



THE EAGLE

Troop 542 News and Happenings

Spring 2026

SPRING 2026 CALENDAR

March 29 Troop Committee Meeting

APRIL

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- 17-19 Camping—Shooting Sports
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Rafting
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SERVICE PATROLS

Each week, one patrol sets up and cleans up our meeting. Please arrive by 7:15 and expect to stay until 9:15.

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| 4/6 | Shark | 5/18 | Pinetree |
| 4/13 | Python | 6/1 | Shark |
| 4/20 | Cougar | 6/8 | Python |
| 4/27 | Eagle | 6/15 | Cougar |
| 5/4 | Raven | 6/22 | Eagle |
| 5/11 | Lightning | | |

ADVANCEMENT OFFERINGS

Troop 542 helps every Scout grow through an advancement program.

First Year Program

All Scouts not yet First Class will participate in this program focusing on outdoor skills, teamwork and early rank advancement.

Merit Badge Options

Scouts First Class and higher can choose from a selection of badges that will allow them to explore interests and develop skills.

APRIL CAMPING— SHOOTING SPORTS



This trip promises something for everyone. Scouts will test their focus and skills during **shooting sports**, challenge friends in fast-paced rounds of **gaga ball**, and team up for epic games of **capture the flag**. It's the perfect mix of adventure, teamwork, and outdoor fun as we enjoy the fresh spring weather together.

Beyond the games and activities, the trip will give Scouts the chance to strengthen patrol teamwork, practice camping skills, and build memories that will last forever.

Trip Details:

- **Date:** April 17-19
- **Location:** Resica Falls
- **Cost:** \$45
- **Payment Due:** April 6
- **Departure:** April 17, 6:30pm
- **Return:** April 19, 1pm

MAY CAMPING— LIBERTY JAM

Excitement is building as Scouts and families from Troop 542 prepare to take part in Liberty Jam 2026—an unforgettable celebration that will have something for everyone.



This event promises an action-packed day filled with adventure, discovery, and celebration. Scouts will explore **dynamic Program Villages** featuring hands-on experiences that bring America's history to life, showcase the power of the Scouting program, and highlight exciting modern innovations. From interactive exhibits to skill-building activities, there will be something new to discover around every corner.

The energy continues throughout Saturday with **live shows and musical performances** that will create a true festival atmosphere.

Troop 542 is thrilled to be part of this celebration and can't wait to experience the adventure together!

Trip Details:

- **Date:** May 1-3
- **Location:** Green Lane State Park
- **Cost:** \$60
- **Payment Due:** April 20
- **Departure:** May 1, 6:30pm
- **Return:** May 3, 1pm

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SENIOR PLC

Troop 542 recently held elections for the 2025-26 Senior PLC. These scouts, along with the remaining PLC members will be responsible for planning, leading and carrying out our program for the next year. Congratulations to the following scouts:

SPL: Alex Lydzinski/Liam Rothenbach
ASPL-Logistics: Liam Rothenbach
John Henry Bollenbach
ASPL-Patrols: Declan Zwicker
ASPL-Program: David Garcia/Tysan Li
ASPL-Meetings: Manus Dolan

MULCHING AT SUPPLEE

Join the Troop on **April 25** at 8:30am at Supplee where we will tidy up and mulch the garden beds surrounding the church. This annual good turn project shows our appreciation to the organization that gives us so much.

ECOLOGY PROJECT

Meet the Troop at **Robbins Park on April 26 from 2–5pm** as we remove invasive plants and help restore the environment. Please wear long pants, boots, and work gloves.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Want to help the environment and earn service hours? Join Troop 542 on **Saturday, June 13 at 9:00 AM** at the **Upper Dublin High School Performing Arts Center (PAC)**. We'll be giving back to the community while cleaning up the roads. Wear your Class B uniform, bring work gloves and be ready to get a little dirty. This is a great chance to make a difference!



GET THE INSIDE SCOOP BEFORE SUMMER CAMP



Families of Troop 542 are encouraged to attend our pre-camp meeting on **June 22 at 7pm** to get fully prepared for an exciting week at Resica Falls Scout Reservation. Whether this is your Scout's first summer camp or you're a seasoned camp family, this meeting is designed to make sure everyone is ready and confident before departure.

Leaders will review **important dates and deadlines**, guidance on **medical forms, transportation plans, uniform expectations, tenting arrangements**, and what to pack for camp. We'll also walk through **camp programming and merit badge selection**, helping Scouts plan a schedule that fits their interests and advancement goals. And of course, we'll cover **much, much more** to make sure no detail is missed.

We look forward to your attendance to plan an unforgettable adventure!

ILST—LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Step up and lead! Any Scout who wants to grow as a leader and pursue a youth leadership position

should attend the **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)** course on **May 16**.

This hands-on training is your launchpad to success—teaching you how to lead your fellow Scouts, organize your team, communicate effectively, and make a real impact in your troop. ILST is designed to help Scouts understand their leadership roles, gain confidence, and build the essential skills needed to lead with purpose.

If you're ready to take the next step, develop real leadership skills, and make a difference, training is finalized, this is a must-attend opportunity!

More information will be shared with the Troop once the training is finalized.

JUNE CAMPING—WHITewater RAFTING



Get ready for an adrenaline-filled weekend as we head out for an unforgettable **camping trip** packed with adventure, teamwork, and fun. The highlight of the weekend will be an exciting day of **whitewater rafting**, an experience Scouts won't forget.

After tackling the rapids, the fun continues back at camp with **volleyball**, relaxation, and time to unwind with friends. And here's a Scout-favorite perk: **the adults are doing all the cooking!**

Trip Details:

- **Date:** June 6-7
- **Location:** Whitewater Challengers
- **Cost:** \$110
- **Payment Due:** June 1
- **Departure:** June 6, 7am
- **Return:** June 7, 1pm

2026 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

Troop 542 is thrilled to announce that we will be participating in the **2026 National Jamboree**, held **July 22–31, 2026** at the incredible **Summit Bechtel Reserve** in the mountains of West Virginia. This event is one of the crown jewels of Scouting, bringing together tens of thousands of Scouts from across the country (and even around the world) for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



The National Jamboree is unlike any other trip. Imagine a high adventure playground packed with action and excitement—whitewater rafting, climbing, zip lines, mountain biking, shooting sports, STEM activities, arena shows, and so much more. Scouts will also meet new friends from every corner of the country, trade patches, and take part in epic celebrations of Scouting’s spirit.

This will be **Troop 542’s high adventure trip for 2026**, and it promises to be one of the most memorable events you’ll ever take part in as a Scout. Whether you’re seeking adrenaline-filled adventures, skill-building opportunities, or simply the chance to experience Scouting on the largest stage, the Jamboree has it all.

Trip Details:

- **Dates:** July 22–31, 2026
- **Location:** Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia
- **Cost:** \$2,300
- **Eligibility:** Must be at least 12 years old to attend
- **Registration:** [Register here](#)
- **More Info:** See **Dr. Hotchkiss** with any questions

SUMMER CAMP AT RESICA FALLS

Summer camp is the highlight of the year for Troop 542, and this year we’re heading back to the **Resica Falls Scout Reservation** in the Poconos!



From **August 2 to 8**, Scouts will enjoy a full week packed with adventure, learning, and fun in the great outdoors.

Resica Falls has something for everyone. Whether it’s swimming and boating on the lake, sharpening your aim at archery or riflery, getting creative with crafts, or casting a line while fishing, Scouts will never run out of exciting activities. For those working toward advancement, summer camp is also the perfect opportunity to earn **outdoor merit badges**.

One of the highlights of the week is our **outpost hike**, where Scouts get to experience a true backcountry adventure under the stars. Plus, camp is filled with campfires, games, competitions, and plenty of time to hang out with friends and make lasting memories.

To help everyone get ready, we’ll hold a **pre-camp meeting on June 22**, where families can learn more about the schedule, gear and packing tips.

Trip Details & Costs:

- **Dates:** August 2 to 8
- **Location:** Resica Falls Scout Reservation
- **Cost:** \$625 for youth
- \$50 deposit due **January 26**
- \$150 payment due **March 23**
- \$425 balance due **May 11**

SAVE THE DATE



Troop 542 is setting sail for an unforgettable high adventure trek to **Sea Base**, scheduled for **June 25 through July 4, 2027, Marsh Harbor, Bahamas**. This weeklong expedition will offer Scouts the chance to experience Scouting’s most iconic aquatic programs—an immersive blend of sailing, snorkeling, marine exploration, SCUBA diving and hands-on teamwork that challenges and inspires.

We have a crew of 20 with one spot currently available.

Sea Base will build confidence, leadership, and camaraderie as crews work together aboard vessels, explore vibrant waters, and learn essential nautical skills. For many Scouts, it becomes a defining memory of their Scouting journey.

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING

Scouting America requires all adult volunteers to complete **Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT)**, a 90-minute online course replacing Youth Protection Training. SYT, developed with child safety experts, covers abuse prevention, bullying, online safety, barriers to disclosure and the S.A.F.E. model. Volunteers must also complete a **short annual refresher**. Current YPT remains valid until its expiration or 5/31/26, whichever comes first.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING

Hazardous Weather Training is **mandatory for all Direct Contact Leaders** and essential for keeping Scouts safe. From thunderstorms and heat waves to snow and freezing temps, this online course teaches leaders how to plan, recognize risks and respond quickly when conditions change.

Complete the training for both courses at
my.scouting.org

INCIDENT REDUCTION AND REPORTING

This free virtual training course offers a 45-minute overview of our organization's safety policies, available resources and proper reporting procedures. This instructor-led session is designed for maximum convenience.



Registration is required.

Sign up here: <https://scoutingevent.com/525-86376>

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT)

NYLT is Scouting America's premier six-day leadership course for Scouts BSA, youth. Led by trained youth staff with adult advisors, the program blends outdoor adventure with hands-on lessons in communication, team development, ethical decision-making and problem-solving.

The course will be held **June 27-July 1 and August 8-14, 2026** at Camp Hart. Early registration is available.

[CLICK HERE](https://scoutingevent.com/525-100838) OR SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER



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This course is designed for every adult leader and provides the essential outdoor skills needed to succeed as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. Since outdoor adventure is at the heart of Scouting, IOLS equips leaders with the knowledge and confidence to deliver a strong, successful program from the very start.

As the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, IOLS focuses on the same core skills taught to Scouts —ensuring leaders can guide, support, and inspire youth on their Scouting journey.

The course will be held April 25-26, 2026 at Camp Hart, Musser Scout Reservation.

[CLICK HERE](https://scoutingevent.com/525-100833) OR SCAN THE QR TO REGISTER



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Wood Badge, the highest level of adult leadership training in Scouting. Open to all registered Scouters who have completed their basic training and have some camping experience, Wood Badge is a fun and fast-paced program that blends outdoor adventures with modern leadership principles.

Over two weekends, participants will learn valuable skills in communication, team development, problem-solving, coaching, mentoring and goal setting. The course is designed to strengthen leaders in their home units and provide tools that can be applied in the workplace and everyday life. Wood Badge is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable experiences in the Scouting journey.

The course will be held **May 29-31 and June 13-14, 2026** at **Camp Hart, Musser Scout Reservation**. Early registration is **\$345** through **March 27, 2026**, and **\$375** after that date.



Register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/525-100916#>

TROOP 542



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AUGUST

24 Troop Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER

8 Opening Campfire/Court of Honor

13 Highway Cleanup

15 Troop Meeting

27-28 Backpacking Trip

29 Troop Meeting

OCTOBER

3-5 OA Fall Fellowship

5 Troop Committee Meeting

6 Troop Meeting

11 Fall Trail Run

13 Troop Meeting

24-26 Camping—District Camporee

27 Troop Meeting

NOVEMBER

2 Troop Committee Meeting

3 Troop Meeting

10 Troop Meeting

14-16 Cabin Camping—Catapults

17 Troop Meeting

24 Troop Meeting

DECEMBER

1 Troop Meeting

5-7 Cabin Camping—Gourmet Cooking

7 Troop Committee Meeting

8 Troop Meeting

13 Highway Cleanup

15 Holiday Party/Court of Honor

JANUARY

4 Troop Committee Meeting

5 Troop Meeting

12 Troop Meeting

24 Day Trip—Gold Rush

26 Troop Meeting

FEBRUARY

1 Troop Committee Meeting

2 Troop Meeting

8 Scout Sunday

9 Troop Meeting

20-22 Cabin Camping—Movie Making

23 Troop Meeting

MARCH

1 Troop Committee Meeting

2 Troop Meeting

7 Highway Cleanup

9 Troop Meeting

16 Troop Meeting

21-22 Bus Trip—Washington DC

23 Troop Meeting

28 Troop Dinner/COH

29 Troop Committee Meeting

STAY ORGANIZED WITH THE TROOP 542 SCOUTBOOK CALENDAR SUBSCRIPTION

The calendar subscription makes staying on top of events a breeze. With real-time syncing and automatic reminders, you'll never miss an important meeting or event. It's a must-have for scouts and parents who want to stay connected and organized!

Scan the QR code or type in the URL
to get started.

<https://tinyurl.com/2jp5545u>



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Special Events

- July 22-31 National Jamboree
- August 2-8 Summer Camp—Resica Falls

TROOP MEETINGS

Troop meetings are held on most Mondays from 7:30-9pm at Supplee Presbyterian Church, 855 Welsh Rd, Maple Glen, PA. Service Patrols are expected to arrive early and leave later.

TRIPS

Unless otherwise specified, most trips run from Friday to Sunday. For all trips, Scouts should arrive with proper gear and permission slips. Permission slips are found on the Scoutbook page by clicking on Upcoming Events and clicking on the activity link. Click on Permission Slip. Most information is already populated. All you need to do is print and sign.

TROOP WEBSITE

Troop 542 has a great website that provides awesome resources. This is where you will find announcements, advancement and leadership information as well as a wealth of other information. Check out the website: www.troop542.com



SCOUTBOOK

Scoutbook is the place to go to access advancement records, unit calendar, RSVP for events, print permission slips and more. Check it out by scanning the QR.



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CARS • TRUCKS • MOTORCYCLES

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\$20 DONATION PER CAR

Saturday

May 16, 2026

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Supplee Presbyterian Church

855 Welsh Rd, Maple Glen, PA

TROPHIES

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