January 20, 2025 | scoutmaster@troop652bsa.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR TROOP FAMILIES.
- At the January PLC, the group discussed upcoming campouts and meeting activities.
- These are our **upcoming activities and campouts**. Stay tuned for details or a sign-up sheet at troop meetings.
 - January 24-26 -- Troop Campout: Klondike Derby @ Beaumont
 - February TBD -- Troop Campout: Polar Bear or other
 - March 7-9 -- Troop Campout: 652 Arrows Crossover @ Butler
 - April TBD
- We held our **cold weather camping discussion** in early January. As discussed, access <u>Hiker Direct for discounted items</u> on outdoor gear and <u>cold weather camping tips</u>.
- Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 2 at St. Basil during the 9:00 AM mass. Stay tuned for details. Scouting Anniversary Day is February 8.
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) will be held June 8-13, 2025 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 17 before attending NYLT. See Mr. Snyder about registering for NYLT.
- Summer camp #1 will be at Manatoc from June 15-21, 2025. If registered adults are available, leaders are considering a second
 week of summer camp probably in July. Watch for an announcement email.
- The troop committee seeks adult volunteers to fill the roles of assistant scoutmaster (scouting program, camping, and troop meetings), advancement chair (track merit badges, awards, and ranks), membership coordinator (welcome new families, prep for recruiting/tabling events), service project coordinator (find, inform, and coordinate service opportunities), and fundraising (additional opportunities outside the pop & water sale). Speak with <u>Mrs. Weisfelder</u> to inquire how you can assist.
- Need a **Scoutmaster conference or a Board of Review** for rank advancement? Scouts should send an email to <u>Mr. Snyder</u> (with another adult copied to be in compliance with YPT) or request a conference at an upcoming meeting.
- Scouts are encouraged to do merit badges throughout the year. Upcoming merit badge (MB) classes and Merit Badge Universities (MBU) are always listed in this newsletter.

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 <u>troop calendar</u>.

DATE	EVENT	TIME/PLACE
January 22	Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
January 24-26	Troop Campout: Klondike Derby	Beaumont SR
February 2	Scout Sunday Mass	9:00 AM
February 8	Scouting Anniversary Day (Happy Birthday, BSA!)	
February 12	PLC Meeting	6:30 PM
February 26	Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
March 7-9	Troop Campout	Camp Butler
March 12	PLC Meeting	6:30 PM
March 26	Committee Meeting	6:30 PM
April 9	PLC Meeting	6:30 PM
April 20	Easter Sunday	

ADVANCEMENTS

Keep working on your rank advancements!

MERIT BADGE/TRAINING EVENTS

- January 23: First Aid Badge Lab @ LEC
- January 28: <u>Personal Management Badge</u> <u>Lab</u> @ LEC
- February 6: <u>Home Cooking Badge Lab</u> @ LEC
- February 15: <u>Snow Sport MB</u> @ KSU
- February 20: <u>Dog Care Badge Lab</u> @ LEC
- February 22: <u>Robotics Exploration MB</u> @ LEC
- February 23: Merit Badge Sunday @ LEC
- March 22: <u>Fire Safety MB</u> @ Fire Museum, Cleveland
- March 23: <u>Cooking MB</u> @ Beaumont
- April 26: <u>Metalwork MB</u> @ Kent State Univ.
- May 17: <u>ILST</u> @ Beaumont
- May 18: Merit Badge Sunday @ LEC
- June 8-14: <u>NYLT</u> @ Firelands