








**Troop 712 Boy Scouts of America**  
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December 10, 2017

<b><i>Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b>8:45 AM – 12:30 PM – Christmas Caroling at Shenango on the Green and Overlook Service Project</b>
<b><i>Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup></i></b>	6:30 PM – 9:00 PM – Troop Bake Off and Movie Night <b><i>Reservations and Money Due for Tubing at Avalanche Express</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup></i></b>	No Meeting <b><i>Reservations and Money Due for January Camp Out</i></b>
<b><i>Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b>11:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Tubing at Avalanche Express (Weather Permitting)</b>
<b><i>Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup></i></b>	<b><i>\$200 Deposit for Florida Sea Base 2019 Due</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></i></b>	6:00 PM – Patrol Leaders Council 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting
<b><i>Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup></i></b>	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting 7:00 PM – Backpack Service Project 7:15 PM – Troop Committee Meeting
<b><i>Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b>Winter Camp Out – Camp Stambaugh</b> <b>Depart from First Presbyterian – Friday, 6:00 PM</b> <b>Arrive back at First Presbyterian – Sunday, 12 Noon</b>
<b><i>Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup></i></b>	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting
<b><i>Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup></i></b>	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting <b><i>Reservations and Money Due for Troop Banquet</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup></i></b>	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting <b><i>Board of Review</i></b> <b><i>Reservations and Money Due for February's Ski Trip</i></b> <b><i>\$25 Summer Camp Deposit Due</i></b>

<p><b>Credit Cards now accepted</b></p>	<p>We are now accepting the following as a method of payment for fund raisers, camp outs, summer camp, dues, and registration. Due to there being a surcharge for us using this service, we prefer that you pay with cash or check, but we are happy to now offer the convenience of paying with any of these cards.</p> 
<p><b>Tubing</b> </p>	<p>The outing for December is snow tubing at Avalanche Express in Meadville. We will meet at Laurel High School at 10:45 AM so that we can leave promptly at 11:00 AM. The cost for Scouts and registered adults is \$TBD. Other family members are welcome to go at the cost of \$TBD.</p> <p>We must know definitely at the Wednesday's December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting who is planning on going. In addition to the money, we also need the permission form for the Scout and a waiver for every person who is going.</p> <p>If a Scout's brother or sister wishes to attend, then at least one parent/guardian must also attend and provide the transportation for those family members going.</p> <p>Contact Don Rodgers if you have any questions.</p>
<p><b>Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy</b></p>	<p>In order to help Scouts understand appropriate cell phone and electronic device use, the troop committee approved a policy at its March meeting. The policy can be found on the forms page of the troop's website.</p> <p><b>EVERY SCOUT NEEDS TO PRINT OUT THE CELL PHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES USE POLICY AND PERMISSION FORM. This policy is now in effect.</b></p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Don Rodgers.</p>
<p><b>Summer Camp 2018</b> </p>	<p>The troop will be returning to Camp Freedom at the Heritage Scout Reservation next summer for summer camp. We will be attending during the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>A great way to prepare for summer camp is to start making monthly payments now. That way Scouts will not need a large payment down the road. The cost for camp is \$370 if paid in full by March 28.</p> <p>The payment structure is</p> <p>At least \$25 must be paid by January 31, 2018.</p> <p>An additional amount of at least \$75 must be paid by February 21, 2018.</p> <p>The balance of all camp fees must be paid by March 28, 2018.</p> <p>There is a \$25 surcharge if your camp fees are not paid in full by March 28.</p>

<p><b>Uniform Exchange</b></p>	 <p>Do you have old uniforms or troop t-shirts laying around that are too small for your Scout? If so, please bring them into a meeting for the uniform exchange. Need a new shirt, check out the uniform exchange in the closet before you go purchase a new shirt or pants.</p> <p>Old uniform shirts, pants, or troop t-shirts should never be taken to Goodwill or the Salvation Army. They should be re-distributed through a troop or pack.</p>
<p><b>Fund Raising Schedule 2018</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Pasta Dinner (February)</li> <li>❖ Candy Bar Sale (February &amp; March)</li> <li>❖ Augustine's and Four Star Sale (June)</li> <li>❖ Popcorn Sale (September)</li> <li>❖ Pancake Breakfast in October</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parent/Driver Sign In and Sign Out And Building Security</b></p>	<p>We are now following these procedures for meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Parents must escort their Scout into Fellowship Hall and sign them in. If a parent is providing transportation for more than one Scout, they may sign in any of the Scouts they transported.</li> <li>➤ If a Scout drives to the meeting, he must sign in upon arrival.</li> <li>➤ At the end of the meeting, parents must come into the building to pick up their Scout. Scouts will not be permitted to wait by the door for their rides.</li> <li>➤ If a Scout drives to the meeting, he must sign out when he is leaving.</li> <li>➤ 15 minutes after the meeting starts, the door at the top of the steps and the front door by the office will be locked. If a Scout is arriving late, they will need to call either Jack, Kevin, or Don to be let in.</li> <li>➤ The doors will be unlocked approximately 15 minutes before the meeting is over.</li> </ul>

## Fund Raising Quota 2018



### Option 1

For families who wish to opt out of these fundraisers.

- The annual dues is \$250

### Option 2

The Scout must have at least one of the fundraisers where the gross sales are at least \$100.

- Help Scouts learn to pay their own way.
- Combined Gross Sale of \$450 from Pasta Dinner, Candy Bar and other fund raisers from January to November. \$450 is the minimum.
- Scout who sell less than their quota will be asked to pay a pro-rated annual dues (equal to 44.444% of the amount that they are short of the goal). The maximum pro-rated annual dues would be \$200.

### Option 3

The Scout participates in at least one of the fund raisers but none of the fundraisers this year had gross sales of \$100 or more.

- Help Scouts learn to pay their own way.
- Combined Gross Sale of \$450 from Pasta Dinner, Candy Bar, and other fund raisers from January to November. \$450 is the minimum.
- Scout who sell less than their quota will be asked to pay a pro-rated annual dues (equal to 55.556% of the amount that they are short of the goal). The maximum pro-rated annual dues would be \$250.

## Fund Raising Philosophy of Troop 712




It is the committee's desire to not overburden our Troop with too many fundraisers.

The purpose of having fundraisers is

- To help teach the Scout the value of learning to pay his own way
- To raise money for operating cost of the troop, including
  - equipment (tents, cook kits, stoves)
  - program supplies (speakers, hand books, merit badge books)
  - advancement (merit badges, rank patches, mother's pins)
  - activities (the troop pays at least \$5 per Scout for all events)
  - training (for adults and Scouts)
  - special events (open house, troop banquet, inspection pizza rewards)
  - troop t-shirts

As a bonus, our troop historically has also offered part of the profit from the fundraising being allotted to the individual Scout's activity account. Please note, this is not the primary purpose of our fundraising. However, through the Individual Activity Fund for each Scout, it is the committee's hope that every Scout can participate in all of the outings throughout the year, including summer camp.

**Scouts are NOT permitted to conduct their own fund raising sales or change the selling price of products.** Scouts wanting to raise additional money for summer camp may provide a service for someone (like cutting grass) as long as they are clear that they are raising money to go to summer camp but not as a fund raiser for Boy Scout Troop 712. Scout MAY NOT take it upon themselves to sell candy bars, hold an organized car wash, hoagie sale, etc.

<b>Merit Badge Pamphlet Library</b>	Please return all the library books borrowed as soon as you are finished with them. Make sure you give them to Don Rodgers.
<b>What's the Committee Doing?</b> 	On Wednesday, November 8 <sup>th</sup> , the troop committee will be meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed the activities and events from the past month.</li> <li>• Approved making the outing to Cooks Forest State Park for the Woodsy Owl Clean Up in October an annual event.</li> <li>• Set the adult competition for the bake off to be appetizers.</li> <li>• Approved Ralph to purchase up to 6 tents from the equipment fund.</li> <li>• Approved taking part with the American Legion Christmas Dinner as a service project.</li> <li>• Approved the PLC's request for Christmas Caroling on December 16<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>



### Happy Birthday to

Vicki Kuhn.....	December 16
Don Rodgers .....	December 16
Kevin Cross.....	December 18
Nicholas Rzodkiewicz.....	December 29

<b>Important Phone Numbers and E-mail addresses</b>	First Presbyterian Church..... 724-652-7706
	Jack Marti, <i>Scoutmaster</i> ..... (c) 724-301-1457 <a href="mailto:smjack712@aol.com">smjack712@aol.com</a>
	Don Rodgers, <i>Committee Chairperson</i> .....(h) 724-652-2470 (c) 724-651-8285 <a href="mailto:d.rodgers.62@gmail.com">d.rodgers.62@gmail.com</a>



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*Turn In With Payment*

**Money Turn In for December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

		<b>Amount Enclosed</b>
<b>Summer Camp 2018</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
<b>Florida Sea Base 2019</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
<b>Troop T-Shirts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
<b>Tubing</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
<b>January Camp Out</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
<b>Other (Please Describe)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>		

*You may write one check for the total amount enclosed.*