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SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

It's Only a Pin

by S. Kurtz Hingley

A FOND MOTHER WATCHES HER BOY WHERE HE STANDS,
APART FROM HIS COMRADES TONIGHT,
AS THEY PLACE ON HIS CAMP-BATTERED TUNIC A BADGE,
AN EAGLE, THE EMBLEM OF RIGHT.

IT SEEMS JUST A FEW SHORT MONTHS HAVE PASSED
SINCE HE JOINED WITH THE YOUNGSTER NEXT DOOR.
HOW PROUD HE WAS THEN OF THIS TENDERFOOT PIN
AS HE TOLD HER THE MESSAGE IT BORE.

BUT THE YEARS HAVE GONE AS HE STRUGGLED ALONG
TO LEARN WHAT THE SCOUT LAW'S ABOUT
HE PRACTICED THEM DAILY, THE OATH AND THE LAW
UNTIL NOW HE'S AN EAGLE SCOUT.

YOU MAY SMILE IN WORLDLY OLD WISDOM AT THIS
AND SAY WHY IT'S ONLY A PIN.

BUT I TELL YOU NO HONORS HE'LL GAIN AS A MAN
WILL MEAN JUST AS MUCH TO HIM

THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE OF THE RIBBON YOU SEE
ARE THE SYMBOLS OF HONOR AND TRUTH.
HE HAS LEARNED HOW TO VALUE THESE FINE ATTRIBUTES
IN THE GLORIOUS DAYS OF YOUTH

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Calendar of Events:

February 19th

Hamboat Subs

February 19th

Committee Meeting, 8:00 pm

February 21st

Philmont Crew Outing, 9:00 am

February 23rd

Troop Meeting, Photography

March 2nd

Troop Meeting, Fly Fishing

March 9th

Patrol Leaders Council

March 9th

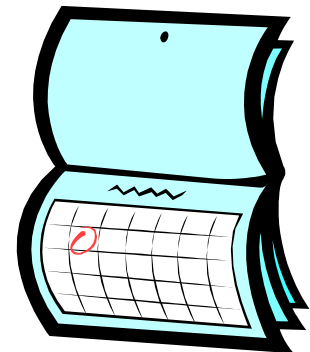
Summer Camp Deposits Due

March 13th to 15th

Webelos Camp @ Pinewoods

March 16th

Troop Meeting, Nuclear Science



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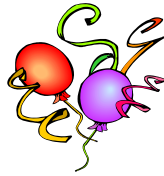
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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Scouts

Michael LaCroce 02/10

Leaders

Vikki Cicchillo 02/01

Vince LaCroce 02/01

Joe Blade 02/03

Philip Delvernois 02/06

Devin Mosier 02/11

Dale Smith 02/12

Denver Wilson 02/13

Lucille Shearer 02/21

AND THE OUT-FLINGING WINGS OF THE EAGLE THAT REST
ON THE BREAST OF THIS KNIGHT OF TODAY
ARE THE THINGS THAT WILL LIFT HIM ABOVE PETTY DEEDS
AND GUIDE HIM ALONG THE RIGHT WAY.

YES, IT'S ONLY A PIN, JUST AN EAGLE SCOUT BADGE,
BUT THE HEART THAT BENEATH IT BEATS TRUE
AND WILL THROB TO THE LAST FOR THE THINGS WHICH ARE GOOD.
A LESSON FOR ME AND FOR YOU

THE PA DUTCH COUNCIL

2009 Silver Beaver Nominations

The Silver Beaver Award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth by registered leaders. The nomination form is posted online at <http://www.padutchbsa.org>.

Scouts "Recycling Works" Patch Program

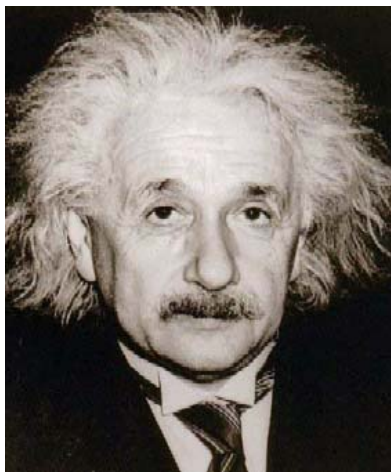
You can teach your scout unit to turn trash into treasure through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's "Recycling Works" patch program. Once your scouts have completed a series of recycling and waste reduction activities, they will earn a recycling patch as recognition for their efforts. From garbage run relays to designing product packaging or volunteering at the local recycling

center, the "Recycling Works" patch program activities are guaranteed to entertain and educate scouts of all ages about the 3R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

If you would like an application package, please contact Greg Harder at 717-787-7382 or ggharder@state.pa.us. Please provide your e-mail address or mailing address and indicate whether you prefer to receive the information electronically as Word documents, or on paper via the U.S. mail. There is no charge for the patches. Offer is available only to units located in Pennsylvania.

Bashore Summer Camp Staff Opportunities

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Gravitation cannot be held responsible for people falling in love. How on earth can you explain in terms of chemistry and physics so important a biological phenomenon as first love? Put your hand on a stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with that special girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity.

Albert Einstein

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Bootprint articles for the March edition should be submitted no later than Friday, March 13th.

Your articles can be sent electronically to:

bootprint.troop456@comcast.net

FROM THE PA DUTCH COUNCIL

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There are many rewarding opportunities and experiences to be had by working on staff at Camp Bashore. Friendships and memories that will last a lifetime are one of the many benefits you will receive as a member of the BSR Staff. There are positions available in all areas of the camp, Paid or Volunteer status.

Go To

[http://www.campbashore.org/
Employment.htm](http://www.campbashore.org/Employment.htm)

for additional details.

Camp Mack Staff

The Application for Camp Mack Staff can be found at:

[http://www.padutchbsa.org/
openrosters/DocDownload.asp?
orgkey=1957&id=49698](http://www.padutchbsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1957&id=49698)

University of Scouting

The University of Scouting is the

largest supplemental training program offered by the Pennsylvania Dutch Council to Scouting Volunteers of all levels. During this fun-filled day, experienced volunteer leaders will present programs to help you improve your and expand your knowledge. You will also meet other leaders, gather new resources, and share ideas on building the best possible program for your scouts.

April 18, 2009

Warwick High School
301 W. Orange St Lititz PA
17543

Registration 8:00-8:30am

Opening 8:30 am

Classes Begin 9:00 am

Lunch 12:00 pm

Classes 1:00 pm

Closing 4:00 pm

Boy Scout College

BS1 – GPS/Compass/Geocaching

BS2 – Patrol Method

BS3 – Running JLT

BS4 – Parent Problems

BS5 – Leave No Trace

BS6 (A and B) – Dutch Oven Cooking .

BS7 – Eagle Court of Honor

BS8 – Troop Alumni

BS9 – Best Scout Meeting Ever!

BS10 – Troop Committee Explained

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March 19th

Committee Meeting, 8:00 pm

March 23rd

Troop Meeting, Climbing

March 30th

Troop Meeting, Soap Carving

March 30th

New Scout Parents Meeting,
7:00 pm

Editorial Notes

The Bootprint is published monthly, except for August and September (which is a combined issue), by the volunteers of BSA Troop 456, Palmyra. IT IS REQUIRED READING BY ALL SCOUTS IN THE TROOP. Articles can be submitted via email (bootprint.troop456@comcast.net), disk, typed, or handwritten. We need to keep the communication flowing, so please keep those articles coming. Articles may be edited to accommodate space, but will hopefully retain their true message. We apologize in advance for any unintentional misspelling, dumb mistakes and/or punctuation? Suggestions are always welcome, so if there is something you'd like to see in the newsletter, please don't hesitate to suggest it.

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Troop 456 Committee Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2009

Present:

Doug Farst, Jen Engle, Devin Mosier, Becky Luckenbaugh, Bob Hollowell, Diane Miller, Tim Miller, Mark Rothermel, Gene McFail, Roscoe van Muylwyk & Bill Hardy.

Chairman Doug Farst called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Doug advised there had been a mix-up with the published Minutes from the November meeting but the correct November Minutes were provided in the December Bootprint.

Secretary Report: The December Minutes were reviewed and there being no comments, Becky made a Motion to accept the Minutes which was seconded by Bob Hollowell. The Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jen Engle presented the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions and Gene made a Motion to accept the Minutes which was seconded by Becky. The Motion was approved.

Scoutmaster's Report: Thanks to the Committee for the Trailer purchase. It was used at Klondike and worked well. It will really provide logistical assistance to the Troop in the future. The Red Tail Hawk patrol earned third place in the Sled Race at Klondike through a good patrol effort and teamwork. The Grizzly patrol came close to placing in

the Skills Competition through a great effort. All in all Klondike was a great weekend. It was cold, 20 degrees or colder, but all endured.

JLT is the weekend of the 17th. Camp Seltzer was secured as an alternative to Hidden Valley, where the reservation had been cancelled by Hidden Valley due to double booking. A favorable rate was negotiated for the use of Camp Seltzer by the Scouts in charge.

Scout Sunday will be February 1. Mall Show will involve a Friday night sleepover and departure on Saturday.

The annual PLC to plan the Yearly Calendar will be on February 13th and 14th at Hawks Nest. The Troop Committee confirmed that they will pay for catering the PLC as has been the case in the past.

Roscoe indicated that he has seen overall improvement in the Troop, including appearance and uniforms of the Scouts. The PLC has split up the New Scout Patrol and spread the members to other patrols based on the preferences of the Scouts. A new Patrol will be coming in March.

ASM Rothermel: Mark advised that 2 weeks ago the Philmont Scouts went to Camp Mack. Most of the 2 Crews, along with Guests, attended. The outing was very productive. There was hiking, discussion on choosing of Crew Leaders and consideration given to the choice of 35 different Treks which are available at Philmont. Each Trek presents

varying activity alternatives. Things are coming together well with the group.

Advancement: Gene McFail advised that there were two Board of Review sessions tonight with both Matthew and Michael Darok advancing to Second Class. Their advancement comes with a prescribed sewing lesson to be conducted by Bob Hollowell.

Publicity: No Report. Doug mentioned that Liz will prepare an article on the December Court of Honor.

BootPrint: No Report.

Fundraising – Bob Hollowell advised that he had received a check from Issac's in the amount of \$202.34 which resulted from the recent Dine and Share event. This was a very good effort and fun too! The funds will be applied to the Scout's accounts who are going to Philmont. With regard to future Dine and Share events, the Scouts indicated at Patrol Corners that they were willing to go almost anywhere to eat. Not



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surprising for boys! Bob will check with Duke's and other local eating establishments to see if they offer sharing programs.

The Popcorn report was handed in. There was \$672 in profit for the Troop.

We are still on for the Ham Boat sale for March 19. The next Chicken BBQ will be April 7th, prior to Spring Break. The next proposed date for the summer will be September 3.

Transportation: No Report.

Uniforms: Diane advised that there is uniform stock available. Scouts in need of Uniform items need to keep checking the inventory.

Webmaster: Roscoe advised that the website had been down for a while due to payment issues. This situation should be rectified promptly. In the future we can look for various trail hikes and photos to be on the website.

Charter Organization Rep: Devin advised that the Volunteer application for Jenn Engle is being processed.

With Committee Reports concluded, Doug asked for a motion that they be accepted. The motion to accept the Committee Reports was made by Becky Luckenbaugh and seconded by Diane Miller. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Doug mentioned that he would like to create a Training Chair Committee Member to keep track of the Training status of adult leaders, the Scoutmaster and the Assistant Scoutmasters. This position would ensure that training requirements are kept current.

Doug is also looking for ways to increase participation in Troop fundraising activities. There has been, and continues to be, a steady decline in participation by the overall Troop. There are only a handful of Scouts who consistently participate in the fundraising activities. Doug is looking for new ideas to address this situation. He will print the quarterly costs for Troop operation in the Bootprint.

Gene will hold a Committee Round Table to discuss Board of Reviews on February 9.

New Business:

Scout Sunday is scheduled for February 1. There is only one service, which is at 9AM. Volunteers to serve as Ushers have been requested of the Troop. There will be three Scouts reading scriptures. The specific selections will be provided one week in advance. The Webelos will be Greeters and the Venture Crew will dedicate a new flag.

Refreshments will follow the service. Responsibilities will be as-

signed for the various refreshment items. Scout Sunday is a way for the Troop to give something back to the Church and to show our appreciation for the support the Troop receives. There will be a Show Table available for the Cub and Boy Scouts to display items of interest.

Jen asked about the 5% rebate believed to come annually from Council. The amount of \$330 showed up in the first quarter of 2008. No one was certain as to the source of this rebate. Roscoe will investigate this entitlement.

The meeting was adjourned by Doug Farst at 9:15 PM.

The next Troop Committee meeting is scheduled for February 19, at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Bill Hardy

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- BS13** – Boy Scout Special Needs Advancements
- BS14** – Order of the Arrow
- BS15** – Planning a Troop High Adventure Trip
- BS16** – S.M. Minutes & Campfires
- BS17** – A Scout is Reverent
- BS18** – Scout Recruiting and Retention

Registration form can be found at:

<http://www.padutchbsa.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1955&id=52612>

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