

# Troop 436 Monthly

Schooley's Mountain—Long Valley, NJ



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## Spring Fishing at Winnebago in May

Nothing says spring time more than relaxing at a lake fishing. That's just what the Troop has in store next for the May overnight...freshwater fishing at Camp Winnebago!



The weekend of May 17-19 will see the troop head to nearby Camp Winnebago in Rockaway for some tent camping and fishing. We'll even turn it into a little Troop 436 fishing derby and get some prizes together to be awarded at our Saturday

night camp fire! It's also a great trip to catch up on any early rank outdoor



requirements or open merit badge requirements. And if there's any interest, we could

get a group together to head over to Washington's Headquarters in Morristown for those interested in completing the Jockey Hollow Medal requirements that we started on the April overnight.

Get your fishing gear dusted off and get set for some good ol' fashioned outdoor fun in May. DEADLINE: 5/8.

## Open Adult Positions!

Please join the many parents already helping deliver a quality program for your Scout.

**Fall Scout Account Fundraiser**—Plan and run the Fall Scout Account fundraiser.

**Troop Committee**—Be part of the adult leader team that shapes the Troop's direction behind the scenes!

**Cyberchip Trainer**—Run the annual training program for high school aged Scouts, 1-2 meetings a in April.

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## Mark Your Calendar

- May.1: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9
- May.4: Spring Troop Community Service Project
- May.8: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9
- May.15: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9
- May.17-19: **Fishing Overnight**—Winnebago Scout Reservation, Rockaway, NJ
- May.22: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9
- May.25: **Washington Township Memorial Day Celebration**—Rock Spring Park
- May.29: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9
- Jun.3: Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) Meeting—St. Luke, 6:30-7:30
- Jun.3: D.A.R.E. Session—WT Library, 7-8:45
- Jun.3: Troop Committee Meeting—St. Luke, 7:30-9
- Jun.5: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9
- Jun.7-9: **Beach Camping & Bike Hike**—Gateway National Park, Highlands, NJ





## Scoutmaster Minute—Scott O'Neil

### Brotherhood of Cheerful Service – Order of the Arrow.

The slogan of the Boy Scouts of America is: *Do a good turn daily*. Some Good Turns are big - saving a life, helping out after floods or other disasters, recycling community trash, working with your patrol on conservation projects. But Good Turns are often small, thoughtful acts - helping a child cross a busy street, going to the store for an elderly neighbor, cutting back brush that is blocking a sign, doing something special for a brother or sister, welcoming a new student to your school. A Good Turn is more than simple good manners. It is a special act of kindness. Now let's take that concept a step further.

*Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik Witahemui* was the original name of the Order of the Arrow. From what language was this name taken, and what does it mean in

English? *Wimachtendienk* *Wingolauchsik* *Witahemui* is from the Lenni Lenape language, and translates to "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service". Later this month five scouts and one adult leader from Troop 436 will experience their



Ordeal weekend and hopefully become duly initiated members of the Order of the Arrow.

Some of you may wonder what the Order of the Arrow is. The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), composed of Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives as elected by their peers. In order to be nominated a Scout/Scouter must satisfy three requirements: have the approval

of his Scoutmaster, be a First-Class Scout and have at least 15 nights of camping over the previous two years. Five nights (but only five!) must be from a BSA long-term camping experience (e.g., summer camp) the balance must be from short-term BSA camping.

The four stated purposes of the Order of the Arrow are: "(1) Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition; (2) Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp; (3) Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation; and (4) Crystallize the

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## Troop Report—Samuel Kearstan, Scribe

To start off the month of April, on 4/03/19, the troop completed our unfinished Winter Merit Badges. When the scouts were finished with their Merit Badge work, they had them signed off by the appropriate counselor. On the same day, we also gave a notice the troop that they had to fill out the 2019-2020 Troop Activity Survey which would be due at the first meeting in May (5/1/19). This meeting led to the meeting of 4/10/19. In this impor-

tant meeting, each patrol made a Patrol Flag with the materials of white t-shirts, fabric markers, and many sturdy sticks. These flags represent each patrol in their own way. The flag would also tell us a little bit about the patrol and what their name is. The next meeting of 4/17/19, was all about planning for the Jockey Hollow Hiking overnight. We created Duty Rosters and finished planning for this trip. After we completed that, we decided to use Philmont food for the

overnight. The Philmont Food was used to help kids complete requirements for the cooking and camping merit badges. With April coming to an end, we ended with our last meeting of the month on 4/24/19. During this meeting, we had many kids do the Cyber Chip with Mr. Fracchiolla and Mrs. Kearstan. Mr. Fracchiolla lead 2 groups of scouts that needed to renew the Cyber Chip, and Mrs. Kearstan lead all of the new scouts that had to obtain the Cyber Chip.



## View From the Chair—Glen Arndt

**Training or developing youth leaders?** I taught my son to drive from the passenger seat of my manual VW Jetta. I'm pretty sure the best way to learn how to start from a stop with a clutch is sitting behind the wheel, feeling the clutch engage, pressing the gas pedal, and stalling the car a couple of times.

"Push the clutch in all the way with your left foot. Now start the car". "Okay". "Now, shift the transmission into first." "Okay". "Slowly let the clutch out and give it a little gas at the same time."

He guns the engine, let's the clutch out, we lurch forward a foot or two, and the car stalls.

"So what happened?" I ask. "The car stopped," he says. "Yes, that's called 'stalling', happens to the best of us. Let the clutch out a little slower, and give it a little less gas. Let's try again."

We go through the same steps, and this time we lurch forward for a few hops.

"Take your foot off the clutch!" He lifts his foot and we are moving across the parking lot. "What next?" I ask. "Uh, the brakes?" he says. "Clutch in first, then brakes."

After an hour he's making progress, however we aren't going out on the street anytime soon, but he's developing driving skills and intuition.

If you want to teach someone to drive a car do you explain the

internal combustion engine or put them behind the wheel? I'd rather put them behind the wheel.

If you want to develop leadership skills in Scouts do you teach them theory in simulated situations or get them leading? I'd rather put Scouts in actual leadership situations.



Let's forget what we know about training youth leaders, and start developing leadership skills. For our purposes let's define training as a theoretical exercise, and developing as a process of discovery by experience.

Training, if we are brutally honest with ourselves, is driven by the desire of adults to explain. We are more comfortable when we have the floor, and we feel our youth leaders need to know everything we know about leadership. Explaining isn't objectively bad; it's just the least effective method for helping people understand or developing skills in things like leadership. Some explaining may be helpful from time to time, but discovery by experience is much more powerful, engaging and fun.

Back to that VW Jetta. If I tried to explain what it took to get the car moving my son would have politely listened, but past a certain point I'd be wasting my breath.

There's something about a teen-aged boy (and most men if we are honest) that just screams "let me try that!" so loud we don't hear anything else. The tremendous creative energy in that voice, the drive, excitement, and expectation; that's our best ally when it comes to developing skill and intuition in leadership. We amplify that energetic voice with experience rather than silence it with training.

A newly minted patrol leader only knows what they have seen. They may have a lot of knowledge or not very much at all. We find out soon enough. If we begin their experience with long explanations we'll feel better, but we won't be giving them information they can understand or apply until they have had some experience. New leaders don't need information as much as they need experience.

I prefer to let the new patrol leader dive in. Sure, the SPL may want to give some Patrol Leader training, but at least that's youth to youth. And then we ask questions like "What did you do?, how did it go?, and what will you do next?"

If I listen carefully I may have another question or two. If things were a little rocky I'll ask why, and what he plans on doing to change things. I know he'll stall the car, I know everything he needs to know, be, and do, but I'll respect that energy and drive and only offer explanations if asked or when absolutely needed.

Always be developing, keep your eyes and ears open, and see what happens.



## Eagle's Nest

Troop 436 has 22 Life Scouts, many well on their way towards Scouting's highest rank. Here's how some of them are doing on their Eagle projects.

**Garrett Arndt** is working on a new entrance sign with lighting and landscaping for St. Luke.

**Gavin Cuccaro** is building a car accident training pad complete with road guard rail and half telephone pole for the Long Valley First Aid Squad. They will stage cars on the pad to simulate accident for training.

**Jacob Dore** will refurbish an existing fence and add a brand new section for the Washington Township Historical Society museum.

**David Escudero** is in the planning

stages with Morris County Parks to build five benches.

**Griffin Gardner** renovated the exterior of the WMC High School Field Snack Shack.

**James Kildea** is creating a new outdoor youth "hang out" area for the Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center.

**Liam O'Shea** built an outdoor stage for the LV Nursery School at Zion Lutheran Church.

**Andrew Radwan** is refurbishing a community garden pergola for the South Branch Preserve.

**Tyler Redmond** is building five benches for the Morris County Parks Service to be installed at the Central Park Disc Golf Course in Parsippany, the only 18-hole disc golf course in the tri-state area!

**Rob Santos** plans to make and install five information kiosks throughout Schooley's Mountain Park.

**Andrew Spina** is installing fencing between Rock Spring Park and the WT Police Department.

**John Taxiarchou** plans to install an outdoor paver walkway in the shape of a cross at his church

**Michael Villanella** plans to renovate the interior of the WMC High School Field Snack Shack.

And as always, stay tuned as other Life Scouts—Dylan Brett, Michael Frachiolla, Rocco Gallara, Christian Lawrie, Aidan O'Neil, Colin O'Neil, Caleb Smith, Noah Turner, and Tommy Weinert—begin work towards Boy Scouts ultimate prize.

### SCOUTMASTER MINUTE...

Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Being a member of the OA is an extension of your commitment to the ideals of Scouting and Arrowmen are recognized as stewards of these ideals. All scouts should aspire to this ideal whether it is



through community service projects or conservation projects. Helping others when you are not asked is one of the hardest behaviors to perform. I will venture a guess that the most satisfying experiences you have had is when you willingly volunteered to help others. The feeling of satisfaction that you made a difference is one of the most rewarding.

So, I challenge all of you to behave

in a way that personifies the ideals of scouting. Help others with a smile on your face. You never know how much your small act of kindness can change another person's life. Everyone, including you, have challenges and obstacles to overcome. For those of you who haven't yet had the opportunity to experience an "Ordeal" weekend, your time will come if you continue to "Do a Good Turn Daily".

# CAMP NOBEBOSCO

July 21-27

Mark Your Calendar Today!

Deadline: 6/15

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# The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)

The moment a Scout took over a patrol they became not just one leader, but two. They became the leader of their patrol and at the same time, they became a leader in the troop with the duty of sharing in the task of running the troop.

With the patrol leader's badge also comes the privilege of being a member of the patrol leader's council (PLC). In the PLC, patrol leaders meet with the other patrol leaders to plan the activities of the troop and to discuss and solve troop problems. At the PLC, patrol leaders have the chance to express the aims and hopes of their patrol, and to receive any guidance and help they need to conduct patrol affairs. In the PLC, patrol leaders pick up inspirations for making their group the best possible patrol. Here they discover that by running a good patrol that takes an active part in the troop, they're helping to make the whole troop good and productive.



**Who Attends you ask?** The Senior Patrol Leader(s) and their assistant, as well as all patrol leaders or their assistants when they're unable to attend, and the Troop Guide(s). The Scoutmaster is present as an advisor and guide. The PLC is a business meeting, in every sense of the word, and is conducted along formal lines. To be effective the PLC meets regularly the first Monday of every month at St. Luke from 6:30-7:30. Each Patrol Leader brings the ideas and wishes of his patrol to the notice of the PLC. These are discussed and those receiving majority votes are put forward as program material. In this way the type of troop programs are built which the majority of boys want. This is real democracy. The patrol leader has to learn to represent his patrol and to put their case forward even though he may not agree with it personally. He has to persuade his patrol to back up loyally any decisions of the PLC, even when they

are contrary to their own wishes.

Remember the Scoutmaster is the catalyst who stimulates the action of his patrol leaders. The PLC represents the hub from which action in the patrol system stems. Thus it is evident that a troop can only be as good as its PLC.

**PATROL LEADER'S COUNCIL CODE.** It is the duty of each member of the PLC:

- ◆ To set a good example in living the Scout Oath and Law.
- ◆ To uphold the honor and traditions of the Troop.
- ◆ To consider the wishes of his patrol before his own.
- ◆ To be fair and just in making all judgments.
- ◆ To abide cheerfully by the decision of the majority.
- ◆ To loyally work with the Scoutmaster, his assistants and the committee in the efficient operation of the Troop.



## Scouting 101: How to Earn a Merit Badge

These 10 steps, taken from the *Guide to Advancement*, are how a Scout earns one of the 137 available merit badges.

1. Scout **DEVELOPS** an interest in a merit badge and may begin working on requirements.
2. Scout **DISCUSSES** his interest in the merit badge with the Scoutmaster.
3. Scoutmaster **SIGNS** a blue card (see Blue Card doc on troop website) and provides Scout with at least one counselor contact.
4. Scout **CONTACTS** counselor.
5. Counselor **CONSIDERS** any work toward requirements completed prior to the initial discussion with the SM.
6. Scout and counselor **MEET** (often several times). Be mindful of the BSA's 2-deep leadership policy, bring a buddy or parent along.
7. Scout **FINISHES** the requirements.
8. Counselor **APPROVES** completion.
9. Scout **RETURNS** signed blue card to Mr. Escudero, Troop Advancement Coordinator, who reports it to Council.
10. Scout **RECEIVES** merit badge at the Troop's next Court of Honor held three times a year.



## Understanding the Scoutmaster Conference

From the Boy Scout joining requirements to Eagle Palms, the Scoutmaster conference is a constant. A Scout must participate in such a conference when he joins a troop and at every step along the advancement trail.

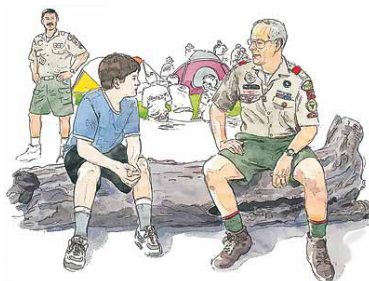
**What is a Scoutmaster Conference?** It's simply a visit between the Scoutmaster and a Scout. During the conference, the two can discuss the Scout's ambitions and life purpose, set goals for future achievement (both in Scouting and beyond), review the Scout's participation in the troop and explore his understanding and practice of the ideals of Scouting. The conference also gives the Scoutmaster an opportunity to solicit feedback on the troop program and any challenges the Scout is facing.

**How Long Should a Scoutmaster Conference Last?** Conferences typically last 10-15 minutes al-

though those for Eagle Scout might last 30 minutes or more.

### Where Should These Conferences Take Place?

They can be conducted at a troop meeting, during outdoor activities



or in the Scout's home (provided a parent is also present). Given the relaxed nature of many outings, a campsite can be a good setting. Each conference should be a private discussion between the Scoutmaster and a Scout, but it must be in full view of other people in accordance with BSA's Youth Protection policy.

### Can a Scout Fail a Scoutmaster Conference?

No, it is not a test. Note that a Scout must participate or take part in a conference, not pass it.

### Can the Scoutmaster Retest the Scout on Requirements?

No (nor may the Board of Review).

### If a Scout Sets a Goal During a Scoutmaster Conference, Does He Have to Achieve it?

No. However, it makes sense to follow up with him later and to provide encouragement. Some Scoutmasters take notes after each conference and review them before meeting with the Scout again.

### Can Scoutmaster Conferences be Delegated to Other Leaders?

Yes, for larger troops, the SM may delegate them to an assistant Scoutmaster.



## Hail Hail to the (Den) Chief

The Den Chief position is an excellent way for a Scout to develop leadership, self esteem and better yet, it's a great way for him to hone his Scout Craft. Teaching knots, building fires, showing how to pack a pack and set up a tent, and live the Scout Oath and Law.

The role of the Den Chief is an important one. They are the link between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Den Chiefs become the face of the Troop and can do fantastic things to improve Pack/Troop relations.

The Den Chief is not a substitute Den Leader...he is a boy that is there to help and he can be when given specific tasks and goals. And the troop gets an amazing benefit. A good Den Chief is the troop's best recruiter!

No question about it, Den Chiefs are a fantastic asset to the troop and a great way to earn leadership requirements. And with 3 Cub Packs in town, there is plenty of opportunity. For more information, see SPL Andrew Rodriguez or Mr. Marley. Den Chiefs should begin serving in the Fall.



Sorry I can't come...Young Master joined Boy Scouts and tied me up with a fancy knot I can't work out...



## Jockey Hollow Overnight—Samuel Kearstan, Scribe

On the date of 4/26/19, we were supposed to go to Jockey Hollow, but we could not, due to impending harsh weather conditions. We did not want to let the opportunity of going to such a great place go, so the Troop took advantage of going on Saturday morning. Once we arrived at 7:30am, we all had a talk on what the plan for the day would be. When we finished the short meeting, we all started off by setting up our tents. Due to heavy wind, it was a little struggle for some Scouts to set up their tents, but with the older Scouts helping the new Scouts, we set up

our tents in no time. When we finished setting up all of the tents, every Scout received a 'Philmont food' breakfast and lunch. Then, we all packed back up into the cars so we could travel to the Visitors Center and start our 10 mile hike. When we got to the Visitors Center, we started the hike right away. On our 10 mile journey, we had to look out for signs that had information about Jockey Hollow. We hiked this very long trail called the New Jersey Brigade Trail. While on the hike, we stopped to see the Soldiers Huts that many soldiers slept in for

shelter. Each hut had a unique fireplace and included wooden bunk beds. After that, we visited the Wick Farm and the Parade Field. When we finished the hike, we returned to the campsite. For dinner, we had Scouts that had to complete requirements for cooking and camping merit badges cook the Philmont dinner food or anything else that they brought. We hung out at the campfire for the rest of the night and enjoyed the outdoors. The next morning, we woke up, had breakfast, and ended our fun filled camping trip.






## Odds & Ends...

### *Parent Participation Essential*


As Troop 436 strives to be a boy-led troop, parents are asked to remain familiar with the aims and methods of Boy Scouting and to support the Troop. Parents are also expected to commit to support the Scouts by participating in Courts of Honor, parent meetings and other activities where parents' participation is requested. Parents should keep the Scoutmaster aware of special needs and characteristics that their son may have. Also, parents are expected to be attentive to Troop 436 emails, newsletters, and the Troop Calendar of Events. It is the parents' responsibility to help prepare his/her son for Troop outings while he is a new Scout and then gradually back away and allow his/her Scout to struggle through the early steps of self-reliance. Each Scout moves at his own pace—however, once a Scout reaches First Class he should require less hands-on involvement. Parental encouragement, trust and communication will remain important all along the trail to Eagle.

#### **Where Can You Help?**

- Boards of Review • Troop Committee • Merit Badge Counselors • Overnights • Recruitment • Eagle Scout Projects • Individual Events



**Gavin Cuccaro—5/7**  
**Marcellus Brown—5/10**  
**Robert Brobst—5/11**  
**Matt Kearstan—5/19**  
**Francesco Alfano—5/21**  
**Nicholas Szrom—5/22**  
**Dean Gelato—5/26**




### *Recycle your Uniforms!*

Has your Scout grown out of his tan Scout shirt and green pants? If so, please consider donating these uniforms to others! If you need a uniform piece, let Kathy O'Shea know and she'll see if we have it in the bank. Bring donations any

Wednesday evening and leave them for Kathy.

### *Spring Court of Honor—Get Prepared Now!*

Be Prepared for the next Court of Honor set for June 19 at the conclusion of the annual Troop picnic. Scouts are encouraged to plan ahead and complete all requirements including the Board of Review by June 12 so that they can be included in the advancement ceremony. Mark your calendar now!

### *Summer Camp Medical Form*

Summer camp season is a few months away, which means camp-physical season is here right now. If you're heading to summer camp, you'll need to take the proper *Annual Health and medial Record* form to your doctor. Med form is posted on the troop website.

### *2019 Spring Flower Sale Recap—Kathy Burke*

#### **Troop 436 Long Valley**

On the web at:

[www.troop436.org](http://www.troop436.org)

- **Troop Calendar**
- **Contact List**
- **Scout Forms**
- **Permission Slips**
- **Parents Handbook**
- **Advancement Info**
- **Newsletters**

The Spring flower sale Scout Account fundraiser was a success! Congratulations to the scouts who participated this year and took advantage of this great opportunity to earn money for their Scout accounts. Scouts earned \$1,015.75 by selling a total of 239 baskets. Congrats to our top sellers for 2019! Robert Brobst sold the most flower baskets with 28. Tyler Redmond captured the second place spot by selling 20. In third place, Joseph Bartnicki sold 18. Thank you to all parents and scouts who helped to make this fundraiser a success!



### *Focus on Oceanography Merit Badge*

The oceans cover more than 70% of our planet and are the dominant feature of Earth. Wherever you live, the oceans influence the weather, the soil, the air, and the geography of your community. To study the oceans is to study Earth itself.