



Troop 615 News



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Scoutmaster Minute



Good day Scouts and Scout families!

The leaves are changing (and falling), we've just wrapped up Webelos-O-Ree, and we're getting ready for the November outing. We're also in the process of re-chartering. If you have not already done so, please complete re-chartering forms and get them to Mrs. Gattis.

Just as there are weather seasons throughout the year, there are also Scout seasons...variations in activities and experiences that follow a particular pattern. At this time of year, the Scout season involves things like the fruit sales, cold(ish) weather camping, getting ready for the end of the year. It's also a time of year that I really look forward to because it marks a new stage of life in Scouts. Those that are first year Scouts have generally had a week of summer Scout camp as well as having the experience of attending several other camping trips. They've grown to the point where they really aren't acting like first year scouts any longer. They have a pretty good idea of what's expected at meetings and on outings. They're generally going through the advancement process. They're starting to think about doing some merit badges. The growth and changes that the first year scouts go through in the first 6 - 12 months of Scouting is pretty amazing.

Those changes generally continue as boys continue in Scouting. They learn more skills, they add more merit badges, and they gain more experience and confidence. You also see some of the younger boys stepping up to provide leadership to the Troop. It's an awesome thing to see and experience!

As part of going through the Scout seasons, Scouts need to figure out how to prepare for the weather. We camp every month, even when it's cold. The key to successful camping is the same key to success in life: BE PREPARED! If you are prepared, the experience will be a great deal more fun than if you are not prepared. When camping in the cold, it's important to remember a couple basic tips.

1. Avoid cotton clothing. When cotton gets wet, it loses insulating capabilities. Loss of insulation means you get cold-fast. Cotton also takes a long time to dry. Use a base layer that wicks moisture. Polyester and poly blend tops and bottoms are readily available and reasonably priced. If you want to go with a more high tech and fancy approach to winter camping, there are natural fibers (e.g., wool, possum down) that insulate and provide wicking capabilities.

Merino wool is quite soft and is an effective insulator even when it gets wet. Possum down is a fiber that has extra insulating characteristics. The fibers are hollow (just like polar bear fur), which creates an air space that serves as a very efficient insulator, even when wet.

2. Pack for and plan to wear layers. Expect that on outings, you'll be moving around and getting warm during parts of the day, then sitting and cooling off for other parts of the day. If you have multiple layers of clothing, you can more readily regulate your temperature.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLC (PATROL LEADERS CONFERENCE) MEETINGS

ALL PATROL/ASST PATROL LEADERS, AND THOSE WITH A TROOP POSITIONS NEED TO ATTEND - 11/11, 12/9 6:30 PM

PARENT MEETINGS

ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND 11/11, 12/9 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER OUTING - MAIZEQUEST -
11/6-11/8

SERVICE PROJECT - CATHOLIC
DAUGHTERS CRAFT SHOW - 11/21 & 11/22

DECEMBER OUTING - IRON
CHEF/GAMES - 12/4-12/6

END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION -
12/16 POT LUCK

JANUARY OUTING - SKI OUTING -
SEVEN SPRINGS RESORT - 1/29-1/31

FEBRUARY OUTING - PHILADELPHIA -
VISIT TO EASTERN STATE PENITENTIARY, DOWNTOWN PHILLY, AND OVERNIGHT ON THE USS NEW JERSEY - 2/20-2/21

MARCH OUTING - WILDERNESS
SURVIVAL - 3/11-3/13

Fruit Sales Reminder



Please turn your orders in ASAP. All profits go directly into the Scout Accounts. The Scout Account can be used to pay for outings, summer camp, and high adventure. Parents are encouraged to sell fruit at their place of employment to bolster orders. Sell, Sell, Sell! Order form is attached!

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Same thing goes for outerwear: If you only pack one super warm parka, you may have a difficult time staying comfortable.

3. Bring waterproof outer wear. This is good advice for every outing. If you get wet, you will soon get cold. If you are cold and wet, you can get grumpy and potentially get hypothermia. Neither are a lot of fun. In addition, rain gear is wind resistant. Blocking wind will help keep you warm.

4. Bring along a cold weather jacket (meaning, not just a hoodie). You can also combine jackets to help regulate heat. Wearing a hoodie plus a fleece jacket plus a waterproof outer shell is a very effective strategy to stay warm and dry. Using layers helps you to regulate heat. Having an outer layer that's waterproof will help keep you warm and dry. Warm and dry is a much better feeling than is being cold and wet.

5. Have gloves and a toasty hat readily available in your day pack. When we're camping, we will be setting up camp on Friday night. Adding a neck gaiter can make a big difference in comfort as well. In the late Fall and Winter months, setting up camp at night means that it very likely will be cold. If you pack all of your fabulous, warm gear on the trailer, you won't have access to it when we're unloading the trailer. You will get cold.

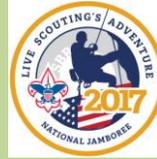
6. Pack an extra pair or two of warm socks. A change of socks from cold and wet to a new pair that's warm and dry can lead to a dramatic improvement in comfort and in attitude (New socks = new attitude). Again, please avoid cotton.

7. Bring your water bottle and use it! It's easy to become dehydrated when you're not drinking fluids regularly, even when it's chilly outside.

Outings are a blast, no matter what we do or what the weather is like, as long as everyone is prepared. Being warm and comfortable will help ensure that you'll have a great time.

YIS,

Dr. Anderson



Jamboree!

Boy Scout Jamboree is a 10-day event that occurs every 4 years. The 2017 Boy Scout Jamboree will be held July 19 - 28, 2017 at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve adjacent to West Virginia's New River Gorge National River area.

During Jamboree, scouts have the opportunity to participate in canopy tours (zip lines), skate park, BMX racing, archery, shooting sports (shotguns, rifles and pistols), ropes courses, rock climbing, cross country biking, and kayaking - just to name a few.

To attend the Jamboree, scouts must be at least 1st class and 12 years old by the first day of the Jamboree. Scouts must participate in pre-Jamboree training experiences with the Baltimore Area Council and unit leader. Troop 615 scouts will be assigned to a Baltimore Area Council troop. In 2013, Troop 615 scouts were assigned to a troop with Troop 944 scouts. Actual Jamboree Troop makeup will be announced sometime in September 2016.

The cost is \$1,525 and includes all food, activities, equipment, transportation to and from the Summit on motor coach buses and a shakedown weekend. There is no initial cost to register. However, there is an application review process to determine if a scout is eligible to attend. The review process can take up to 30 days. Registration is now open and available at this link: <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/> after a scout is approved; the initial deposit is \$225.



Team Snap

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Sometime on Sunday, October 18th, Verizon and AOL began sending erroneous error messages to Team Snap causing email addresses to be disabled. If your email address is disabled in Team Snap, you will not receive Troop related emails. Verizon and AOL have now corrected their issues and emails are able to be received now.



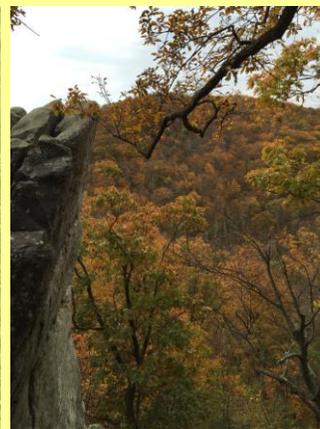
Sea Base

The open position is filled! However, there is a possibility that one more scout could join the Eco Adventure crew. For more details, see Jennifer Cawthra.

Philmont Shakedown – 10/23/15-10/24/15

We departed the Church on Friday around 6:00 pm, after going through gear and food. Upon our arrival at the trailhead, we had to hike about .3 miles in the dark to the shelter. Then, we had to find a campsite. Finding a campsite was actually kind of challenging since it was a very popular location and many of the sites were taken. We did, however, find a site and set up camp. The next morning, Dr. Seliger demonstrated how to filter water using a pump. In all, the Crew hiked about 14 miles. We had great views from High Rock and Raven's Rock. This was a strenuous hike. All the scouts did a great job. Philmont is actually easier.

YIS,
David Gattis
ASM Troop 615



Advancements

Rank Advancements:

Jackson Pugliese – Life
Gavin Moore - Star
Trevor Moore - 1st Class
Ray Strozyk - Tenderfoot

Merit Badge:

Christopher Borgert - Personal Fitness
Isaac Luther - Family Life
Isaac Luther - Personal Management

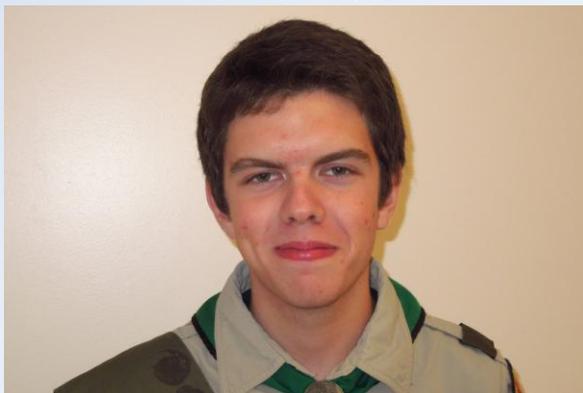
Congratulations Scouts!

**Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts! Great job!
You make Troop 615 Proud!**

John Parks



Matthew Vook



Re-chartering – Please turn in your paperwork ASAP!

What is Needed:

1. Payment - \$144/Scout (\$120/Sibling), \$36/Adult
2. Completed Scout and Adult Re-Chartering Forms
3. Every registered adult must re-do their Youth Protection and turn in the certificate of completion. This will be required annually.
4. Every registered adult must log into www.shieldthevulnerable.org and consent to the background check required to volunteer. Your background check will come back completed via mail. STAND training is good for 5 years.

Forms:

They are attached at the end of the newsletter.

Questions:

Contact Eileen Gattis (Troop 615 Membership Coordinator) with any questions. eileen.gattis@gmail.com

Deadline:

November 4th

Webelos O Ree – 10/16-10/18

Webelos-O-Ree is one of the main outings of the year. This year's outing was a special one as it was a year of many firsts. Many Cub Scouts expressed interest in our troop. A great highlight of this year was the pig. The 5 scouts who volunteered to set up the pig had a blast.

Waking up at 5 AM they set up the spit and seasoned the pig. For the first time ever the pig was rotated by a machine not a scout. After setting the pig and fire up the rest of the troop woke up. Our new bugler, Matthew Harris, played revelry and got everyone up. After a breakfast prepared by the adults the scouts got their assignments and got ready for the Cub Scouts to arrive. In total about 14 cobbler were made that day along with a Twinkie cake called the Diabetes Cake by the scouts. The scouts did a good job of explaining fire safety to the scouts and how to make cobbler like troop 615.

After a lunch of gyros and hot dogs, the troop got ready for the second half of the day. After a quick switch of jobs the scouts prepared to welcome the next group of scouts. After many more dens the scouts gathered to say grace and eat. The troop ate pig, turkey, and beef stew for the main meal of the day. For dessert the scouts ate monkey balls, cobbler, and the Diabetes cake. The scouts then gathered fire wood for the campfire that was followed by a quick game and lights out. After dinner a few scouts took a beef stew and monkey balls to the iron chef competition and won the entrée, desert, and overall categories.

Sunday morning the first tent up took down the canopies and the tents and after a quick breakfast of leftovers the troop packed up and left.

~ Zack Cherry – Troop 615 Historian





BSA Troop 615

2015-16

Citrus Sale

A healthy, delicious way
to support Scouting!

Customer Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Pickup date:	12/12/2015 (Order deadline: 11/29/2015)
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. Florida Navel Orange	40 lb. Ruby Red Grapefruit		20 lb. Florida Navel Orange	20 lb. Ruby Red Grapefruit	20 lb. Variety Pack	20 lb. Tangerine	5 lb. Florida Mandarin		
\$41	\$38		\$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 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**



"BSA

Pickup date for this order is 12/12/2015. All orders received by deadline will be available at the Church of The Resurrection parking lot usually from 9:00 AM - Noon. Pickup date and time are subject to change. For most up to date pickup information, please check our web site: www.bsa615.com or call (410-988-2299) for a recorded message. Questions?, email Yung at 615fruits@gmail.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:

Next Order Deadline	Next Pickup Date
01/10/2016	01/23/2016
See you in November 2016!	

Great Fruits for a Great Cause from BSA Troop 615!

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 _____

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>		
			<u>Per Person</u>	<u>Per Accident</u>	<u>Property</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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**.
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.
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 Beth Bennett, STAND coordinator, at 410-514-2031.