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TROOP 31

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Important Dates to Remember

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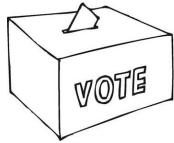
Apr. 14	Troop Meeting <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>	May 8	Girl Scout Geocaching Event <i>Ramapo Reservation</i>
Apr. 16	Xtreme Sports/Adventure <i>NNJ Council Event</i>	May 12	Troop Meeting <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>
Apr. 16-18	Canoe Trip Weekend <i>Atsion, NJ</i> <i>Friday 5:30pm – Sunday 5:00PM</i>	May 13	Boy Scout Swim Test <i>Rockland County Comm. College</i>
Apr. 21	Troop Meeting <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>	May 14-16	Merit Badge Fair <i>Price Cabin, Camp Glen Gray</i> <i>Friday 6:00pm – Sunday 12:00pm</i>
Apr. 22	Committee Meeting <i>Municipal Building – 7:30 PM</i>	May 15-16	New Scout Tent Camping <i>Camp Glen Gray</i>
Apr. 24	Beaver Workday <i>Camp Glen Gray</i>	May 19	Troop Meeting <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>
Apr. 28	Troop Meeting <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>	May 26	Troop Meeting <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>
May 5	PLC <i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i>	May 31	Memorial Day Parade <i>Ramsey</i>

On-Deck Events:

Watch for Car Wash Announcement Soon!
Annual Bonfire at Campgaw Soon!
June 5-6 – YawPaw to Bear Swamp Hike & Overnight
June 9 – Court of Awards, Masonic Lodge
June 12 – Waterfront Beaver Day at Glen Gray
June 16 – Troop Softball Game
June 26 – Mets game at Citi Field

July 17-24 – West Virginia High Adventure Camping
August 1-7 – Summer Camp @ NoBeBoSco

TROOP ELECTIONS



It's almost that time again! Hard to believe, but we will be holding our Troopwide elections soon. If you have any interest in running for a Leadership position, please contact Scoutmaster McKiever. The Leadership positions include Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. The Senior Patrol Leader will be in place for NoBe, as is our tradition.

GLEN GRAY SPRING MERIT BADGE FAIR

Don't wait too long and get shut out! The permission slip is on the website and we're getting ready for another Merit Badge Fair at nearby Camp Glen Gray. We are leaving Friday night so you can be ready early Saturday for your MB class. It is required that you contact your MB Counselor soon so you can complete the pre-reqs. Contact Scoutmaster McKiever at mmc57@optonline.net for a complete list of classes and counselors.



NEW SCOUT TENT CAMPING

Tent camping for new scouts will be at Camp Glen Gray from Saturday, May 15 to Sunday, May 16. This is a great trip for New Scouts working on the Tenderfoot Rank. You will be able to complete 4-5 requirements and have a lot of fun. Come out and join in the fun and spirit of Boy Scout camping with Troop 31. Contact ASM Larkin at larkintl@yahoo.com if you have any questions. The permission slip is available at http://www.bsa-troop31.org/10_NewScout_GG_Camping.pdf.



MEET THE METS!

What says Summer more than a hot dog at a baseball game? This year Troop 31 was lucky enough to get a hold of tickets to Citifield for the Saturday, June 26 Mets afternoon game! The weather should be warm and Citifield is very Scout / family friendly. The seats are located in the Promenade Reserved section. The price is \$20 each (scout or family/friend). Please contact Scoutmaster McKiever for more info.



WEST VIRGINIA TRIP

Summer is fast approaching, and we are planning our annual week-long adventure

summer trip. This year we will be going to Bluestone State Park, Hinton, West Virginia from July 17th to July 24th. Come join us for a week-long experience of adventure, camping, and fun located in the middle of the Appalachian mountains. Activities will include river and lake canoeing, hiking, an underground cave adventure, swimming, fishing, and of course gourmet camp cooking. If interested please contact Mr. Rutkowski with any questions: 201-825-4270 or stan88@optonline.net. Permission slip is posted on the website.



IT'S NOT JUST THE SCOUTS!

Many thanks go out to Mrs. Floyd for "Hand Making" the new flag covers for our Troop. She saw the need, and in true Scout Spirit, did something about it! Great job Kim!



GET READY! THE COUNTDOWN HAS STARTED!

Like the White Rabbit said, "So much to do, so little time to do it!"

While we're not late, now would be a good time to start getting ready for Camp. As most of you know, there's always paperwork. For NoBe, that includes medical forms (which can be downloaded from our website), and payments. Remember to send your payments in to Mrs. Vinelli as soon as you can so you receive the "Early bird discount"! Please use the form we provided, and don't forget to include your shirt size!



Check your equipment too! You've probably grown a bit over the past year, so make sure everything works, fits, and is clean!

ATTENTION ALL ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS!

There will be an ASM meeting (Date/Location TBD) where the agenda includes NoBeBoSco, training, event / outing planning, and task assignments. It is very important that you attend this meeting. Thanks! You guys really do so much for the Troop!



SCOUTMASTER CORNER

The outdoor season is getting into full swing now. My refrigerator calendar is filled with all sorts of events and things to do. Some are Scouting, and some are non-scout related. I understand that there will be many "conflicts" and hard decisions to make. Priority seems to be a word that gets used a lot right about now.



Today's youth live a very scheduled life. Activities are slotted into timeframes.



Sometimes decisions are made to attend an event strictly on a time basis. We must be aware that quality still counts, and Boy Scouting is a quality activity. We are teaching our boys for the future. The Principles of Scouting is a value-based lifestyle. To me, that's priceless and a priority. That's why I keep Scouting in the "mix"!

Yours In Scouting,
Mr. M. McKiever
Scoutmaster, Troop 31

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