



Troop 615 News



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Scout Master Minute

I'd like to discuss one of the basic elements of Scouting: the uniform. Think about your favorite sports team. You know the uniform; you see the pride that people have when they wear it. They understand that they are part of something... that they belong to a select group. In Scouts, the uniform is a symbol of the values of Scouting.

Just as it is for any other team, when we're in uniform, we're all part of the same team...sharing the same goals, sharing the same values. It's a reminder that we're all working together towards a common goal.

The uniform is so integral to Scouting; it's actually part of the Aims and Methods of Scouting. At the beginning of Patrol Corners, the first item that's done is to document who is present and if they are in full uniform.

Like the uniform for any sports team, there are requirements that have to be adhered to when wearing the uniform. To be considered in full Field Uniform (commonly referred to as "Class A"), Scouts must have Scout socks, Scout shorts or pants, Scout belt, Scout shirt with appropriate badges, Scout neckerchief or BSA bolo. Shirts must be tucked in to be considered in uniform. The Scout hat is optional. For formal events and for attending Scoutmaster Conferences above the rank of First Class, scouts also need to wear the official Scout sash. In addition to the uniform check that takes place during Patrol Corners, I also note which Scouts are in full uniform and those that are not.

The Activity uniform (commonly referred to as "Class B") includes the Scout socks, Scout shorts or pants, and a Scout t-shirt (generally the shirts purchased for use at summer camp).

Parents, please help ensure that your Scout is able to present themselves at Scout events in full uniform. I understand that this can be challenging, especially when your boys are growing...sometimes seemingly overnight! The Troop has a section in our closet where Scouts can donate outgrown uniforms. If your Scout has outgrown any uniform items, please consider donating them to the Troop. Just wash the gear and bring it in at any Wed meeting to be added to the Troop uniform closet. You can also check for needed items that may fit your Scout before heading to the Scout shop.

YIS,
Dr. Anderson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLC (PATROL LEADERS CONFERENCE) MEETINGS

ALL PATROL AND ASSISTANT PATROL LEADERS NEED TO ATTEND

12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/18, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10
6:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/18, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10 7:00 PM

SERVICE PROJECT – JINGLE BELL RUN – CENTENNIAL PARK – 12/6

SERVICE PROJECT – 175TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER – ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH – 12/13

GAMING -OUTDOORS, BOARD/VIDEO GAMES OUTING – 12/13-12/15

END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION – 12/17 – LOOK FOR A POTLUCK SIGNUP

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

FEBRUARY OUTING – TBD

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



November Outing – 11/7-11/9 – C&O Canal Bike\Hike Trip

On November 7, 2014, thirteen scouts and seven adults assembled at the Church of the Resurrection for the bike outing. We loaded the bikes into the back of Mr. Verleysen's pickup truck and headed west to the Maple Tree Campground where we were camping. On Friday night, the scouts set up tents, canopy and then stashed their personal gear in their tents. Dr. Anderson and I had hammocks as we had decided to hang out for the weekend. The other adults were in tents. The temperatures dropped overnight, and it was a bit chilly in the morning.

Dawn brought a clear blue sky and an autumn crispness to the air. The leaves were a riot of color. After breakfast, Mr. Charles Smith arrived and then escorted us to the C&O canal. In the 19th and early 20th centuries the C&O Canal provided jobs and opportunities for people throughout the Potomac River Valley, from the tidal basin in Washington D.C. to the mountains of Western Maryland.

In a little less than one hundred years, the C&O Canal witnessed a race West by transportation giants, the growth and decline of communities and businesses along the banks of the Potomac River, fierce battles raging between a divided nation, and improvements in technology that made life along the canal obsolete.

Today the remains of the C&O Canal provide a place to recreate and enjoy nature, but most importantly they tell the story of the canal's important role in American history that include stories of western expansion, transportation, engineering, the Civil War, immigration, industry and commerce.

As we rode our bikes along the C&O Canal, you could see evidence of that history, from the locks that were used to raise and lower barges, to abandoned buildings standing silent witness to history. The river and leaves were breathtakingly beautiful. We stopped for a rest break at Harpers Ferry, and crossed the pedestrian bridge over the river into West Virginia. After our break, we continued riding until we hit the 8 mile mid-point of our ride where we stopped and had lunch.

After lunch, one group of scouts decided to head back with me, while another group, led by Mr. Smith, continued biking. In all, the first group biked approximately 16 miles. The second group biked about 27 miles.

Truthfully, biking on the C&O Canal is one of my favorite outings. Although the weather was a little chilly, we were prepared. The fall foliage and river made for a perfect fall scenic outing.

David Gattis
Troop 615, ASM



Fruit Sale



The November Fruit Sale was a success and we are right around the corner for the December sale! So, if you can, please go out and walk the neighborhood to sell some fruits. These fruits are so much better than local store bought. I have personally sampled all three fruits and they are all juicy and delicious. You can also ask the customers to purchase for gift as well as for the food bank donation. For the month of November we collected and delivered 13 cases (or 380 pounds) of fruit to the Howard County Food Bank!

December Sale -

Order Deadline 11/29, Pickup 12/13

January Sale -

Order Deadline 1/3, Pickup 1/17

Service Project Sign Ups!

Catholic Daughter's Craft Show – Setup/Tear Down – 11/22 & 11/23

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ca9ae22a20-catholic>

Jingle Bell Run – Centennial Park – 12/6

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ca9ae22a20-jingle>

175th Anniversary Dinner – St. Paul Catholic Church – 12/13 (Do not wear BSA uniform. Not eligible for service hours)

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/805084CA9AE22A20-service

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

"Did you know?" our January Skiing/Snowboarding outing is a family outing like the Whitewater Rafting trip. So, for our trip to Seven Springs resort on 01/30/2015 - 02/01/2015, your family members are welcome to join in. We as a troop reserves group lodging accommodations at one of their chalets that allows up to 32 people. We also have a great buffet/all you care to eat meals. So, mark your calendar and please look for the sign up form in few weeks.

Rank Advancements:

Life - Tyler Lizzo

Life - Leo Schafer

1st Class - Garrett Snyder

Merit Badges:

Personal Management, Cooking and Citizenship in the Community - Justin Cho

Personal Fitness - Drew Benson

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!!

Special **THANKS to Mrs. Eileen Gattis** for all her hard work on the re-chartering for Troop 615 for the 2015 year! This is a huge job and we so appreciate all her hard work and time she has spent to get us ready for this process.

Please note that the Church of the Resurrection is changing their **STAND Youth Protection** training. Every volunteer for our troop will need to take this new training before 3/15/15. Each member must go online to initiate an account, provide 3 character references and allow a background check and DMV check to be conducted for completion of this training. Please go to the document at the end of this newsletter for full instructions.

Upcoming Outings for 2015!

January – (1/30-2/1) Ski Outing @ Seven Springs – Families Welcome!

February – TBD

March – (3/20-3/23) Wilderness Survival

April – (4/17-4/19) Backpacking

May – (5/15-5/17) Whitewater Rafting

June – Beach

July – (7/19-7/25) Summer Camp

August – Amusement Park

September – Sports

October – Webelos-O-Ree

November – MaizeQuest

December – USS Constellation

BSA Troop 615



**2014-15
Citrus Sale**

A healthy, delicious way
to support Scouts!

Customer Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Pickup date for THIS order:	Dec 13 (Order deadline: Nov 29)
Donate to food bank? (Please Circle):	Yes No
Selling Scout Name:	

Happy Holidays!

Large Boxes (4/5 bushel)			Small Boxes (2/5 bushel)				Bag	Amount Enclosed	Check No. (Payable to Troop 615)
40 lb.	40 lb.		20 lb.	20 lb.	20 lb.	20 lb.	5 lb.		
Florida Navel Orange	Ruby Red Grapefruit		Florida Navel Orange	Ruby Red Grapefruit	Variety Pack	Tangerine	Florida Mandarin		
\$40	\$37		\$22	\$21	\$29	\$28	\$10		

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**

All orders received by monthly deadlines will be available in the Church of the Resurrection parking lot usually from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. on the corresponding pickup dates. Delivery day and time are subject to change. For most up to date delivery or pick up information, please check our web site: www.bsa615.com or call (410-465-8637) for a recorded message. Questions? email Yung at t615chair@yahoo.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:

<i>Order Deadline</i>	<i>Pickup Date</i>
Jan 3, 2015	Jan 17, 2015
See you in November	2015!

Great Fruits 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.