

Troop 436 Monthly

Schooley's Mountain—Long Valley, NJ



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Another Great Scout Year Comes to a Close

It's been another truly rewarding year in Scouting for Troop 436. As the year comes to a close, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our Troop families, committee members, volunteers, and especially our Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters that lead our young men in the many adventures they may otherwise have never experienced!

We had our annual year-end Troop Family Picnic and Court of Honor on

June 19th at Schooley's Mountain Park. Thank you to Helene Miragli-



otta for taking on the planning of the event. Always a great time, the picnic is where families come together and reminisce about the past Scout year. Many people's time and a lot of help contributed to these events and the

many accomplishments of our Scouts. Thank you for coming out to celebrate all that your son and his fellow Scouts have achieved and enjoyed in the last year.

We wish the 24 Scouts getting together for summer camp much success and fun! And don't forget—Summer is a great time to work on Personal Fitness, Personal Management or Family Life Eagle required merit badges as they have requirements that need tracking over a 3-month period!

See you in the Fall!

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

Jun.12: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9

Jun.19: **Year-end Picnic & Spring Court of Honor**

—Schooley's Mountain Park

July.21-27: **Summer Camp**—Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco

Sept.3: Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) Meeting—St. Luke, 6:30-7:30

Sept.3: Troop Committee Meeting—St. Luke, 7:30-9

Sept.4: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9

Sept.11: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9

Sept.13-15: **22nd Annual LV Camporee** – Teetertown Nature Preserve, Califon, NJ

Sept.18: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9

Sept.21: **Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays** Day Trip

– Coplay, PA

Sept.25: Troop Meeting—Kossmann School, 7:30-9

Upcoming Events

Survey Says...

The 2019-20 activity survey shaped the upcoming Scout year's calendar printed on page 9!



Scoutmaster Minute—Scott O'Neil

Caveat Emptor – definition; Latin for "let the buyer beware." A doctrine that often places on buyers the burden to reasonably examine property before purchase and take responsibility for its condition. Especially applicable to items that are not covered under a strict warranty.

So, what does this mean for you? When you joined Scouts, was there a warranty that you were issued that guaranteed rank advancement? Was there a promise that every merit badge attempted would be earned? No, I don't think so. This legal term based in commercial transactions not only applies to commerce but to your commitment to Scouting, it's principals and the lessons the program teaches.

Certain challenges that each of you strive to complete will not be achieved the first time you attempt them. The Scouting pro-

gram is rooted in trial and error. I like to think of the overall program as a lined athletic field. Outside the "lines" are the influences in your life that define who you are – family, friends, religious traditions, your academics and pas-



sions. Inside the white lines is the playing field of Scouting. The program provides you with the tools and skill sets to try new things, too test your abilities in areas you are not comfortable. Once the foundation is established, you are let loose to accomplish what you can within the boundaries of the white lines.

In our current society where participation earns you recognition and sometimes a trophy, Scouting rewards only those who achieve their goals through trial and error. You actually have to "earn" the recognition through hard work and repetitive behaviors. There isn't any other way. Think about it, when you joined Troop 436, did you kick the proverbial tires to get a better sense of what Scouting was about? No one promised you that you would earn your Eagle rank. The key word in the previous sentence is "earn".

As scouts matriculate through the Scouting program they learn that hard work and dedication pays off. It is also a lesson that you will have to apply later in your adult life. Each of you will have the opportunity to choose what you want to be when you "grow up". Don't lose sight of the fact that you simply have to make a reasonable plan and follow through on it. Be

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Troop Report—Samuel Kearstan, Scribe

At each meeting this past month, we accomplished many things and also had a lot of free time. May 1st was our first meeting of the month. At this meeting we finished our yearly Cyber Chip requirements and had all of the new Scouts complete the course to obtain the Cyber Chip Card. At the next meeting, we set up duty rosters for the fishing overnight. The next meeting was May 15th, where we did not do much except for merit

badge work and socializing. At the next meeting we had the June PLC meeting. For that meeting, we planned what we would be doing on the Beach overnight camp out. The next event was on June 3rd. We had the D.A.R.E. session at the Washington Township Library with a police officer where many new Scouts were in attendance to complete the first class requirement. Over the month, we had 3 Eagle Scout Court of Honors for 5 different Eagle Scouts. Our first Court of

Honor was for Reese and Connor Ronceray. The second one was for Tyler Bishop and Owen McLoughlin. The last one of the month was for Joe Bartnicki. All of the Scouts received the Eagle Scout rank. Furthermore, we did a service project at Heath Village. We went there on May 4th, and we all played Bingo with the residents of Heath Village. Some people even played music for them after a couple of great games of Bingo.



View From the Chair—Glen Arndt

Balanced Scouting Activities.

This time of year we get colorful brochures from amusement parks, sporting venues, water sports companies and all manner of similar entertainments. We get advertisements for merit badge fairs, specialty camps and other 'canned' activities too. They'd like us to bring our Troop to their venue for a day or weekend of fun and 'adventure'. Sometimes there's even a snapshot of smiling Scouts having the time of their lives, looks like a great idea at first.

Ski trips, tours, lock-ins, amusement parks, sports games, and the like aren't (in and of themselves) bad things for Scouts to do. And sure a few may wind up on the calendar from time to time. But how, precisely, do they achieve the aim

of Scouting? Do they offer something that Scouts do for themselves or something that is presented to them? What our Patrols are doing throughout the year ought to look like a well-balanced meal; good nutritional value that provides the elements a growing mind and body need. A handful of cookies



or a piece of cake? Sure, every once in a while, but not instead of a balanced meal.

Should Scouts do purely fun, entertaining things? Of course they should! But fun isn't limited to entertainment or excitement. There's a lot of fun in challenge, hard

work, and service to others. Should Scouts earn merit badges at fairs and museums and the like? Sure they should! There's also a lot to be gained from the process of finding a counselor, setting up meetings and completing a badge.

It's not just whether the activity is difficult or easy. Ask this question of any activity; Is this something they are doing for themselves or something being done for them? The answer will usually tell you whether or not they are getting all the 'nutritional' value Scouting has to offer.

And so with this in mind and aided with the results of the recent activity survey, the Troop 436 2019-20 calendar is out and filled with many exciting adventures awaiting your Scout! Get them on your calendar now!

Summer Camp Around the Corner!

Many parents have questions about summer camp. Questions about merit badges and what's expected of their Scouts...more so...what merit badges are they expected to earn. The answer is it's up to the Scout on what and how many he tries to earn. Sure we may *strongly* recommend Swimming merit badge for new Scouts, but in the end, it's your Scout's call. As leaders, our expectation is that they have fun at camp. If that means 6 merit badges or none at all, we're OK



with that. "But we are paying a lot for camp" parents may think. True, but what do you think you're paying for? First and foremost, you pay for personal and shared experiences found only at camp.

Summer camp is a week-long C.O.P.E course (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience). There are challenges and tests all week long. How Scouts handle those both as individuals and as a team determines the success at camp. Merit badges and how

many the Troop earns is not the measure of success. In the end, not one merit badge will likely lead to a significant memory that they share. Those of you that attended Boy Scout camp as youths can tell stories all day long about the summer camps you attended. But how many stories can you tell about a merit badge? Probably not many. More than anything, parents should hope that their Scout has fun and builds a catalog of memories. All we really want for them is to have a great Personal Experience in Scouting making memories of a lifetime!



Eye On Advancement—Al Escudero

Advancement and recognition in the Boy Scouts of America is a tradition dating from the inception of the Scouting movement. A fundamental purpose of advancement is the self-confidence a young man acquires from his participation in Scouting. Advancement is one of the methods used in the "Aims of Scouting"—character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. Once a Scout has completed all requirements and earned a rank, the Troop recognizes the accomplishment with a Court of Honor. Courts of Honor are held three times a year and serve as a way to recognize Scouts for successful achieve-

ment with family and friends in attendance.

Our Spring Court of Honor was held on June 19. Congratulations go out to the following Scouts for rank advancement since our last Court of Honor in the Winter:



Alfano Francesco—Scout

Jared Bermeo—Scout, Tenderfoot

Robert Brobst—2nd Class

Marcellus Brown—Scout

Seamus Buckley—Scout

Evan Caulfield—Scout

Michael Csipkay—Star

Aidan Cuccaro—Scout

Jacob Fahmi—Scout

Sam Fiessler—Tenderfoot

Shane Fleidner-Book—Scout

Angelo Forte—First Class

Damian Gizas—Second Class

Matt Kearstan—Scout

Sam Kearstan—First Class

Charlie Meyer—Scout

Peter Miragliotta—2nd Class

Aidan O'Neil—Life

Caleb Smith—Life

Nicholas Szrom—Scout

Jay Tadinada—Scout

John Thomas—Star

Matt Thomas—Scout

Sam Turner—Scout

Ryan Weston—Scout

Tyler Zederbaum—Scout

22 Scouts also earned a collective 27 merit badges!

Our next Troop Court of Honor will be held on October 30.

National Youth Leadership Training this Summer

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of



Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a Troop and Patrol outdoor setting similar to summer camp, with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting

experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

Troop 436 is sending ASPLs Noah Turner and Tommy Weinert to NYLT this year. It's an excellent investment in the Troop that will only serve to strengthen its core as we move into the 2019-20 Scout year.



Community Service Corner—Janice Kildea

Thank you to the scouts and parents who came out to our community service project on May 4th at the Heath Village Retirement Community. It was a lovely day and I'm sure there were plenty of other things you would have rather been doing than hanging out inside with old people. But your presence was of great value. I received a thank you note from one of the residents who appreciated you "taking the time...It was wonderful. Please be sure to visit again when you have the time". Old folks love to spend time with kids – it reminds them of their own children and of their own youth.

Some of you were very comfortable among these old strangers, while others were out of their comfort zone. It is not always easy stepping forward and doing something different. But I am very proud of you for doing so and I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone more; make the effort to connect with people who are different from you and get to know them. Listen. This is especially important now when our country has become so divided.

I am very grateful for the boys who brought their instruments and entertained the residents with their music. I had no idea we had so many skilled musicians amongst us! Special props to JT who had to play thru the complaints a rather angry resident – he handled it with great respect and maturity. And if you haven't heard the



Kearstan Brothers play, you need to – they are so talented. Matt Kearstan's voice is unlike anything I have heard before – he will stop you in your tracks with his sound and perfect pitch.

While clean up and conservation are VERY worthy efforts, there is more to "serving your commu-

nity". It also means reaching out to those on the outskirts – that can mean an elderly person who is homebound or a person sitting alone at the lunch table. It's also participating in a charity walk or run. You serve your community by helping the homeless or the

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COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER...

poor, writing a letter to a soldier or veteran, shoveling the driveway for a neighbor (for free!) There are endless ways to serve our community and help those around us - whether it involves a hammer, a guitar, a trash bag or a Bingo game board. Keep your eyes and hearts open for ways to serve.



SCOUTMASTER MINUTE...

realistic, you are not going to become president of a company overnight or earn your Eagle rank in one year!

Through trial and error, you will learn how lead others. You will be able to avoid the pitfalls and mistakes others will make that you have already made. This is the invaluable lesson of experience.

Take advantage of every opportunity that is presented and enjoy the experience whether you succeed or not. So, this summer, whether you attend summer camp or simply take it easy – challenge yourself outside your proverbial comfort zone.

Effective leaders are made, not born. They learn from trial and error, and from experience.

~ Colin Powell.





Fishing Overnight—Samuel Kearstan, Scribe

For the Fishing campout, the Scouts arrived at Camp Winnebago on Friday, May 17th, despite the heavy rain. All of the adults slept in the cabins while the Scouts slept in the A-Frame tents provided by the camp. We hung out for most of the day and played different games. The Scouts had a regular cracker barrel consisting

of meat, cheese, and crackers that night. After their food, they went to sleep. The next morning, everyone had a nice breakfast. After their breakfast, they went to two different docks so they could fish for a while. Some of the Scouts split up and went on canoes and row boats. This allowed for some of them to fish on the boats for a

better chance of catching a fish. After a long day of catching fish, they went back to the campsite. For dinner, they all had Mac and Cheese and hot dogs. After dinner everyone relaxed around the campfire before going to bed. The next morning, they packed all of their belongings and headed back home after a wonderful trip.





Beach Camping & Bike Hike Overnight—Samuel Kearstan, Scribe

Our troop went on a beach camp-out by the Jersey Shore over the weekend of Friday, June 7th. The Scouts unpacked in two neighboring campsites that were very close to each other. They also had two pavilions to share. Before the Scouts got to the campsite, they all had to walk their gear a quarter-mile distance to reach the site. That night, they relaxed and settled into the campsites where they hung out together, rode bikes around the site, and had a cracker barrel. The next morning, the Scouts woke up at 6:00 am and made French toast and pancakes



and finished around noon. After the long hike, everyone had a lot of free time, so half of them went

and Frisbee. They also wanted to socialize with the neighboring troop, so they ended up playing waffle ball with them. When they returned and grouped up again at the site, they packed up most of their gear for the next morning. Before going to bed, everyone enjoyed themselves around the fire with s'mores and telling many different stories. The following morning, everyone woke up at 6:00 am, had a quick, cold breakfast and packed up the site. Right before the Scouts left the site, they all picked up the trash that they had left and found on the ground.



for breakfast. After, they cleaned up their cooking stations. The Scouts then planned where they wanted to go and made subs for the trip. When they finished planning, they went on the bike hike

to the bay and the other half biked to the ocean. The Scouts enjoyed a series of activities like swimming, soccer,





2019-20 Troop 436 Activity Calendar

September	4	-Welcome Back – Troop Meeting
	13-15	-22 nd Annual LV Camporee – Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve, Califon, NJ
	21	-Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays Day Trip – Coplay, PA
October	4-6	-Patriot's Path Jersey Jam Camporee – Waterloo Village, NJ
	19	-Fall Troop Community Service Project
	30	-Fall Court of Honor & Ice Cream Social
November	2-3	-Hiking Overnight – High Point State Park, Sussex, NJ
	16	-Yankee Stadium Tour Day Trip – Bronx, NY
December	4	-Evergreen Fundraiser Assembly Night (<i>Mandatory</i>)
	7-8	-Evergreen Sale (<i>Mandatory Troop Fundraiser</i>)
	13-15	-NYC Adventure – Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ
	18	-Troop Christmas Party
January	18	-Klondike Derby Prep Day – St. Luke Parish
	24-26	-Black River District Klondike – Trexler Scout Reservation, Kunkletown, PA
February	2	-Scout Sunday – St. Luke Parish
	21-23	-Winter Getaway – BSA Camp Tri-Mount, East Jewett, NY
	26	-Winter Court of Honor & Ice Cream Social
March	7	-Troop Swim Night – Raritan Valley Community College
	20-22	-Scout Skills/Merit Badge Fair Overnight – Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco, Blairstown, NJ
April	11	-Spring Troop Community Service Project
	24-26	-West Point Camporee – West Point, NY (<i>date subject to change</i>)
May	2	-Troop Mini Golf Night
	15-17	-NYC Green Path Bike Hike – BSA William H Pouch Camp – Staten Island, NY
	23	-Washington Township Memorial Day Celebration – Rock Spring Park
June	5-7	-Rafting & Fishing Overnight – BSA Camp Minsi, Pocono Summit, PA
	10	-Annual Year-end Picnic and Spring Court of Honor
July	5-11	-Summer Camp
	14-28	-Philmont High Adventure Trek



Odds & Ends...



ORDEAL

Dylan Brett, Michael Csipkay, Gavin Cuccaro, Griffin Gardner, Noah Turner, and ASM Mike Cuccaro successfully completed their Order of the Arrow Ordeal. The Ordeal is the first step toward full membership in the OA, Scouting's national honor society. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and sleep apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to teach significant values. Congratulations Guys!



Did You Know?

In his book, *Scouting for Boys*, Robert Baden-Powell chose the three-finger salute for Scouts to represent the three aspects of the Scout Promise (UK version of our Scout Oath): 1. Honor God 2. Help Others 3. Obey the Scout Law.



Sounds Fun, but Alas...No Can Do

We get many great suggestions for possible Troop activities. But some, as good as they sound, are unauthorized by the Boy Scouts of America. For example, paintball, laser tag, bungee cord jumping, motorized speed events of all kinds, AirSoft, and hunting are among the list of prohibited activities in Scouting.

St. Luke's Father Mike Retires

Father Mike retired on June 16. He was always very supportive of the Troop and will be missed. The Troop presented him with a small token of our appreciation at his retirement picnic. The inscription reads: *In Appreciation to Father Mike Drury for your devotion and dedication to Boy Scout Troop 436—6/19/19.*



The Mile Swim is a tradition at most Boy Scout summer camps including No-Be-Bo-Sco. It's a big challenge for Scouts to swim this far and is not unusual for them to attempt it the first year or two and not be able to complete it. But when they finally do, it gives them a great sense of accomplishment. Boy Scouts who complete the Mile Swim receive a patch to wear on their uniform or swim trunks. Wonder what Troop 436 Scouts are up for the challenge this year!

Troop 436 Long Valley

On the web at:

www.troop436.org

- Troop Calendar
- Contact List
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Focus on Family Life Merit Badge



The family is the basic unit of society and is important to both individuals and communities. The world is rapidly changing, making today's society much more complex than ever. As Scouts earn this merit badge, they will realize why it is important to know more about family life and how to strengthen their families. This is a great badge to tackle in the summer as it has a 3-month requirement.



Jared Bermeo—June 2
Kevin Farley—June 6
JT Thomas—June 6
Aidan Cuccaro—June 16
Sam Fiessler—June 21
Connor Ronceray—June 22
Reese Ronceray—June 22
Evan Hall—June 25
S'Mores Bergen—June 26
Jay Tadanada—July 1
Jacob Dore—July 18
Mike Fracchiolla—Aug. 1
Tyler Redmond—Aug. 1
Noah Turner—Aug. 8
Tyler Bishop—Aug. 9
Matthew Thomas—Aug. 13
Evan Caulfield—Aug. 17
Tyler Zederbaum—Aug. 30

