



# TROOP 652B BRECKSVILLE

## Scoutmaster's Minute | February 16, 2024

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to new troop members Lincoln and Conner!
- At the February PLC, the group discussed upcoming campouts, summer camp, and meeting activities.
- The monthly **committee meeting** for February may be rescheduled. Stay tuned for details.
- **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.
  - February 23-25 -- Polar Bear/Scout Skills Campout @ Firelands Scout Reservation, Wakeman
  - March 8-10 -- Troop Campout @ Camp Butler, Peninsula
  - April 26-28 -- Cooking Skills Campout @ Heritage Park, Richfield
  - May 17-19 -- Scout/Parent Campout (adults not registered with BSA will be welcome to visit for the day on Saturday) @ Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation
- We held our **cold weather camping discussion** in early January. As mentioned, access [Hiker Direct for discounted items](#) on outdoor gear and see our [cold weather camping tips](#).
- We respectfully request that **forms and permission slips** for campouts and outings be turned in no later than the Wednesday troop meeting before a weekend event. It gives our volunteers time to sort and organize necessary paperwork, and determine what is missing before departure on Friday. Forms are on the [troop website](#).
- Arrow dens will visit our troop in February. Know someone who is [interested in Scouting](#)? **Visitors are welcome at our meetings.** Speak with Mr. Snyder.
- Let's celebrate! The troop needs a Master of Ceremonies for the upcoming **Troop Court of Honor on March 6**. Scouts should contact Mr. Snyder if they're interested in fulfilling the role. Keep working on your merit badges and rank advancements. Scouts should request a Scoutmaster conference or board of review by email before Wednesdays or at the beginning of a troop meeting.
- **VIRTUS training**, required for all adults that volunteer or overnight with the troop, will be held April 22 at St. Basil's Family Life Center. It is highly recommend that all parents do the training. [Register here](#). Choose Cleveland, OH (Diocese).
- **Summer camp #1** will be at [Manatoc June 16-22](#). Leaders have booked **summer camp #2** at [Camp Merz on Lake Chautauqua, New York from July 7-12](#). An announcement email was sent on January 18. Scouts are welcome to attend as many weeks of summer camp as they'd like! Speak with Mr. Moore about registering for summer camps.
- The **troop spirit wear shop** is open! If you need class B t-shirts, sweatshirts, or accessories, [check out the options](#).

### 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
February 14	PLC Meeting	6:15 PM
February 23-25	Troop Campout: Polar Bear	Firelands SR
February 28	Committee Meeting	6:15 PM
March 6	Troop Court of Honor	
March 8-10	Troop Campout	Camp Butler
March 13	PLC Meeting	6:15 PM
March 27	Committee Meeting	6:15 PM
March 31	Easter	
April 8	Solar Eclipse	
April 10	PLC Meeting	6:15 PM
April 24	Committee Meeting	6:15 PM
April 26-28	Troop Campout: Cooking Skills	Heritage Park, Richfield

### ADVANCEMENTS

Congratulations to Sammy C. (First Class), Oliver M. (Scout) and Lincoln M. (Scout) on their recent rank advancements.

### MERIT BADGE/TRAINING EVENTS

- 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
- June 16-22: Summer camp #1 @ Manatoc
- July 7-12: Summer camp #2 @ Merz