

Troop Scoop

Another Wonderful Couple of Months in Scouting!

Welcome back to the Troop Scoop! After another amazing three months of activities, I am happy to report that there is much to talk about. From shooting sports to cycling, to a new Q&A section, this is an action-packed new edition to the troop newsletter! Hope you enjoy!

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Austin Prats.
Troop Historian

Special shout outs to
Justin Gearhardt
Devarsh Sadhu
Isaac Timmerman
Mr. Coderre

Thanks, yall for making this possible! Can't tell you how much I appreciate it!



Scoutmaster Message

Every November I like to make a point of taking a moment to reflect on the events that shaped this year, unfinished items I still want to accomplish, and start thinking about the upcoming year. “Already?” you might ask, “Isn’t January the time for New Year Resolutions?” Technically yes, but I’ve always felt that if I waited until Jan 1st, it’s already too late!

Being Scouts, we are encouraged to BE PREPARED! We should always strive to take those words from Robert Baden-Powell to heart. It is our motto after all. Part of being prepared begins with BEING THERE. Yup, just showing up and being active is your first foot forward to being a better Scout and ultimately a better person. Active Scouts are noticed Scouts. And that’s a good thing!

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GREENERY SALE!

Christmas time is closing in and it’s time to sell sell SELL! From wreaths to mantle pieces to blankets, there’s a wonderful variety to choose from. Any questions? Read the letter! You’ll probably find the answer there. If it’s not there, reach out to our greenery specialist Mr. P. Have Fun!

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Q&A

Q: What are the Hammock Camping Requirements?

A: “1st Class, a hammock, 1” tree straps. A tarp to cover the hammock, a way to stay warm (either under quilt or insulated pad) at least 1 night trying it out in your backyard, and a plan “B” in case you decide hammock camping isn’t for you (ie – having a tent ready during the middle of the night).” – Mr. Coderre

Q: How many eagles have we had in our troop?

A: 266

Q: When was Troop 516 founded?

A: The exact date is unknown. Founding dates range anywhere between 1958 - 1962

Q: How many merit badges are there total?

A: 137 as of October 2022.

Q: What is the most common merit badge?

A: As of 2022, the most commonly earned merit badge is First Aid, dating back to 1911.

Q: What is the least common merit badge?

A: For the last 3 years, the Bugling merit badge has by far been the least earned.

High Adventure – Ohio to Erie Cycling Trip

On the first day, we start by dipping our tires in the Ohio River. Then, we set off on the 16 miles ride to Milford. We got guided by one of Mr. Fanelli' friends because the trail had some construction being done on it. On the second day we biked 17 miles to Kings Island. We split into groups and rode lots of rides for about five hours. Then, we had to bike 10 miles to Morrow. The total of 27 miles took us 2 hours and 22 minutes. On the third day, we rode 5 miles to Morgan's Canoe Livery. We rode in groups of 3 on the canoes. It took about one and a half hours. Then, we rode 17 miles to spring valley. Later that evening we rode another 2 miles to make the day's ride 25 miles to count for the cycling merit-badge. The 22 miles take us 2 hours and 13 minutes. On the fourth day, we rode 36.3 miles from spring valley to London. Afterwards, we biked 2 miles to the London municipal pool. We all hung out for a few hours swimming. Then, we biked back to the campsite. On the fifth and last day, we biked 53 and a half miles. We met up at the Whit's frozen custard to get ice-cream to celebrate the hard journey we had just finished. While we were eating our ice-cream Mr. Fanelli finished the first aid parts of the cycling merit badge. We loaded up the bikes and drove to the church. We unloaded the bikes and waited for the box truck to arrive. We unpacked it. Then closed the trip with a little discussion about how it went.

Isaac Timmerman – Walloping Walruses

Ready, Aim, FIRE!

The September Campout was at Camp Birch. It was based around shooting sports activities like rifle, shotgun, and archery. There were two shooting sessions, one where everybody went in the morning, and another optional session in the afternoon. Instead of going to the second session of shooting some people went on a hike with Mr. Duncan to collect Goldenrod for woodsmen aspiring to be Firecrafter. Others stayed at Camp to hang out with friends. Justin Gearhardt and our SPL, Mohamed, spent their day gathering wood and making a beautiful fire for our campfire ceremony after dinner. Then the morning we were leaving, something amazing happened! We didn't restart our police line one time! This is a great improvement from summer camp when we stayed for almost an hour because we had to keep redoing it. I hope this always happens at campouts from now on.

Devarsh Sadhu - APPP

A Wild Journey at Fall Frenzy!

For the past three years Troop 516 has been going to Fall Frenzy. Fall Frenzy is a campout based on fun competitive games. It is hosted by Firecrafter and takes place at Camp Belzer in Indiana. There is an individual completion in the morning on Saturday and a team-based competition in the afternoon. This year Mr. Coderre, Mr. Duncan, Austin and Andrew Prats, and Justin Gearhardt attended the camp this year. The only thing we had to do on Friday night was to eat the walking tacos that they had for cracker barrel.

We started the competition at 9:00 on Saturday. The challenges that they had setup were knot tying, where you had to tie all the knots you need to tie for the camper through Firecrafter ranks in the fastest time. The next one was camper card, where you had to finish all the requirements for camper in the fastest amount of time. The next one was the wet set challenge, where you had to pop a spark in the fastest amount of time after drinking your fire by friction set in water

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Nature Is Not A Place To Visit. It Is Home

Gary Snyder

Monthly quote

Upcoming Astronomy Campout!

This December we're heading up north to Pioneer Scout Reservation to observe the sky! From Dec 9-11, we're going to be gazing at the stars! Sign ups start soon, so be ready to have some fun!

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The next one was the nature challenge, where you had to guess all of the pictures with different animals, plants, and trees on correctly. The last challenge was the fire building challenge, where you had to build a decent sized fire within 25 minutes. Austin Prats won the camper-crafter award, which was awarded only to campers. Mr. Duncan unsurprisingly won the alumni-crafter award, which was awarded to the adults. After these competitions we had two hours until the next team-based competition. Justin, Austin, Andrew, and a woodsman from another troop made a team for the team-based competition. They were competing for the silver flame, where a Firecrafter and up to four other woodsman or campers competed in the games. The first completion was where they all had to set up a tripod using the tripod lashing in the fastest time. The next activity was the ball carry where they had to carry different sizes of balls a certain distance. The next challenge was the blindfolded tent race, where one person guided the team to set up the tent while the rest were blindfolded. The next activity was the egg transfer, where they had to pass an egg (ping pong ball) to each other. The last challenge was the fire building activity and man's first meal, where they had to make multiple fires using different materials to light them, then cooking an onion on one of the fires. Unfortunately, they didn't win the prize. The last thing they had to do was on Sunday, where Austin, Andrew and Justin got training to be council officers and participated in a council committee meeting.

Justin Gearhardt – APPP / Firecrafter

Advancements (July – Present)

Scout: Jack Boehm – 09/12/2022
Jonathan Selby – 08/15/2022
Evan Miller – 10/03/2022
Leo Berger – 10/10/2022
Owen Grimm – 10/17/2022
William Chamberlain – 10/24/2022

Tenderfoot: Eli Bright – 08/22/2022
Lucas Bright – 08/22/2022
Beckham Cutler – 09/12/2022
Zachary Parson – 09/26/2022

Second Class: Zachary Parson – 10/03/2022
Hunter Busch – 09/12/2022
Theo Vu – 08/15/2022

First Class: Justin Gearhardt – 08/08/2022
Hunter Busch – 09/26/2022
Parth Mantri – 08/08/2022
Devarsh Sadhu – 10/03/2022

Star: Austin Prats – 08/01/2022
Andrew Prats – 08/01/2022
Yazan Hmidan – 08/15/2022
Shobit Goel – 10/17/2022

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I realize that being in the spotlight might not be your thing. Believe me, it's not mine either! But being active doesn't just give you the opportunity to learn, advance, and become part of something bigger... It encourages someone else to observe what you are doing and want to join you, to learn from you, to become part of something bigger! Let's help create that opportunity for others. So, as I look at the end of the year, we still have many activities planned: campouts, meetings, merit badge opportunities, service projects... This is your opportunity to be a Scout by BEING PREPARED and BEING THERE! Be a part of the action Your troop and patrol will appreciate it and you will too as you reflect on your accomplishments from the past year!

Mr. Coderre – Scoutmaster / Firecrafter

Pictures

Looks like everyone's geared up and ready for their 150-mile trip up the Ohio to Erie. Have fun!



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Our Mastercrafter awards this year go to none other than Austin Prats and Mr. Duncan! Congrats, and keep up the good work!



Another Troop 516 style fire at our September campout led by our SPL, Mohamed. We had a combination of skits, campfire songs, and awesome cheers! We all can't wait to do it again.



Just like to say farewell to our beloved Pedro from Scout Life. We hope you return one day.