs, and more than enough fresh french fries. Stuffed, the scouts waddled back to their stations. While the events carried on, simultaneously, a batch of fresh donut holes were cooked by a particular scout and handed out to any Cub Scouts and adults visiting the campsite.

Finally, night came, and so did dinner. Our troop enjoyed the roasting pig with fellow Cub Scout Pack 461 alongside a smorgasbord of carb loaded sides. When our guests left, the scouts began a fire to fight the cold inching through the night. Despite the many failed attempts to light wet thatch, the fire eventually got going. Scouts had fun participating in an interactive game called “mafia” around the campfire. Despite all the lying, betrayal, and utter nonsense the game included, everyone had good fun playing.



Morning soon came. It was all a straight forward pack-up, alongside the adult’s final catered breakfast and a cold temperature you’d never forget. Then we hit the road, distancing ourselves from the site and moving on home. However, Camp Saffran couldn’t feel closer.

From Brandon Ellis, Troop Historian

This is an interview with our newest Eagle Scout, Garrett Currie. The conversation below was exchanged via e-mail.

Let's start this off a bit slowly. What's your favorite color?

My favorite color is azure blue for it is lightly tinted but not too faint. I have always been a fan of blue, especially as a child.

Okay, now onto the real questions:

What did you enjoy most in scouting?

The thing I received the most enjoyment from in Scouting was the feeling of camaraderie during campouts. I felt at home and comfortable when I was around the friendly scouts and adults.

In order to get to Eagle, you had to take a few leadership positions. What position was the most memorable to you, and why?

Senior Patrol Leader is the position that is most memorable to me because of the time commitment it required. In order to lead 615 effectively, I needed to dedicate a large portion of my time to the troop through planning and through communication. This was also a memorable position to me because it meant I had to lead our troop at Ockanickon 2016. We had a great time at Ockanickon and our troop was very successful due to our first place finishes in both the Volley Ball Tournament and the Golden Skillet Competition.

Do you have any campout you remembered best?

The camp out I remember the most is the white water rafting outing (in 2016) that I was senior patrol leader for. On this outing I had a ton of fun on the lower yacht which proved to be very tumultuous. The outing went very smoothly except for the absolutely never-ending rain. All our gear was completely soaked but other than that the outing was a success.

Also on your path to eagle, you had to lay out and carry out a service project. Many scouts can struggle with this aspect, and are stuck to the rank of Life Scout for years. Refresh me, what was your project?

My project was the creation of a new fire pit for Chapelgate Presbyterian Church's Youth Ministry. The fire pit was 81 inches in diameter and it was erected onto a small hill near the youth ministries office. I also flattened the immediate area as well as mowed the area of all weeds or other vegetation.

How do you feel now that the project is finally done?

I feel relieved that I finished my project during my junior year of high school. So many other scouts my age are trying to complete their projects now, so I feel satisfied with the timing of my endeavor.

Do you have any pointers for other scouts? Like secret tips, methods of organizing things, or just how to be a scout in general.

My tip to all scouts in general is to have the end goal in mind. Set yourself goals every year and plan to carry them out to the best of your ability. Creating a plan will definitely set you up to have success as a scout and as a leader within the troop. When I planned out my time in Troop 615, it allowed me to become an Eagle Scout at precisely the time I wanted.

Finally, let's end this with a fun irrelevant question. Do you play Magic? If so, what's your best magic card?

Yes, I play a little here and there. My best card would have to be a creature called lighthouse chronologist, it grants the player to take an additional turn after their end phase.

Still Selling Strong! Troop 615 Catering



On Sunday, Dr. Albuerne and Friends of Troop 615 hosted yet another catering event at the Church of the Resurrection. The same food as before was sold: pork, beef brisket, chicken, and sides such as baked beans and steamed greens. However, this time around, items were sold individually instead of together on platters. There was also a new "Chef's Special" that customers could order, which featured a beef sandwich with fried onions and other goodies. A whopping total of \$1,900 of food was sold to 116 customers – in fact, the catering stand sold out yet again! Only a meager amount of steamed greens were left, and the stand had to close up an hour before the end time. A total of 3 scouts showed up to assist with the catering stand: Brandon Ellis, Anthony Ellis, and Ray Stroyzk. The stand could still use more help however. There was only one runner on duty, and it would be desirable if there were 8 people total to make an efficient serving system.



Double Eagle Court of Honor

On Sunday, two of our fellow scouts, Garrett Currie and Aaron Luther, were formally recognized for their new positions as Eagle Scouts. An excess of 60 people came to see this event. Surprisingly, each scout had a special guest speaker make an appearance for the ceremony, both of which were from their Eagle Scout projects. Both scouts also came prepared with a speech to accept their new prestige. It was a nice event, and even nicer was the catering that it was stacked with. Even with Chick-fil-A and Jimmy John's on the table, there was enough that the scouts finally didn't finish them off in one trip. Mr. Luther, father of Aaron Luther, had these words to say: "We wish Aaron and Garret good fortune and successful lives. Can't wait to see how they pay back the troop."



Congratulations to our Newest Eagle Scout, Drew Benson! Making Troop 615 Proud!



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).

2016 Adult Fee \$36.00.

Name: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____ 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> | | |
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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 _____

Troop 615 Open House Ice Cream Social & Games

Come join us for fun and dessert on
Wednesday, November 2
7:00pm to 8:00pm

To **RSVP** please go to this link: <https://goo.gl/SPfelu>

Come see the fun activities we do throughout the year

Church of the Resurrection 3175 Paulskirk Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042
Contact Marilyn at mgbrown64@comcast.net with questions



~ Troop 615 Activity Permission Slip ~

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| Activity: | Tree Top Camping: Hiking & Biking | Emergency Contact : | Bruce Anderson |
| Dates: | November 4th to 6th | Phone: | 410-979-0008 |
| Departure: | TBD (Sr. Ptrl. Leader will announce) | Site Name: | Maple Tree Camping |
| Return: | TBD (Sr. Ptrl. Leader will announce) | 20716 Townsend Road, Rohrersville, Maryland 21779 | |
| Keep this top portion for your records | | Cost: \$40; bring \$ for Travel Meals | |

Return this bottom portion with payment by **Wednesday, November 2nd**

~ Troop 615 Activity Permission Slip ~

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| Activity: | Tree Top Camping: Hiking & Biking | FROM | November 4 | T O | November 6 |
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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:

SCOUT'S NAME:

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.

Signature of Parent or Guardian:

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| Emergency Phone # | | Date | |
| Y | N | I will attend | Name of Adult |
| Y | N | I can drive | Number of Passengers out in |
| Driver's Cell Phone Number | | | |
| This Scout is highly allergic or sensitive to: | | | |
| What, if any, medication is this Scout taking? | | | |
| Special instructions for this medication? | | | |
| Date of last tetanus shot/ booster? | | Do you want the activity leader to carry the medication? | Y N |

Medical Insurance Information

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| Company: | Control No. if group Policy: |
| Policy No: | INS. Emergency Contact No. |

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| Paid on | Amount | Check # | Cash | Scout Acct | Recv'd By |
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