



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December's PLC meeting was a training session for new youth leaders.
- Did you work on the **American Heritage merit badge**? A merit badge counselor will be at an upcoming troop meeting to check remaining requirements and sign blue cards. Don't forget to keep working on other merit badges, if you have anything outstanding.
- **Upcoming activities and campouts.** All activities and meetings are posted on the troop calendar. A sign up sheet will be at meetings for any upcoming events.
 - January 19-21 -- Troop Campout: Klondike Derby @ Beaumont. Early bird price ends 12/31.
 - February 23-25 -- Troop Campout: Polar Bear/Scout Skills @ Firelands
 - March TBD
- **Scout Sunday** will be celebrated with a mass at St. Basil in February. Stay tuned for details.
- **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)** will be held June 9-14, 2024 at Firelands. Scouts must be at least 13 at the time of NYLT and have achieved First Class rank. Many of our older Scouts have attended and benefited from this premier training program. NYLT attendees must complete Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) on May 18 before attending NYLT. See Mr. Snyder about registering for NYLT.
- Summer camp #1 will be at Manatoc June 16-22. Leaders are looking at doing a **second week of summer camp** and are targeting a week in July. Watch for an announcement email.
- BSA recently updated their **policy regarding adults that can camp** with the troop. The updated policy requires adults who overnight to be registered with BSA. [Review a FAQ.](#)
- The boys' troop committee and girls' troop committee have begun the process of **combining volunteers and committee positions** in an effort to streamline operations and effectively serve both troops. The combined committee needs more parents participating in a troop role. Speak with Mrs. Tschetter to inquire how you can assist.
- Ideas for **service projects and fundraising** are always welcome. If you have a suggestion, it helps if you are willing to be a lead on the project. Speak with Mr. Snyder or Mrs. Tschetter.
- Know someone who is [interested in Scouting](#)? **Visitors are welcome** at our meetings. Speak with Mr. Snyder.

TROOP CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Regular troop meetings are held every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 PM at St. Basil's Parish Center. See the full [troop calendar](#).

DATE	EVENT	TIME/PLACE
January 10	PLC Meeting	6:15 PM
January 19-21	Troop Campout: Klondike Derby	Beaumont SR
January 24	Committee Meeting	6:15 PM
February 8	Scouting Anniversary Day (Happy Birthday, BSA!)	
February 23-25	Troop Campout: Polar Bear	Firelands SR
February 28	Committee Meeting	6:15 PM
March 6	Troop Court of Honor	
March 13	PLC Meeting	6:15 PM
March 27	Committee Meeting	6:15 PM
March 31	Easter	
April 8	Solar Eclipse	

ADVANCEMENTS

Congratulations to Luke B. on earning the rank of Eagle Scout!

MERIT BADGE/TRAINING EVENTS

- January 27: [Winter Sports MB](#) @ Holden Arboretum
- February 17,18: [Snow Sports MB](#) @ Kent State University Rec Center
- February 18: [MB Sunday](#) @ LEC Service Center
- March 22-23: [MBU](#) @ Beaumont
- March 23: [Fire Safety MB](#) @ Cleveland Fire Museum
- March 24: [Cooking MB](#) @ Beaumont
- May 18: [ILST](#) @ Beaumont
- June 9-14: [NYLT](#) @ Firelands