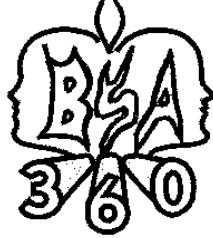


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## Winter Court of Honor Newsletter

February 24, 2020

### Campouts / Outings:

**March** - The Troop is doing a combined campout with Pack 360 at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation (HVSF). The Campout is March 6-8. Activities may include Pioneering, a nature hike, and a Mass and Cookout on Saturday Evening

**April** - Campout is the Spring Council Camporee. April 24-26. Theme is Sports A Palooza. Cost To be Determined. Location is McNaughton Family Park off US 322.

**May** has the Hiking Campout – The Troop is planning a Backpacking trip on May 16-17

**June** Campout will be a Water Activity at Antietam June 12-14. The Troop will camp at the Antietam Battlefield park. Tour the Battlefield and go to Mass Saturday and then do the lazy river or rafting on Sunday. Cost To Be published at a later date.

In the Summer, the Troop is Considering a Hersheypark day, and a Senators Baseball Game. The Game would in place of a meeting in Late July.

### Courts of Honor –

May Court of Honor – May 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the award presentations, the Troop will discuss requirements for Summer Camp, packing demonstration and related subjects.

There is an Eagle Court of Honor Scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> for Mathew Peterson.

### Eagle Scout Information:

Eagle Scout Cords. Bishop McDevitt High School allows the wear of Eagle Scout Cords for their graduation events. Eagle scout cords are worn with the Graduation cap to signify the fact the Scout earned the Eagle award. Scouts may obtain these items through the Scout Shop.

**Summer Camp** - The Troop has selected Resica Falls Scout Reservation from July 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.  
<https://resicafalls.org/>.

Features Big Springs Carnival on Monday Evening, games, performers, and carnival food.  
Also, weekly scavenger hunt. Costumes encouraged for the Carnival

Cost: \$435 Youth, \$200 Adult – Fees due by May 15th

Payment Dates: Now to May 15

Merit Badge Sign up Dates: - No Later than 31 May – Can be adjusted up to one week prior to Camp

70 Merit Badges Available (see Schedule on the Last Page)

Additional Programs during Merit Badge times

Senior ATV (16&older) – M-F - 9am and 10am

Junior ATV (14&older) – M-F – 2pm & 3:30pm

COPE, M-F, 9:00am-12:00pm

High Five Adventure Club, M-F, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Red Cross Lifeguarding, M-F, 11:00am-2:00pm

Red Cross Lifeguarding Recertification, M-F, 11:00am-2:00pm

Resica Rangers, M-F, 9:00am-5:00pm

### **Meetings:**

**March – Geocaching** – The scouts will cover the hobby of Geocaching. This is a merit badge driven activity. The program covers use of compass and map and GPS to determine locations and distances. It also involves items to place in the Cache. The cache is like a time capsule that gets routinely opened. The group that finds the geocache places and entry in the log and takes an item but also leaves a new item in the cache. There is a capstone cache exercise for June 15<sup>th</sup> when we have more light to establish the Geocache.

**April – Senior Patrol Leader Elections.** This is an opportunity for the scouts to run for Senior Patrol leader and Patrol leader.

Senior Patrol Leader must be a First-Class Scout or Above. The SPL works for the Scoutmaster to run all meetings, schedule activities, and lead the Troop on Campouts. If the scouts are interested in being the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, they must run for Senior Patrol Leader.

Patrol Leaders are also elected. They perform the same functions for each patrol.

The Scouts sign up for troop positions. Prior to the assignment they must inform the Troop what they did and recommendations for the next person holding the position

### **May –**

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the swimming event. It is at the Jewish Community Center-3301 N. Front Street Harrisburg 17110. The scouts perform the swim test which is required for summer camp. New Scouts also perform their lifesaving skills requirements. There is also time for fun in the pool.

Linglestown Memorial Day Parade – The Troop has made it a custom to participate in the Linglestown parade. As details become available this information will be announced at the Scout Meeting.

**June – Fishing** activity The Troop will do a Fishing Evening Outing on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Troop is also open to invite the Pack (s). We would meet at Leader Pond in Hummelstown. (To be Coordinated)

**New Scout Skills.** For meetings, we will have a Scout leader (Assistant Senior Patrol leader or Instructor or Troop Guide) who will work with the new scouts to learn and master skills required for the Ranks of Scout through First Class. There are several skills involved including camping, hiking, water activities, and related activities including tying knots.

**Recruiting new Scouts.** We have experienced a lean few years on new scouts joining the Troop. We are open to bringing in any Den of Webelos for a meeting or campout to show them what we have to offer. If parents know of any other group we could invite to pique interest in scouting please inform Mr. Crouse, Dr. Davis, or Mr. Irving.

**Patrol Leaders Council** – Mr. Irving would like to hold the Patrol Leaders Council in conjunction with troop committee meetings on a Monday Night away from a Meeting night. The Patrol Leaders Council is the Senior Patrol Leader, The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, The Patrol Leaders, and any other member who can contribute a role – Guide, Instructor as needed. They plan upcoming meetings and campouts. This is so the Scouts plan their own meetings and the activities the Troop performs.

## **Fund Raising**

**Camp Cards** – The Camp Card Sale is designed to help Scouts earn their own way to summer camp. The Camp Card is a discount Card that offers deals at area businesses to the purchaser. Participating units and their scouts will earn at least 50% commission for each card they sell. A customer can purchase a Camp Card, but they will get far more than the purchase price. If a customer regularly visits any of the stores on the card and uses all the discounts, they will be receiving all of their money back – Plus they will help someone go to summer camp. Units can return the unsold cards.

### **Camp Card Sale Key Dates:**

March 5th Roundtable - I will pick up our Camp Cards/Sign

March 9th Troop Meeting - Camp Cards distributed to Scouts (I would like to discuss sale before handing out Camp Cards)

May 18th Troop Meeting - Camp Card money and unsold/undamaged cards due

Camp Cards will be distributed at our March 9th troop meeting. Scouts earn 50% commission (\$2.50) for each card sold. This fundraiser is a great way for Scouts to earn funds to help pay for summer camp or high adventure base camp. It is not only a low risk fundraiser because unsold/undamaged cards can be returned but also a high return fundraiser because of the volume sale potential and practical discount, value-added offerings that the customer gets from purchasing a Camp Card. Our Scouts have traditionally performed very well in this fundraiser while also building funds in their scout account.

The *local offers* of the Camp Card include 3 one-time tab coupons that are separated from the main card and between 6-8 multiple use offers that are valid through December 31, 2020. Each Camp Card also has an *online code* that the card purchaser can use to access hundreds of additional local offers. The purchaser visits [www.boyscoutscampcard.com](http://www.boyscoutscampcard.com) and enters their code number to set up their account to start saving more money. The online account is also valid until December 31, 2020. Users can also *download an app* to their smartphone and redeem offers immediately from their phones.

**2020 Council-Sponsored Prizes:** For every 50 Camp Cards sold, a Scout will receive a \$25 gift card. Gift cards may be selected for the Mechanicsburg Scout Shop, Trading Post at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation, or Trading Post at Camp Tuckahoe. Sell 150 Camp Cards and pick all three! Gift cards will be mailed to Scouts prior to June and must be used by December 31, 2020.

### **Additional Keystone Capital District Selling Incentives:**

1. Top Selling Scout - The first place, top selling Scout in our Keystone Capital District will receive a free week of camp at a 2020 or 2021 New Birth of Freedom summer camp.
2. Top Selling Unit - The first place, top selling unit in our Keystone Capital District will receive a Papa John's gift card to have a pizza party for all its participating Scouts.

Contact Janet Grice at [janetgrice65@gmail.com](mailto:janetgrice65@gmail.com) if you would like to assist with this year's sale or if you have any questions.

### **Council Events and Training**

2020 Merit Badge College will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Lower Dauphin Middle School. Cost is to be Published and includes Lunch each Day. The District will post more information in February.

District and Council Recognition Dinner – The NBOF Council will have the annual recognition dinner on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Holland Union Building Dickinson College. There will be a council wide opening followed by a breakout by District for its own Recognitions. Then the council will regroup for Dinner.

## **Calendar**

2 March - Menu Planning	12-13 June – Water Activity / Antietam Battlefield
6-8 March- Campout with Pack 360	
9 March - Geocaching	15 June - Geocaching Event
16 March - Geocaching	22 June – Fishing Meeting
28 March – Merit Badge College Day 1	5-11 July - Summer Camp
24-26 April – Camporee Sports A Palooza	27 July – Senators Game
4 May – Swim Night – JCC - 7:15	TBD – Hershey Park
9 May – Merit Badge College Day 2	
11 May – Final Summer Camp Payments	
16-17 May - Backpacking	
18 May - Court of Honor	

### SINGLE SESSION MERIT BADGE CLASSES

9:00 – 9:45	10:00 – 10:45	11:00 – 11:45	2:00 – 2:45	3:00 – 3:45
Archaeology (NAV)	Animal Science (ECO)	Astronomy (ECO)	American Heritage (CIV)	Archaeology (NAV)
Art (H)	Basketry (H)	Citizenship in the Nation (CIV)	Art (H)	Camping (SC)
Athletics (S)	Camping (SC)	Citizenship in the World (CIV)	Basketry (H)	Citizenship in the World (CIV)
Bird Study (ECO)	Chemistry (STEM)	Composite Materials (STEM)	Camping (SC)	Electronics (STEM)
Camping (SC)	Citizenship in the Nation (CIV)	Electronics (STEM)	Chemistry (STEM)	Emergency Prep. (HL)
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Electricity (STEM)	Emergency Prep. (HL)	Environmental Science (ECO)	Citizenship in the World (CIV)	First Aid (HL)
Environmental Science (ECO)	Engineering (STEM)	Exploration (SC)	Composite Materials (STEM)	Fly Fishing (NAV)
Exploration (SC)	First Aid (HL)	Fingerprinting (H)	Environmental Science (ECO)	Forestry (ECO)
Fire Safety (SC)	Fly Fishing (NAV)	First Aid (HL)	First Aid (HL)	Game Design (S)
First Aid (HL)	Game Design (S)	Forestry (ECO)	Fish & Wildlife Mgt. (ECO)	Geocaching (SC)
Game Design (S)	Geocaching (SC)	Game Design (S)	Indian Lore (NAV)	Insect Study (ECO)
Law (CIV)	Geology (ECO)	Indian Lore (H)	Mammal Study (ECO)	Leatherwork (H)
Leatherwork (H)	Mammal Study (ECO)	Orienteering (SC)	Metalwork (SHOP)	Metalwork (SHOP)
Nature (ECO)	Plumbing (SHOP)	Personal Fitness (S)	Personal Fitness (S)	Personal Fitness (S)
Oceanography (ECO)	Public Speaking (CIV)	Sculpture (H)	Search & Rescue (HL)	Photography (STEM)
Personal Fitness (S)	Pulp & Paper (H)	Search & Rescue (HL)	Space Exploration (SC)	Public Speaking (CIV)
Photography (STEM)	Radio (STEM)	Soil & Water Cons. (ECO)	Sports (S)	Radio (STEM)
Plumbing (SHOP)	Rep. & Amph. Study (ECO)	Swimming (POOL)	Wilderness Survival (SC)	Weather (ECO)
Space Exploration (SC)	Sports (S)	Wilderness Survival (SC)		Wood Carving (H)
Swimming (POOL)	Swimming (POOL)	Wood Carving (H)		
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### DOUBLE SESSION MERIT BADGE CLASSES

9:00 - 10:15	10:30 - 11:45	2:00 - 3:15
Archery (A)	Archery (A)	Canoeing (LAKE)
Canoeing (LAKE)	Canoeing (LAKE)	Cooking (SC)
Cooking (SC)	Cooking (SC)	Kayaking (LAKE)
Fishing (LAKE)	Kayaking (LAKE)	Pioneering (SC)
Kayaking (LAKE)	Lifesaving (POOL)	Pottery (H)
Lifesaving (POOL)	Moviemaking (STEM)	Robotics (STEM)
Pottery (H)	Rifle Shooting (SS)	Sailing (LAKE)
Rifle Shooting (SS)	Rowing (LAKE)	Welding (SHOP)
Robotics (STEM)	Shotgun Shooting (SS)	
Sailing (LAKE)		
Shotgun Shooting (SS)		