



Troop 615 News



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Scout Master Minute

I'm often asked, "Once you get beyond the rank of First Class, what does it take to advance?"

That is an excellent question! Let me first respond by asking you a question: when you think of an Eagle Scout, what are the characteristics that you first think about? For most folks, that initial thought is of an individual that is a leader. The next thought is someone that truly embodies the points of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Someone that is service focused more than individual focused.

How do we go about making sure that Scouts truly are leaders, those that at their very core embody the Scout Oath and Law? How do we know that Scouts are service focused???

We provide Scouts with the opportunity to grow and develop and to demonstrate that they possess these qualities. Scouts first need to participate in order to learn, to grow, and to demonstrate service and leadership. If the Scout isn't present, they can't take advantage of those opportunities. Being present means being at Scout meetings, regularly attending outings, participating in leadership opportunities like the Patrol Leaders Council meetings and Semi-annual Planning Councils. Participation is vital to success in Scouts and in life.

The Scout book lists the specific requirements for number and type of merit badges, the amount of time in an appropriate position of responsibility, and service hours required for advancement to Star, Life and Eagle and more. One of the specific things that is important for Scouts (and parents) to remember is that simply holding a position for the required period of time may not result in the Scout advancing. My question to Scouts that are requesting a Scoutmaster conference for advancement: "What specifically have you done to demonstrate leadership?"

Scouts can demonstrate leadership by actively working on their leadership position, by proactively working with others to get the job done, by communicating with a range of people to be successful in the position, and by planning and by reaching specific milestones required for the position. A Scout that isn't present is going to have a very difficult time answering this question. Scouts that are listed as being in positions, but not actively completing the requirements for the position are going to have a difficult time answering this question. Scouts that cannot show that they've participated in the planning required for successfully completing the requirements for the position are going to have a difficult time answering this question.

YIS,

Dr. Anderson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLC (PATROL LEADERS CONFERENCE) MEETINGS

ALL PATROL AND ASSISTANT PATROL LEADERS NEED TO ATTEND
11/12, 12/10 6:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND 11/12, 12/10 7:00 PM

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 - CATHOLIC

DAUGHTER'S CRAFT SHOW - 11/22 & 11/23

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*

SCOUTING FOR FOOD - BAG DROP OFF

3/7, BAG PICK UP 3/14

October Outing – Webelos O Ree – 10/17 - 10/19

On October 17, 2014, several waves of scouts departed Church of the Resurrection for Camp Spencer, which is one of three camps that comprise Broadcreek Scout Reservation. It was time for Webelos O Ree!

A couple things spring to mind with the term Webelos O Ree. The first is obviously Webelos. First and second year Webelos make a circuit of the two Webelo trails and learn from scouts running activities on those trails. This year, as in the past, Troop 615 had two stations, helium rod and cooking.

As you may know, Troop 615 does not actively recruit scouts or put on a special recruitment event. Instead, the troop pulls out all stops and demonstrates scout spirit and esprit de corp while at Webelos O Ree. The adults and scouts both talk to prospective new members and adults, telling them about the troop and the fun activities that we perform.

What is helium rod you ask? Well, it is a tent pole filled with helium that the Webelos have to prevent from floating away. We lost two tent poles due to mishaps. Do you believe me? Ok, in all seriousness, helium rod is a team building exercise. The Webelos have to raise and lower the rod as a unit while keeping the rod level and while only using their index finger. It is actually harder than it sounds. I would like to give a shout out to Michael Haddaway for running the helium rod activity. Michael did an excellent job!



The second thing that comes to mind with the term Webelos O Ree, is food. The food actually goes hand in hand with our cooking demonstration. Our signature event is the pig that is roasted on the spit. The first year scouts, under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Albuerne, are responsible for cooking the pig. We also demonstrated how to cook trashcan turkey and tres leches. The scouts made at least 15 different cobblers and gave them out to the Webelos as samples. Dr. Albuerne also made what is affectionately known as heart attack cake. This consists of Twinkies, Oreo cookies and cherry pie filling, all cooked upside down in a Dutch oven. When done, you flip the cake out and eat. It is very tasty.



The next thing is the Iron Skillet competition. Each year the Scouts that run Webelos O Ree have a competition as to who can make the best entrée and dessert. This year Troop 615 had a clean sweep and won all three awards!



The fourth thing is the weather. It is almost always raining at Webelos O Ree. However, surprisingly, this year the weather was amazingly beautiful. We really could not have asked for better weather.



Overall, Webelos O Ree was a very successful event. Both the scouts and adults had a wonderful time!

David Gattis, ASM

Backpacking Trip – 10/3 - 10/5

On Friday, October 3, 2014, six scouts and four adults met at the Church and set off to backpack on the Appalachian Trail. Of the ten, only four had ever backpacked before. The Troop had some spare backpacks that scouts were able to borrow. Also, individuals were able to borrow gear from other members of our Troop. After all, a scout is helpful.



Our first night we camped at the Dahlgren Backpacking Campground in Boonsboro, MD. It is actually only .2 miles from the parking lot, so it was an easy hike to get to the site. Unfortunately, since it was a scout event, it was raining and dark as we were setting up the tents. To overcome this obstacle, the Crew held a tarp over the tents to keep them dry while other scouts set up the tents. Dr. Anderson and I set up tarps and hammocks. It was the first time I had ever slept in a hammock overnight. It was quite an experience.

The next morning, we woke up at 7 AM and broke down camp. The weather was gorgeous and the woods beautiful. We decided to hike to Washington Monument State Park before stopping to cook breakfast. Frankly, it took longer than expected to break camp and actually hike to the Park. Once we arrived at the Park, we set up our stove, and boiled water. We quickly discovered that the Bandito Scramble actually had to be cooked, not just hydrated. The scouts decided that we couldn't even feed ISIS the Bandito Scramble since that might violate Geneva Conventions. Actually, the Bandito Scramble is not too bad after it is actually cooked.

After cleaning up, we quickly hiked up to the Monument where we enjoyed some amazing views. We then hiked on.



We had originally planned to hike to Annapolis Rocks and then return to Pine Knob, but it quickly became apparent that we had to alter our plans. We decided to only hike to Pine Knob.

After arriving at Pine Knob, the scouts set up camp, dried things out, purified water, and set up bear lines. There was another scout troop on site who offered to share their campfire with us. After all, a scout is friendly.



Dr. Anderson and I again set up our hammocks. Unfortunately, I discovered that my sleeping pad had a slow leak which caused me to be cold during the night. Although I did not have an ideal sleep experience, I kind of like being off the ground. I am going to keep adjusting until I can get hammock camping to work.

The next morning, we again woke up at 7 AM and broke camp. This time, we had breakfast in camp. The hike back to the cars was pleasant and everyone had a much better time.

We all learned some lessons on this outing. For some, it was the realization that they can carry a backpack and hike ten miles in a weekend. Others, it was backpacking with a new group of people that had never done it before. Finally, for at least one, we learned that coffee first thing in the morning is a positive mood enhancement. Experience changes everything.

The adults discussed setting up another backpacking trek in the relative near future, perhaps backpacking across Maryland, or simply another short out and back to allow the next Crew to gain some experience. There is something liberating knowing that you have everything in your pack that you need to survive and be comfortable.

Is anyone not ready? Hike on!

David Gattis, ASM

Fruit Sale



The Troop 615 Fruit Sales are here! Please see the attached order form. Profits from selling and working the deliveries go directly to scout accounts! Contact Mr. Gattis or Mr. Maloney if interested in working a delivery.

November Sale -

Order Deadline 11/1, Pickup 11/15

December Sale -

Order Deadline 11/28, Pickup 12/13

January Sale -

Order Deadline 1/3, Pickup 1/17

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.

Scouting for Food Coordinator – Scott Holz will need a backup this year to shadow him for the Scouting for Food Coordinator job. This position is responsible for registering the troop and coordinating our volunteers for this BSA project.

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.

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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084ca9ae22a20-jingle)

175th Anniversary Dinner – St. Paul Catholic Church – 12/13

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

September Court of Honor –

9/13/14 Go to this link for pictures:

<http://troop615.smugug.com/Court-of-Honor-Sep-2014/i-hpXrtf5>

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!

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

“Did you know?”...if you work at any of the next three months (Nov., Dec., or Jan.) fruit sale deliveries, your cost for the annual re-charter due (both scout and adult) can be covered. I know for sure that \$36 due for the adult can be wiped out from working a few hours and for the scouts, it will put a large dent in the \$114 or \$120 for the sibling dues. So, look for the opportunities to sign up and work on a fruit sale delivery to make some easy money for scouting.

Rank Advancements: ✓

Tenderfoot - Samuel Seliger

Merit Badges: ★

Citizenship in the Community - Matthew Vook

Family Life - Matthew Jackson

Congratulations Scouts!

Fly Fishing Merit Badge



Dr. Albuerne is a Fly Fishing Merit Badge counselor and he has arranged for scouts to earn the **Fly Fishing** merit badge with the help of his friend, Mr. Jim Gracie from Trout Unlimited. At the Wednesday meeting on 11/12 Mr. Gracie will come and talk about Fly Fishing to the troop. On Sunday, 11/16 at 1:00 PM on the Patapsco River scouts will then have the opportunity to practice fly fishing and finish up their badge.

Please contact Dr. Albuerne if your scout is interested in participating!

Dr. Albuerne also has contacts that can help with the Horsemanship and Aviation merit badges, so please talk to him if you would like to earn these.

Thank you Dr. Albuerne!!

Eagle's Nest

Matt Jackson's Eagle Project

These past two weekends, Matt Jackson completed his Eagle Project at the Howard County Conservancy. With the help of 24 scouts and a total of over 122 man hours, he installed a new stone walkway connecting the parking lot to a picnic table and activity area. The budget for the project was upwards of \$1500 and required several tons of stone and stone dust. He'd like to express his sincere gratitude to the troop and all scouts and parents who assisted him with the various stages of the project.



Xander Castle-Smith's Eagle Project

Xander Castle-Smith has completed his Eagle Project at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City. For Xander's project he expanded the borders of an existing playground so that it was larger. He also built a small pathway to go to the playground. This will help to keep dirt and mud from being tracked into the church. He also built flower boxes alongside the pathway to beautify the area. This project proved to be much more difficult than expected and required him to bring in major equipment to dig out the ground. Xander would like to thank everyone who came out to help with his project.



Congratulations Scouts! Jobs well done!

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>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

BSA Troop 615



2014-15

Citrus Sale

A healthy, delicious way
to support Scouts!

Customer Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Pickup date for THIS order:	Nov 15 (Order deadline: Nov 01)
Donate to food bank? (Please Circle):	Yes No
Selling Scout Name:	

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

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 "Troop 615". Please mail the order to the address below.

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>
Nov 29, 2014	Dec 13, 2014
Jan 3, 2015	Jan 17, 2015
See you in November	2015

Great Fruit for a Great Cause from BSA Troop 615!