

# The Bugle



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## November Outing

### Theme: "Community Service"

November is a GREAT month for Scouting! The troop will be conducting a service community project at Pohick Bay Wilson Campground. Mr. Kniller has done a ton of planning to provide us with an excellent trip. We will be refurbishing a campsite to include the surrounding environment-landscape that has been misused. This will be a great opportunity for the troop to give back to the local community and for our scouts to earn community service hours.

**\* Each patrol must have a Patrol flag to participate:**

**Cost:** \$15.00 for food

**On-line signup deadline:** Nov 4

**Depart:** Friday, Nov 14 @5pm

**Return :** Sun, Nov 16 @1pm

**Parents:** Be at the Church @ 1pm for pickup

**Drivers/adult needed:** YES!

## December Outing

### Theme: ""

For the December outing we will be going to Camp Tuckahoe and sleeping in cabins. Webelos II Scout are invited to join us as guest campers.

**Cost:** \$35.00

**On-line signup deadline:** Nov 23rd

**Depart:** Friday, Dec 5 @5pm

**Return :** Sun, Dec 7 @ 3pm

**Parents:** Be at the Church @ 3pm for pickup

**Drivers/adult campers needed:** YES!

## ATTENTION: New Campout Registration Deadline

Please be aware of our new registration deadline policy. The NEW deadline (10 days prior to the campout) will allow our volunteers and Scouts sufficient time to plan appropriately for all the details involved

with a weekend campout. This is a change from our previous practice of extending the deadline to the Tuesday prior to the campout. In addition, this new deadline will be our practice going forward. We will have occasional exceptions to this practice (i.e., Camporees, Summer Camp, High Adventure & Philmont Treks, etc), but those deadlines will be even earlier. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.



## Order of the Arrow Dates:

Fall Ordeal/Brotherhood: Nov 7-9<sup>th</sup> at Camp Snyder.

## The Scoutish Highland Games!

The Camporee was a lot of FUN this fall. The various troops and patrols in our district participated in a variety of troop sponsored challenges that required demonstrating scout skills, teamwork and cooperation. The weather and the venue was nice. Many thanks to Mr. Kniller, Mr. Hodges, Mrs. Gurley, Ms. Tagliavia, Mr. Petersen and Mr. Davis that all helped out to make the Camporee a success.

Paul D  
SPL



## Troop 1257's November Community Service Project

Goal: 100%  
scout  
participation



Nov 1: Neighborhood bag distribution (8am-10am)

Nov 8: Bag collection (8am-Noon)

Thanks to all you that have stepped up and volunteered. Special thanks to Mrs. Edwards for coordinating.



November 4:  
Election Day.  
Remember to  
Vote!

## November-December Troop Meeting Schedule and Important Dates to Remember



Nov 1: Scouting for Food bag distribution (8-10am)

Nov 1: Webelos-Ree day outing at Lake Fairfax (8am-4pm; service hours opportunity-signup required--see Mrs. Gurley or the SM)

Nov 7-9: Fall Ordeal (Camp Snyder)

Nov 8: "Scouting for Food" pick up (9:30-Noon; Service hours opportunity)

Nov 14-15: Campout

Nov 18: PLC and ASM Corp meetings

Nov 24: Parents-Committee Meeting

Nov 25: Troop Meeting

Dec 2: Troop Meeting

Dec5-7: Outing Camp Tuckahoe-Gettysburg hike

Dec 9: PLC and ASM Corp Meeting

Dec 15: Parents-Committee Meeting

Dec 16: Troop meeting-Pizza-Holiday Party

Dec 23- No meeting

Dec 30- No Meeting

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>- Troop Meeting

## Congratulations, Top Popcorn Peddlers!



Here are the top seven winners of this year's Popcorn Sales contest. In addition to the prizes they won from the popcorn company, they each will get several opportunities to pie the Scoutmasters Mr. Kniller and/or Mr. Davis at the



Webelos II OPEN HOUSE on Nov 4th. The two top sellers also receive a FREE DAY PASS to Hershey Park in 2009.

RANK	Scout	Amount sold
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eric	\$1660
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aaron	\$1172
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul	\$1123
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan	\$1050
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jason V	\$1035
6 <sup>th</sup>	Danny	\$922
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin	\$902

Congratulations to all the scouts that sold popcorn this year on a job well done!! These Scouts also have the satisfaction of helping to pay their own way in scouting, and the respect that comes along with the accomplishment.

## Advancements

The following Scouts were recognized for advancements during the month of October.

### Star

Stephen G



## OA Brotherhood Members

At the Camporee, Paul D and the Scoutmaster-Mr. Davis became Brotherhood members of the Order of the Arrow Lodge. Brotherhood members commit to even more cheerful service to Scouting through the Order.

## Share those Pics.

Photographers please share those photos taken on scouting events with the Troop 1257 family. Burn them to a CD and give to Mr. Charlie Woodhouse, the Troop Webmaster.

## Eagle Service Project

Congratulations to Park Ticer for initiating his Eagle Community Service Project on October 25th. Park led a

team of scouts and adults in the construction of a basketball court at the Church of the Epiphany. Wet and windy weather has delayed completion for a few weeks.

## New Scout Leadership

Congratulations to those of you who were elected or appointed to a Position of Responsibility and recently completed their Troop Leadership Training on Oct 21st and Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. You have a great opportunity to serve Troop 1257. These positions are highly desired and they are key leadership roles. Now's your chance to show your stuff – so let 'er rip!

## Merit Badge Counselors Needed



We still need Merit Badge Counselors for our program. We have many Scouts at First Class Rank and above. Without earning Merit

Badges, these scouts will not be able to advance. Volunteers please contact Paul Petersen, Committee Chair, or speak with the Scoutmaster. We especially need counselors for Eagle-required Merit Badges.

## Medication Reminder!

This is just a friendly reminder that ALL medications must be turned into an adult (with a troop medication form) prior to departure for an outing. We can not have scouts self-medicating themselves. Thank you for your support.

## Scoutmaster's Corner

“Volunteer-Our Troop Depends on It”

Troop 1257 is striving to become a more "boy led" Troop. Over time, the Scouts will be given more and more responsibility in leading various activities in the Troop. As they advance from one rank to another, they are assigned more complex duties and more

is expected of them. Still, parents have a responsibility to help the boys learn by being good "guides". As in any youth organization, a Boy Scout Troop requires a fair amount of adult work to be well run. Troop 1257 expects that at least one parent of each Scout will serve as a volunteer for the troop. Volunteer service can be accomplished in many ways. They may serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Member, lead a fundraiser, oversee a campout, etc. There are always numerous tasks that need to be accomplished -- some on a continuous basis, others as individual events. Whatever you decide to do, your help is always appreciated, and you can be satisfied that you are helping your son and his fellow Scouts have a better Scouting experience. Of course, you benefit as well by being able to dedicate some time to your son's activities. You can watch him learn and grow in ways few parents are able to do, while setting a great example for him to follow. What could be better than that? To volunteer, contact the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chairperson, or any committee member. If you do not know one of these, ask any uniformed adult leader at a Troop meeting or ask your Scout.

Yours in Scouting,  
Mr. Davis (Scoutmaster)

## Adult Training Classes

Fast Start Training, Youth Protection Training (YPT) and Troop Committee Training are available on-line at <http://olc.scouting.org>. YPT required every two years. Give certificates to the Committee Chair.

## Newsletter Contributions

Contact the Paul D, our Troop SPL-Historian, with any Newsletter contributions at: [tdavis22@cox.net](mailto:tdavis22@cox.net)  
Thanks!