

# THE EAGLE

Troop 542 News and Happenings

WINTER 2024

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- 27 Day Trip—Go Carts
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Troop 542 calendar.



### SERVICE PATROLS

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

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| 1/8 Raven      | 2/26 Cougar |
| 1/22 Pine Tree | 3/4 Cobra   |
| 1/29 Shark     | 3/11 Eagle  |
| 2/5 Python     | 3/18 Raven  |
| 2/12 Squirrel  |             |

## ADVANCEMENT OFFERINGS

Advancement opportunities for the Winter quarter will be:

### First Year Program

Required for all Scouts not First Class

### Merit Badges

- Auto Maintenance
- Aviation
- Salesmanship
- Personal Management

## MERIT BADGE OFFICE



### HOURS

In an effort to help Scouts

complete any unfinished merit badges, we will now be offering "Office Hours" by appointment on Monday nights from 7:00-7:30.

If you/your Scout has a questions about a merit badge or wants to have work evaluated, please fill out the form and we will schedule time with a counselor or instructor.



Scan the QR to signup.

## JANUARY DAY TRIP GO CARTS

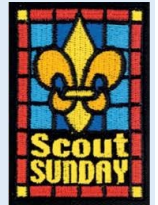
Join Troop 542 on January 27 at K1 Speed for this exciting day of speed. It's suitable for everyone, from first-timers to experienced racers. On arrival, you'll be provided with safety gear and instruction. Three races and lunch will be included.

The cost of the trip will be \$90 and is due at our January 8 meeting. We'll meet at K1 Speed, 200 Blair Mill Rd, Horsham, PA 19044 at 10am and should be done by 1pm.



## SCOUT SUNDAY

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in February 1910. To honor the founding, we will celebrate Scout Sunday at our sponsor, Supplee Church, on February 11.



Troop 542 is a civic organization that uses the church building. We have a diverse membership and the church has no input to our program. In fact, very few of our Scouts attend Supplee.

Scout Sunday provides us with the only opportunity we get each year to meet the folks who provide us with our meeting place. We need them to see our good side sometimes so they will continue to tolerate the impact we have on their facility.

If your conscience permits, please join us that morning. Come in full class A uniform and arrive at 9:15 so we can sit together as a Troop.

## FEBRUARY CABIN CAMPING SKIING/WATERPARK

The perfect getaway doesn't always have to fit into a single category. This trip will offer the excitement of skiing, the fun of a waterpark and the charm of a cabin.

Scouts will have the choice between skiing at Camelback Resort or the Aquatopia waterpark. When the sun sets and the day's fun is done, we will retreat to our cozy cabin at Camp No-be-bo-sco.



The cost of the trip is due at our February 12 meeting. Please choose one:

- \$120 for skiing
- \$172 for skiing and equipment rental
- \$127 for the waterpark

We'll leave from the church at 6:30 PM on Friday, February 23 and return on Sunday, February 25 at 1:00 PM.



## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP KICKOFF

Troop 542 will be kicking off leadership elections and appointments starting in February.

Scouts interested in leadership positions should always set a good example, wear their uniforms correctly and live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Unless otherwise noted, leadership positions are held for one year and generally only Scouts who have achieved the rank of First Class may hold leadership positions.

More information will be shared with the Troop when we get closer to kickoff.

The timeline for this year's positions are as follows:

- 2/5 Junior Leader Kickoff
- 2/9 SPL Applications Due
- 2/15 ASPL Applications Due
- 2/22 PLC Applications Due
- 2/26 All Leadership Applications Due
- 3/11 Positions Announced

## TROOP DINNER



The spring awards banquet will be on Saturday, March 16, at 3PM, at the Flourtown Day Use Area at Fort Washington State Park. Badges will be

presented and we'll have a program presented by our Scouts. A potluck luncheon will be served after the program. Stay tuned for details as we get closer to the date.

## TROOP 542 UNIFORMS

Troop 542 requires Scouts and leaders to wear proper uniforms at our meetings (Class A shirt, green shorts/pants, Scout belt and socks as well as a Troop 542 neckerchief and slide.

If you need to make your uniform complete, please see Patti DiFulgo at our meetings. She has the following items available for purchase:

- Class B Shirt \$12
- 542 Troop Patch \$6
- Patrol Patches \$3
- Cradle of Liberty Patch \$5
- World Crest Emblem \$3
- Shoulder Loops \$5
- Lord Baden Powell Patch \$2
- Neckerchief \$15
- Slide \$5

## MARCH BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

This year's annual bus trip will take the Scouts to New York City. We will leave on Saturday, March 23 and return Sunday, March 24.

On Saturday, we will visit the World Trade Center Memorial, and have the opportunity to pay respect to the lives lost on September 11, 2001. We will then ascend to the top of the Empire State Building and enjoy breathtaking views of the city skyline. Next we will eat lunch in Central Park and relax amidst the beauty of one of the city's most beloved green spaces. We will then journey to the Museum of Natural History to explore fossils and cultural artifacts. Afterwards, we will head to our hotel in New Jersey where we will enjoy dinner and go for a swim.

After breakfast and services on Sunday we will take a boat ride to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island where we will stand in awe of these symbols of freedom and opportunity. We'll stop for dinner on the way home.

It's important for us to get a good count to book our hotel rooms. Estimated cost of the trip will be around \$200.

**A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by January 8. Final payment is due March 4.**



## ORDER OF THE ARROW



The Order of the Arrow (OA) is a fraternity of Scouts who have demonstrated the spirit of Scouting to the Scouts in their troop. To join, you must be nominated by your fellow Scouts. Then you must complete an "ordeal" at camp. Once a member, you'll participate in OA activities and projects.

Our troop will hold its election to nominate new members on March 4. Scouts elected to the OA have 1 year to complete their ordeal.

## WOOD BADGE



Adult leaders are invited to attend Wood Badge. This premiere training course incorporates the latest leadership ideas and presents fresh, vital and meaningful training for today's Scouters. It teaches the best in modern leadership theories while using scouting activities.

This year's course will be held at Musser Scout Reservation on May 17-19 and June 8-9 (must attend both weekends).



Scan the QR to learn more and register for this awesome opportunity.

## WAWA COUPONS

Troop 542 raises money for the troop by selling Wawa Shortie coupons for \$5. The coupons do not expire. If interested in purchasing, please see Stephanie Dobbins.

## SEA BASE 2024



Sea Base will be our high adventure trip June 29-July 7, 2024. We will go to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for a sailing adventure with SCUBA diving for those who have SCUBA certification. We have five full crews and have a waiting list at this time. Please continue to pay \$225 or \$250 (SCUBA) each month.

## Resica Falls SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp at Resica Falls in the Poconos is a highlight of our Scout year. It brings swimming, boating, archery, crafts, riflery, fishing, and the chance to work on outdoor merit badges. It also includes our outpost hike, a chance to earn merit badges and lots of other opportunities for fun. Please plan to attend a pre-camp meeting on June 17 to learn more about camp.

We depart on July 28 and return home August 3.

Cost is \$575 for youth. **A \$50 deposit is due at our January 22 meeting. An additional payment of \$100 is due on March 18 meeting. The balance of \$425 will be due at the May 5 troop meeting.**

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## 2023-24 CALENDAR



### AUGUST

- 27 Troop Committee Meeting
- 28 PLC Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

- 9 Highway Cleanup
- 11 Opening Campfire/Court of Honor
- 18 Troop Meeting
- 23-24 Backpacking

### OCTOBER

- 1 Troop Committee Meeting
- 2 Troop Meeting/PLC
- 9 Troop Meeting
- 16 Troop Meeting
- 21 Troop 541/542 Trail Run
- 23 Troop Meeting
- 27-29 Camping—Catapulting
- 30 Troop Meeting

### NOVEMBER

- 5 Troop Committee Meeting
- 6 Troop Meeting Construction
- 13 Troop Meeting
- 17-19 Camping—Movie Making
- 20 Troop Meeting
- 27 Troop Meeting SMC/BOR

### DECEMBER

- 2 Highway Cleanup
- 3 Troop Committee Meeting
- 4 Troop Meeting PLC SMC/BOR
- 11 Holiday Party/Court of Honor
- 15-17 Cabin Camping Capture the Flag

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- 7 Troop Committee Meeting
- 8 Troop Meeting
- 13-14 ILST Training Weekend
- 15 Troop Meeting
- 22 Troop Meeting
- 26-28 Camping—Shooting Sports
- 29 Troop Meeting

### MAY

- 5 Troop Committee Meeting
- 6 Troop Meeting/PLC
- 13 Troop Meeting
- 17-19 Camping—Gourmet Cooking
- 20 Troop Meeting SMC/BOR
- 23-27 SCOPE

### JUNE

- 1 Highway Cleanup
- 2 Troop Committee Meeting
- 3 Troop Meeting SMC/BOR
- 8-9 Camping Rafting
- 10 Closing Campfire
- 17 Pre-Camp Meeting

### Special Events

- June 29-July 9 Sea Base
- July 28-August 3 Summer Camp

### TROOP MEETINGS

Troop meetings are held on Mondays from 7:30-9pm at Supplee Presbyterian Church, 855 Welsh Rd, Maple Glen, PA.

### 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](http://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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