



Boy Scout Troop 1559 News

47 Eagles and still growing!
Over 30 active scouts in troop now.

May, 2012



May Camping Trip

Our next camping trip will be Friday May 11th to Sunday, May 13th, 2012. We will meet at Mount Oak Church at 6PM, departing for the Hershey Highmeadow Campground in Hershey, PA. We will spend all day Saturday at Hersheypark, enjoying a bag lunch and eating at park food venues for dinner. For this trip only, the camping trip fee is \$65 and includes park admission and a meal coupon we'll be using for dinner. In addition to the usual camping equipment and attire, we recommend you consider bringing good walking shoes, sun protection gear and extra money for drinks.

April Camping Trip Report

The scouts toughed it out on our Religious Retreat with the weather starting off cold and then going to wet. But fun was had by one and all with lots of activities to keep them busy. The Saturday night campfire attended by about 200 scouts and adults was a lot of fun with a live band and skits from many troops. A surprise visit by the "Pizza Man" got the crowd going and his voice wrecked by the morning.



As a side note – If we are ever in the woods hunting for our own food... the animals are safe with our scouts' aim.



More photos of the trip at the very end of newsletter.

New Scouts

A Big Troop 1559 Welcome! to all of our new scouts.

William Morris, Max Bruner, Danny Duncan, Josh Goldberg, David Tyree, Anthony Donato, Luke Hanno Brandon Lewis, Joe Mumola, Evan Woodruff, Joe Wroblewski and Izzander Colon.

Boy Scouts Booth at Bowiefest

The Boy Scouts will have a booth at the Bowie Fest on June 3 from 11:00 to 6:00 at Allen Pond Park . If any leaders are interested in coming out to assist with giving information about Scouting it would greatly appreciated. Also if any Scouts would like to come out that would be great. We will have information about all the Units in the surrounding area. Especially the best one Troop 1559. Any scouts wishing to participate should contact the scout leaders.

Scout Rides to First Place Horsey Finish



After leaving a camping trip, First Class scout Robbie Benning rushed over to his horsemanship competition and made it just in time to mount up, get into the ring and win first place in his division. Sadly he has still has not finished his Horsemanship merit badge after riding for 5 years! LOL(Laughing out loud – I can say that as I am his Uncle!)

Scout Volunteers Needed For June Day Camp at Bowie State

Boy Scout volunteers fourteen years or older (as of June 25) are needed to help with Cub Scout Day Camp, scheduled for June 25-29 on the grounds of Bowie State University. This is a good opportunity to share your excellent Boy Scout skills and knowledge, earn forty school community service hours (but sorry, doesn't count for rank advancement) and let Cub Scouts in the area see what great guys Boy Scouts from Troop 1559 we are. Service activity areas include Sports, Archery, Nature, Crafts, BB guns, First Aid, Games, Songs/Skits and others as needed. The Day Camp theme this year is "High Seas Adventures" and it should be a lot of fun! Please contact Laura Knox at laura.knox@obg.com ASAP if you are interested in volunteering.

June 5th Troop Meeting To Be Held at Pointer Ridge Pool

For Tuesday, June 5th only, our weekly troop meeting will NOT be held at Mount Oak Church, but rather at the Pointer Ridge Swim & Racquet Club on Poole Lane in South Bowie. The meeting will begin at 7:00PM as usual, but we will forego the usual opening and closing ceremonies. The troop will be working on swimming-related rank advancement requirements and the BSA swimming pre-test required for summer camp attendees. Don't forget to bring your towel and swimsuit!



Did You Know? Scouting and Scholastics

Participation in the Boy Scouts of America may serve as an indicator of school success as measured by grade point average. When given a survey where students, in the 7th grade, marked which extracurricular activities they participate in and their teachers put down their grade point average, the students who ranked themselves as participating in Boy Scouts of America had a considerable higher mean grade point average than did all the students in the sample population. The only group that ranked higher than the Boy Scouts was the one with students who participate in academic clubs or competitions.

June Camping Trip: Possible Destination Change

There may be a change in location for the June camping trip, but the dates will remain the same. We recommend that a lot of the new scouts consider attending to finish up requirements for Scout, Tenderfoot and Second Class prior to our BSA Summer Camp at Camp Tuckahoe. Check with your patrol leaders and/or Scoutmasters for details.

Troop Events Calendar (updated 5/9/2012)

MAY 2012				
May	11-13	Fri-Sun		Camping near Hersheypark (PA)
May	14	Mon	7:30 pm	Order of the Arrow PG Chapter Meeting (Queen Anne's School)
May	15	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
May	18-20	Fri-Sun		Order of the Arrow Conclave
May	21	Mon	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
May	22	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
May	26	Sat		Bowie Memorial Day Parade
May	29	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
May	3	Thurs	7:00 pm	Patrol Leadership Committee (PLC)
JUNE 2012				
Jun	5	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Jun	7	Thurs	7:00 pm	Patrol Leadership Committee (PLC)
Jun	8-10	Fri-Sun		Camping at [Location to be determined]
Jun	11	Mon	7:30 pm	Order of the Arrow PG Chapter Meeting (Queen Anne's School)
Jun	12	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Jun	15	Fri	evening	Bowie Baysox Scout Night (Game/Fireworks/Movie/Camping)
Jun	18	Mon	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
Jun	19	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Jun	25-29	Mon-Fri		Cub Scout Day Camp - Troop 1559 Helps
Jun	26	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
JULY 2012				
Jul	3	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Jul	5	Thurs	7:00 pm	Patrol Leadership Committee (PLC)
Jul	8-14	Sun-Sat		Summer Camp at Tuckahoe (PA)
Jul	16	Mon	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
Jul	17	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Jul	24	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Jul	28-4	Sat-Sat		Order of the Arrow National Conference (NOAC)
Jul	31	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
AUGUST 2012				
Aug	2	Thurs	7:00 pm	Patrol Leadership Committee (PLC)
Aug	7	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Aug	10-12	Fri-Sun		Camping at Greenbrier (MD)
Aug	13	Mon	7:30 pm	Order of the Arrow PG Chapter Meeting (Queen Anne's School)
Aug	14	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Aug	20	Mon	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
Aug	21	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Aug	28	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
SEPTEMBER 2012				
Sep	4	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Sep	6	Thurs	7:00 pm	Patrol Leadership Committee (PLC)
Sep	10	Mon	7:30 pm	Order of the Arrow PG Chapter Meeting (Queen Anne's School)
Sep	11	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Sep	17	Mon	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
Sep	18	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Sep	21-23	Fri-Sun		Camping at Point Lookout (MD)
Sep	28	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
OCTOBER 2012				
Oct	2	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Oct	4	Thurs	7:00 pm	Patrol Leadership Committee (PLC)
Oct	8	Mon	7:30 pm	Order of the Arrow PG Chapter Meeting (Queen Anne's School)
Oct	9	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Oct	12-14	Fri-Sun		Camping at Massanutten (VA) indoor water park
Oct	15	Mon	7:30 pm	Committee Meeting
Oct	16	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
Oct	23	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting - Youth Leader Elections (date to be confirmed)
Oct	30	Tues	7:00 pm	Troop Meeting
NOVEMBER 2012				
Nov	16-18	Fri-Sun		Webelos Skill Mill/Camping at Watkins Regional Park (MD)

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Please forward troop news material and information to your newsletter coordinator, website coordinator and/or leaders! Please join us on the third Monday of each month for the monthly troop committee meeting for planning and coordination! Thanks!

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(E) Earned Eagle Scout rank as a Scout.

FOLLOWING PAGES HAVE PHOTOS FROM THE APRIL TRIP.....TAKE A LOOK

These guys look hungry!

