





Troop 712 Boy Scouts of America
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December 31, 2017

Wednesday, January 3rd	<p><i>Reservations and Money Due for January Camp Out</i></p> <p><i>\$200 Deposit for Florida Sea Base 2019 Due</i></p> <p>6:00 PM – Patrol Leaders Council</p> <p>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Election of ASPL and PL for February - July</i></p>
Wednesday, January 10th	<p>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM – Backpack Service Project</p> <p>7:15 PM – Troop Committee Meeting</p>
Friday, January 12th through Sunday, January 14th	<p><i>Winter Camp Out – Camp Stambaugh</i></p> <p><i>Depart from First Presbyterian – Friday, 6:00 PM</i></p> <p><i>Arrive back at First Presbyterian – Sunday, 12 Noon</i></p>
Wednesday, January 17th	<p>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting</p>
Wednesday, January 24th	<p>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting</p> <p><i>Reservations and Money Due for Troop Banquet</i></p>
Wednesday, January 31st	<p>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting</p> <p><i>Board of Review</i></p> <p><i>Reservations and Money Due for February’s Ski Trip</i></p> <p><i>\$25 Summer Camp Deposit Due</i></p>
Sunday, February 4th	<p>9:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Scout Sunday</p> <p>Scout Sunday – A troop event that happens once a year. We will meet as a troop and worship as a troop at the church that sponsors us. Scouts will need to be there by 9:45 AM in uniform. Adults are encouraged to wear their uniform if they have one or the current troop t-shirt. Parents and families are welcome to attend as well.</p>
Wednesday, February 7th	<p>6:00 PM – Troop Banquet and Court of Honor</p> <p><i>Candy Bar Order Due</i></p>
Wednesday, February 14th	<p>6:00 PM – Patrol Leaders Council</p> <p>7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting</p> <p>7:15 PM – Troop Committee Meeting</p>

<i>Saturday, February 17th</i>	Ski Trip to Peek'n Peak 7:00 AM – Leave Laurel High School 8:00 PM – Arrive back at Laurel High School
<i>Wednesday, February 21st</i>	<i>Pasta Tickets and Money Due</i> 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting <i>Summer Camp Payment Due</i> <i>Reservations and Money Due for March Cabin Camp Out and First Aid Meet</i> <i>Candy Bar Sale Begins</i>
<i>Friday, February 23rd through Saturday, February 24th</i>	Order of the Arrow Winter Fellowship
<i>Sunday, February 25th</i>	Annual Pasta Dinner Set Up – 8:30 AM Serving 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
<i>Monday, February 26th</i>	Cross Over Ceremony with Pack 745 – 7:00 PM – Four or five Webelo Scouts from Pack 745 will be crossing over to our troop this night. We need Scouts and adults from our troop to attend this meeting and welcome the new Scouts and their families. We have the chance to make a positive difference as these Webelo Scouts comes into our troop.
<i>Wednesday, February 28th</i>	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Troop Meeting <i>Board of Review</i>

January Freeze Out 	<p>Bundle up and get ready for a great winter camp out on Friday, January 12th through Sunday, January 14th. We will leave the church's parking lot at 6:00 PM on Friday and head over to Camp Stambaugh in Canfield, Ohio. We will be sleeping in Adironnacks. Be prepared. A complete packing list will be handed out at the January 3rd meeting.</p> <p>The PLC will be finalizing the program for this weekend at their meeting on Wednesday.</p> <p>We will return to the church parking lot around noon on Sunday.</p> <p>Reservations and money for this trip must be turned in by 7:00 PM at the meeting on January 3rd.</p>	
Florida Sea Base 2019	A reminder that any Scout or adult interested in going to the high adventure Sea Base in 2019 needs to have a \$200 deposit made by Wednesday, January 3 rd .	

**Philadelphia
Candy Bar Sale**



This year's candy bar sale begins on February 21st and ends on March 21st. If you would like to participate in this sale, you must fill out the form at the end of this update and turn it in at the meeting on **February 7th**.

Each candy bar sells for \$1.00 of which the Scout would get \$.25 into his IAF. Each box of candy has 30 bars of delicious Philadelphia Candy. You choose the variety of mix between plain, caramel, almond, crispy, peanut butter, and dark chocolate.

It will be the Scout's responsibility to sell the entire box as we will not be able to take back any unsold bars.

You must pre-order the number of boxes and the mix of candy bars that you want. We will not be ordering extra boxes. If you do not place an order we will not have any for you to sell. A Scout is prepared.

Troop Banquet



The annual troop banquet and court of honor will be held on **Wednesday, February 7th**. The meal will be catered and will include chicken, pasta, potatoes, salad, rolls, and drink.

- Cost: Scouts _____ Free
- Adults and Family Members ages 11 and up _____ \$10.00
- Children ages 3-10 _____ \$5.00
- Children under the age of 3 _____ Free

Reservations and money will be due by **January 24th**

Pasta Dinner



The annual pasta dinner is schedule for **Sunday, February 25th**. We are serving from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Tickets and posters will be handed out at the January 3rd meeting. Each Scout is asked to sell at least 10 tickets. Ticket sales count towards the Scout's fund-raising total for the year and the Scout will receive 10% of the gross sales of the tickets into their IAF. All unsold tickets and money must be turned in by no later than Wednesday, February 21st.

Scouts and parents are need to sign up to work at least one shift.

Kevin Cross will be heading up the venture. Be sure to talk to Kevin or Jen if you have any questions or are willing to volunteer. You can reach them at 724-924-2300.



The ski trip to Peek'n Peak has been planned for Saturday, February 17th. We will leave the parking lot from Laurel High School at 6:30 AM sharp. We plan to arrive at the Peek'n Peak resort by 8:30 AM. Plans are to hit the slopes by 9:00 AM and will ski until 5:00 PM. We are suggesting that Scouts bring a brown bag lunch to help keep the costs down. We will leave the resort soon after 5:00 PM and plan to stop at a fast food restaurant in Erie for dinner. Scouts will need to bring their own money for the restaurant. We should arrive back at Laurel High School around 8:00 PM.

The cost for this outing is as follows provided we have at least 15 people going:

	Cost for Scouts and Registered Adults	Cost for Family Members
Lift Ticket Only	\$18	\$38
Equipment and Lift Ticket	\$54	\$74
Equipment, Lift Ticket, and Lesson (required for anyone who has not skied before or within the last year)	\$61	\$81

If a brother or sister wants to go on the trip, a parent or guardian must also attend.

If we do not reach the minimum of 15 people for the above group rates, there will be an additional charge.

Reservations and money are due by no later than Wednesday, January 31st.

We need adults who are willing to drive to go on this outing. Please contact Kevin Cross if you are interested and willing.

Credit Cards now accepted

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.






Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

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.

EVERY SCOUT NEEDS TO PRINT OUT THE CELL PHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES USE POLICY AND PERMISSION FORM. This policy is now in effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Rodgers.

Campership Forms	<p>The form for camperships 2018 has been uploaded to the troop's website under the forms tab.</p>
Summer Camp 2018 	<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 8th through July 14th.</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>
Uniform Exchange	 <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>
Fund Raising Schedule 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Pasta Dinner (February) ❖ Candy Bar Sale (February & March) ❖ Augustine's and Four Star Sale (June) ❖ Popcorn Sale (September) ❖ Pancake Breakfast in October
Parent/Driver Sign In and Sign Out And Building Security	<p>We are now following these procedures for meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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. ➤ If a Scout drives to the meeting, he must sign in upon arrival and sign out when he is leaving. ➤ 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. ➤ 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. ➤ The doors will be unlocked approximately 15 minutes before the meeting is over.

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.

2018 Extra Effort Awards



If a Scout sell more than \$500 in combined sales through the year, he will receive the following amount of cash at the last meeting of the year in December.

Total Sales during 2015	Bonus Cash of at least
\$500 - \$750	\$10
\$751 - \$1,000	\$15
\$1,001 - \$1,250	\$20
\$1,251 - \$1,500	\$25
\$1,501 - \$1,750	\$30
\$1,751 - \$2,000	\$35
\$2,001 - \$2,250	\$40
\$2,251 - \$2,500	\$45
\$2,501 - \$2,750	\$50
\$2,751 - \$3,000	\$55

Merit Badge Pamphlet Library

Please return all the library books borrowed as soon as you are finished with them. Make sure you give them to Don Rodgers.

What's the Committee Doing?



On Wednesday, December 13th, the troop committee will be meeting.

- Reviewed the activities and events from the past month.
- Set the price as the same as last year for the troop banquet.
- Set the prices for this year's pasta dinner.
- Approved having physicals on April 4 and April 11 for summer camp.



Happy Birthday to

Nicholas Rzodkiewicz December 29
 Linda Gargas February 11
 Jennifer Cross..... February 12

Important Phone Numbers and E-mail addresses

First Presbyterian Church.....	724-652-7706
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Don Rodgers, <i>Committee Chairperson</i>	(h) 724-652-2470 (c) 724-651-8285 d.rodgers.62@gmail.com

Turn In With Payment

Reservations for Troop Banquet on Wednesday, February 7th

Scout's Name: _____

Number		Price Per	Total
	Scouts	Free	
	Infant to Age 3	Free	
	Children Age 4 – 10	\$5.00	
	Adult (Ages 11+)	\$10.00	
Total Amount Due			

Reservations are due by no later than January 24th.



Detach and Turn In

Philadelphia Candy Bar Sale



Scout's Name: _____

- I will participate in this fund raiser and would like _____ boxes of 30 candy bars and understand that these are not returnable and I am responsible for \$30 per box.

The mix I want is (must be equal to 30 *times* the number of boxes you listed above)

Number of Bars	Kind
	Plain
	Almond
	Caramel
	Crispy
	Peanut Butter
	Dark Chocolate
	Total Number of Bars

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Money Turn In for January 3rd

Scout's Name: _____

		Amount Enclosed
Summer Camp 2018	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
Florida Sea Base 2019	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
Troop T-Shirts	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
January Camp Out	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
Troop Banquet <i>Due January 24th</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
Ski Trip <i>Due January 31st</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
Other (Please Describe)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> IAF	
Total Amount Enclosed		

You may write one check for the total amount enclosed.