

THE EAGLE

Troop 542 News and Happenings

FALL 2024

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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 till 9:15.

9/9 Eagle	11/4 Lightning
9/16 Raven	11/11 Eagle
9/23 Pinetree	11/18 Raven
9/30 Shark	11/25 Pinetree
10/7 Python	12/2 Eagle
10/14 Squirrel	12/9 Shark
10/21 Cougar	12/16 Python
10/28 Cobra	

ADVANCEMENT OFFERINGS

Advancement opportunities for this quarter will be:

First Year Program

Required for all Scouts not First Class

Merit Badges

- Citizenship in Society (Invite Only)
- Communication
- Cycling
- Photography

MERIT BADGE OFFICE HOURS



If you need help completing a merit badge, please scan the QR and fill out the form so we can schedule a counselor.



FALL AWARDS CAMPFIRE

Our fall awards campfire will be on Monday September 9 at 7:30 PM at the church. We'll recognize our Scouts that earned merit badges and rank advancements over the summer.

Feel free to bring your family and friends and a camp chair.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

SCOUT SHOP RELOCATION

The Valley Forge Scout Shop and Cradle of Liberty Council Service Center recently relocated to 901 E. 8th Ave. Suite 103, King of Prussia, PA 19406. The Scout Shop and reception area will be located on the ground floor with its own outside entrance. Administrative offices and a training room are located on the second floor with access to a large conference space.

SEPTEMBER BACKPACKING



Our first activity this fall we will be backpacking the rolling hills of the Pinchot Trail on September 21-22.

This trail winds through peaceful forests, babbling brooks and easy terrain. Experienced hikers will hike about 22 miles while novice hikers will travel less. During this trip we will have the opportunity to practice camping, navigation skills, trail cooking and adapt to challenges along the way.

On Sunday morning we will complete the trail and return home later that day.

The cost of the trip is \$35 and is due at our September 9 campfire.

TROOPS 541 & 542 TRAIL RUN

Please plan to join us for our Annual Fall Trail Run/Hike at Fort Washington State Park on October 19 at 9:00 AM.

The run/hike features a challenging 5.42K route along the Wissahickon Creek Green Ribbon Trail.



This is our major annual fundraiser and all proceeds will go to fund our Troop's capital projects and ongoing programs. Please invite friends and family to participate in the run/walk, and support Troops

542 and 541! All Scouts and parents are encouraged to volunteer and help out at the event!

For online registration and more information check out this website.

<https://shorturl.at/Clh7G>

HIGHWAY CLEANUPS

Do you love to help the environment?



Need some service time? If so, please join us on these upcoming highway cleanups: September 14

December 7

“OCTOBER” CAMPING WILDERNESS SURVIVAL



Join us at Resica Falls on a thrilling trip that will push you beyond your comfort zone. Scouts will build shelters, start fires, find food and navigate through the wilderness while enjoying the great outdoors.

We will leave Friday, November 1 and arrive back at the church Sunday afternoon.

Cost of the trip is \$45 and due October 21.

PHILMONT



Our 2025 high adventure trip will be to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico as part of a council contingent. Scouts in 7th grade or higher now will be old enough to attend. We will depart on June 21, 2025, and return on July 5. The cost will be \$3,600 per person. The payment plan was distributed with \$1800 due by now. There is one spot available with people on the waiting list invited to fill it. Please pay \$100 if you want to be added to the waiting list. The contingent will fly to Colorado and be bussed to New Mexico stopping for a whitewater rafting trip on the Arkansas River. Time in Colorado before arriving at Philmont will help acclimate them to the altitude before their trek. Scouts will carry their equipment, food and water on their backs stopping at designated campsites each day where they'll participate in horseback riding, rock climbing, panning for gold, team challenges, spar-pole climbing, shooting sports, visit native American petroglyphs, dinosaur tracks and a mine tour.

2025 ANNUAL DUES

Each year, we pay dues to cover our Troop operating costs as well as the operating costs of the National Service Center.

Dues will be handled differently this year. Prior to November, when you receive an e-mail from the BSA, you should pay that amount online to cover your National dues and let us know when that happens.

Troop dues of \$150 for youth and \$80 for adults should be paid by our November 4 meeting. We will pay National dues for you when they are due in November and December.

Registered adults will need to be up-to-date on their training in order to be registered and included on our charter.

NOVEMBER SPORTS CABIN CAMPING



Whatever your sport skills, this trip to Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation will challenge you and your team to see who can be on top of the leaderboard.

We will leave Friday, November 22 and arrive back at the church Sunday afternoon.

Cost of the trip is \$45 and due November 11.

TROOP 542 STORE

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.

DECEMBER CAPTURE THE FLAG CABIN CAMPING



Rodney Scout Reservation will be the setting for this classic game that involves teams competing to capture the opposing team's flag while defending their own. It will promote teamwork, communication skills and strengthens bonds among participants.

We will leave Friday, December 13 and arrive back at the church Sunday afternoon.

Cost of the trip is \$45 and due December 2.

10 OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS

Did you ever wonder what you should carry in your daypack when in the outdoors? Here's a BSA recommended list to keep you prepared.

1. Pocketknife
2. First Aid Kit
3. Extra Clothing
4. Rain gear
5. Water bottle (filled)
6. Flashlight
7. Trail food
8. Matches and fire starters
9. Sun protection
10. Map and compass



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Every fall, the BSA sponsors "Scouting for Food." Non-perishable food is collected to aid food insecure families. The drive will start in October and end with our November 18 meeting.

To start the drive, we'll hold a "Canstruction" event in conjunction with Troop 541 on November 4.

Patrols will ask family and friends to contribute food needed to help design a project built out of donated items. Scouts will build their projects and be evaluated in a contest.

On November 9, Scouts will place door hangers on neighborhood doors to solicit food donations. A personal note

from the Scout attached to the door hanger will certainly increase neighborhood interest. Scouts will collect the donations on November 16 and turn them in at our November 18 meeting.

Examples of food collected previously:

Peanut butter, jelly, cooking oil, canned tuna or meat, canned fruits & vegetables, canned stews & soups, oatmeal, breakfast cereal, whole grain pasta, 100% juice, rice, boxed non-refrigerated milk.

More information will be shared as it becomes available.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NEW EAGLE SCOUTS

Gregory Siegel, Bryan Xu and Jonathan Ma recently completed their District Eagle Scout Boards of Review and have reached the highest achievement that a Scout can earn...EAGLE SCOUT. Gregory will join Lance Yang, Christopher Grivner and Michael Rothkopf at a Court of Honor on October 6. Bryan and Jonathan will have their Court of Honor in the near future. Congratulations on all your hard work!!!





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- 13 Troop Meeting
- 25 Day Trip Philadelphia
- 27 Troop Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 2 Troop Committee Meeting
- 3 Troop Meeting/PLC
Junior Leader Kickoff
- 9 Scout Sunday
- 10 Troop Meeting
- 22 Day Trip Skiing/Waterpark
- 24 Troop Meeting

MARCH

- 1 Highway Cleanup
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New Positions Announced
- 15 Troop Dinner/COH
- 17 Troop Meeting
- 24 Troop Meeting
- 29-30 Bus Trip



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- 31 Highway Cleanup

JUNE

- 1 Troop Committee Meeting
- 2 Troop Meeting/PLC SMC/BOR
- 6-8 Camping Lake
- 9 Closing Campfire
- 16 Pre-Camp Meeting

Special Events

- June 21-July 5 Philmont
- July 27-August 2 Summer Camp

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.

