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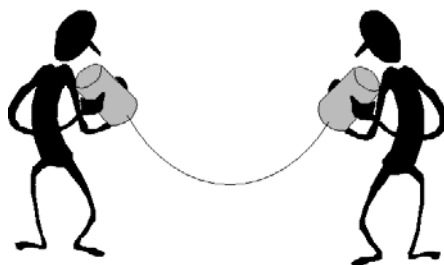
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Important Dates to Remember

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| Oct 7 | PLC
<i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i> | Oct 28 | Troop Meeting
<i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i> |
| Oct 14 | Court of Awards
<i>Masonic Lodge – 6:30 PM</i> | Nov 4 | PLC
<i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i> |
| Oct 16 | Pack 306 Camping Meeting
<i>Assigned Scouts Only</i> | Nov 11 | Troop Meeting
<i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i> |
| Oct 17-18 | Pack 175 Overnight Campout
<i>Assigned Scouts Only</i> | Nov 14 | Geocache Outing
<i>New Jersey & Lower New York State
8:30PM – 5:00PM</i> |
| Oct 21 | Troop Meeting
<i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i> | Nov 18 | Troop Meeting
<i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i> |
| Oct 22 | Committee Meeting
<i>Dater School – 7:30 PM</i> | Nov 25 | No Meeting
<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> |
| Oct 24-25 | USS New Jersey / Philadelphia
Historic Overnight
<i>Philadelphia, PA / Camden, NJ
6AM - midday</i> | Nov 28 | Five & Dime Hike
<i>Harriman State Park, NY
8AM-3PM</i> |



“Hey! Have you heard the news?”

“No.”

“The Troop is back in Dater!”

PHILADELPHIA HIKE / BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY / CAMDEN AQUARIUM

Be prepared for a fast paced, exciting weekend in October. We will begin by our trip on Saturday morning by taking a hike through historic downtown Philadelphia. We will visit a number of locations that were famous in the founding of our Country. After the hike, we cross the river to bunk down in the Battleship New Jersey. We will get a tour of the ship and sleep on board that night. On Sunday morning we stop at the Camden Aquarium to view the exhibits before returning to Ramsey. The trip is planned for Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25. This is a limit space trip, and there are **ONLY TWO SPACES LEFT FOR THIS TRIP**. These last two spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please go to the Troop website to secure a permission slip, or call Mr. Baxer at 201-934-0818.



GEOCACHE OUTING

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment. Troop 31 is planning such an outing for Saturday the 14th of November. Please come on out and test your GPS skills in the great outdoors. Please note that you do not need to have your own GPS unit to participate. The Troop will provide one. The permission slip will be on the website shortly. Contact ASM Ciccari for more information.



FIVE AND DIME HIKE

Attend the 8th Annual Five or Dime Hike. Explore historic Harriman State Park. Hike the Appalachian trail. See abandoned iron ore mines. Can you can make it through the famous Lemon Squeezer? November 28th is your day to do this and more! Work off those excess Thanksgiving meals and enjoy a day in the wild. Either a 5 mile or a ten mile option. You decide, but be there. Scouts are needed to welcome and assist Webelos II Scouts. The permission slip will be on the website shortly. Contact ASM Sundermann for more information.



ANNOUNCING...

TROOP 31 SCOUTS 24/7!

This is a new section of the newsletter where we will highlight some of the many accomplishments of Troop 31 Scouts earned outside of the regular Scouting Program. As the title exhibits, we live the Scouting Life 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!



Congratulations to Dave Sroczyński for being named a National Merit Semifinalist! Dave was also accepted into the NJ Governor's School on the Environment. He spent two weeks this summer at Stockton State College, in the Pine Barrens. There were only 48 Juniors statewide accepted into this program. We are very proud of Dave and his accomplishments!



Kudos also go out to Adam Mariano. Adam was Honorable Mention for the American Legion Award during his Graduation from Montebello School this year. Adam had a very busy summer this year, earning a Certificate of Appreciation while working with the Hillburn Senior Center. He also earned a Certificate from the National Geographic Society. He received these awards from various Dignitaries from throughout the Ramapo Valley. A nice start to his Scouting career!



Finally, welcome back Karl! Karl Soll spent some time in Germany this past summer. While he was there, Karl found out about the German Boy Scout Program. He is preparing a presentation for the Troop. I'm sure we're all looking forward to seeing how they do things over there!

Contact Scoutmaster McKiever for further information on this column.

SCOUTMASTER MINUTE



Do you see the colors all around us? Do you smell the fires going? Do you feel the crispness in the air? Do you hear the sounds of the football game? Have you tasted the apple cider yet?



These are the senses that man has received. Each one of us has them, and this is a great time of the year for us to use them. The Troop has several outdoor events planned over the next few weeks. Try to attend them. This is when Scouting really "Kicks it up a notch!" Even if you are unable to attend these events, go outside. See and feel nature at its finest. Instead of picking up a PSP, pick up a walking stick. Instead of stepping to the fridge,

step outside. Go for a walk. It's a great way to relax and reduce your stress levels. It's also a great way to show your appreciation for what has been created for us.

Yours In Scouting,
Mr. McKiever
Scoutmaster
Troop 31

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