



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Happy New Year! We have some big Scouting adventures to look forward to in 2024.
- At the January PLC, the group discussed upcoming campouts, summer camp, and meeting activities.
- **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
  - February 23-25 -- Polar Bear/Scout Skills Campout @ Firelands
  - March TBD
- We held our **cold weather camping discussion** in early January. As discussed, access [Hiker Direct for discounted items](#) on outdoor gear and [cold weather camping tips](#).
- Arrow dens will be visiting our troop in January and February. Know someone who is [interested in Scouting](#)? **Visitors are welcome at our meetings.** Speak with Mr. Snyder.
- **Scout Sunday** will be celebrated on February 4 with a mass at St. Basil in February. Stay tuned for details.
- 652B and 652G will participate in a **service project during the troop meeting on February 7.** We'll cut fabric for Kids Capes of Courage. Mrs. Chirstian is leading the activity.
- 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.
- Summer camp #1 will be at [Manatoc June 16-22](#). Leaders are working on booking a **second week of summer camp** and are targeting a week in July at [Camp Merz on Lake Chautauqua, New York](#). Watch for an announcement email.
- **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; eligible scouts are encouraged to attend. NYLT attendees must complete Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) on May 18 before attending NYLT. See Mr. Snyder about registering for NYLT.
- 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.

### 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 19-21	Troop Campout: Klondike Derby	Beaumont SR
January 24	Committee Meeting	6:15 PM
February 4	Scout Sunday Mass	Time TBA
February 7	Service Project: Kids Capes of Courage	During troop meeting
February 8	Scouting Anniversary Day (Happy Birthday, BSA!)	
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 13	PLC Meeting	6:15 PM
March 27	Committee Meeting	6:15 PM

### ADVANCEMENTS

Congratulations to Oscar S. (First Class) on his recent rank advancement.

### 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