

# BSA TROOP 31

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# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP

Dear Parents and Scouters,

Welcome to the 92nd year of programming in BSA Troop 31. We should all be very proud of the fact that we are one of the oldest Boy Scout Troops in the United States of America. This year marks a special challenge for us as we prepare to grow in virtually every way possible. We are going to tackle every growth issue at once. As a troop we are going to grow our membership, our financial base, and most important our program for the youth we are serving.

We have big plans in Boy Scout Troop 31 this year. In order to promote our program we have provided this wonderful communication tool to our families and leaders. Please use this to assist you with all aspects of the troop. In addition a monthly mailed newsletter and our troop website ([www.troop31.com](http://www.troop31.com)) will provide the latest details about every troop activity. This program guide gives you all of the details on troop operations and provides a calendar of events for 2010. Encourage your Scout to be as active as possible! It will only help their character and education.

If you ever have questions or concerns about the troop please contact me as soon as possible so we can resolve any issues or concerns. No question is bad unless it is not asked to begin with! My contact information is below.

I hope we have a great 2010 and look forward to the growth of our program, membership, and leadership as we move forward to Troop 31's 100th anniversary in 2018!

Yours in Scouting,

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## **Troop 31 History**

Founded in October of 1918, Troop 31 is the oldest troop in Tall Pine Council. In fact Troop 31 is one of the top 250 oldest troops in the country out of over 41,500 units. Our troop has met under the same roof for all 91 years! Charles P. Coates started Troop 31 and served as the first Scoutmaster. To date we have had only 20 Scoutmasters. Our longest serving Scoutmaster, Norman Asselstine served in the position for about 34 years total during two terms. Our troop has had 66 Eagle Scouts since 1918.

## **Parent Assistance**

***Troop 31 is a very strong, family oriented troop. Below are several ways parents can help our troop be successful:***

1. Serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster
2. Serve as a Troop Committee Member
3. Teach merit badges
4. Drive to camping trips or activities
5. Attend camping events with the troop
6. Encourage rank/merit badge advancement
7. Encourage active participation
8. Attend Courts of Honor
9. Encourage proper uniforming

## **Troop Communication**

As part of our Scouting family you will receive a monthly mailed newsletter. It will generally arrive about the first of each month. It is a very important information link within the troop. The newsletter will give you information about up-coming events. Please use the newsletter dates as the guide for program scheduling. The yearly calendar while generally accurate will have occasional changes. In addition you may visit our troop web site at: ***www.troop31.com***. This website has a wealth of information about Troop 31 activities.

## **Attendance**

Attendance at troop activities and meetings is very important. One simple rule to remember is.....**ATTENDANCE = ADVANCEMENT**. Please encourage your Scout to have good attendance and to call the Scoutmaster when he cannot attend the weekly meeting. **Scouts should also bring their Scout Handbook to every activity.**

## **Troop Meeting Time**

Our troop meetings are each **Monday from 7-8:30PM** unless otherwise notified. Since we are a year round troop we continue to hold activities and meetings in the months of June, July, and August. The second Monday of each month is a special program night. Troop 31 will generally travel offsite for a field trip. See the calendar and newsletter for additional information about locations, times, and costs of these activities.

## **Troop Meeting Programs**

Regular troop meeting program consists of ceremonies, games, patrol meetings, team building, skill teaching, and advancement. New Scouts are part of our First Year Scout Program. This program is geared toward advancing the Scout to First Class Rank within a years time. Please see the enclosed information about the First Year Scout Program and other programs available for older Scouts.

### **Troop Outdoor Program**

Troop 31 has about 10 weekend trips each year. They usually cost around \$10-15 each. These costs cover food, lodging, program, and gas. Some camping trips may cost more. In addition we have several day activities and special projects. Scouts actively participating in fund raising will help to keep our camping costs down. Make sure you are doing your part to help the cause! If you need financial assistance for any Scouting event please contact our Scoutmaster.

### **The Scout Uniform**

One of the important features in Scouting is the uniform. Troop 31 **expects all Scouts** and leaders to wear their full uniform each week unless otherwise instructed. The uniform makes our troop a **unified team**. It also gives the Scout a place to showcase his awards. Please encourage your son to wear it every week. If you cannot afford a uniform please contact our Scoutmaster. We ask Scouts to wear Scout pants or shorts, Scout uniform shirt, Scout belt, Scout socks, and Troop Bolo Tie. All Scouts should make sure their patches are placed properly on the uniform shirt. Please see the enclosed sheet for proper patch placement. Uniforms can be purchased at the Tall Pine Council Office:

**507 W. Atherton Rd. Flint, MI**

### **Financial Help Available**

If your family ever needs financial assistance for your son's Scouting involvement please feel free to speak with our Scoutmaster. We have a fund called the **ABC Camping/Uniform Fund** that can help with some of the cost of Scouting if you cannot afford to pay for a camping trip. Please don't let your son miss out on a Scouting event because of the expenses. All scholarships are kept confidential.

### **Troop By Laws**

Troop 31 has a copy of the Troop By Laws in this packet. These should be read by both the Scout and the parent. The by laws will help protect your child from any harm. They also provide very important information about camping, uniforms, and membership.

### **Gear Checklists/Emergency Phone Numbers/Site Location Information Sheets**

In the newsletter prior to any activity in Troop 31 you will find a gear checklist for the event, phone numbers for emergencies, and information on where the event is located. Please read over this information very carefully. Return and departure times will always be part of this information. **Please be prompt** dropping off your child and upon return. The troop will leave on time and will normally return on time. It is not fair to leaders to have to wait for you after spending an entire week or weekend with your child. BSA does not stand for Babysitters of America.

### **Camping Chores**

Part of Scouting stresses responsibility and becoming independent. Scouts will be assigned cooking, clean-up, firewood collection, water, and other duties at camp. Scouts must participate in these activities willingly, complete them in a timely fashion, or they will not continue to camp with our troop. Continuous problems will result in dismissal from camp.

### **Recognition of Scouts – Courts of Honor**

Courts of Honor will be held three to four times each year. At the Courts of Honor we present awards and inform parents of the troop progress. It is very important that at least one adult attend with the Scout. All family members are encouraged and welcome to attend! Please see the calendar pages for exact dates and times of these Courts of Honor.

### **Youth Protection Training**

It is the intention of Troop 31 to provide Youth Protection Training to all members of our Scouting family. This training is for both youth and adult members. The training will be offered annually by the troop. ***Any leader or parent participating in meeting programs, driving, or attending camping trips must be youth protection carded prior to the event.*** The safety and well being of our Scouts is very important to us and we again strongly encourage participation by all in these training sessions. Watch the newsletter for specific details.

### **Troop Planning**

Troop 31 has three types of planning: monthly, yearly, and long range. Monthly planning takes place at Patrol Leader's Council meetings. Scouts plan the troop meetings and camping trips at this meeting. Yearly planning takes place at the Annual Planning Conference. Again the Patrol Leader's Council participates in this meeting. Finally our troop has a long range plan.. This plan is a three year list of goals for the troop and will be reviewed at least on a yearly basis.

### **The Scouting Advancement System**

The advancement system in Boy Scouting is for all youth ages 11-18. Scouts begin as a Scout and in order advance to the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. Along this trail Scouts will learn skills such as first aid, camping, cooking, swimming, personal fitness, map and compass, nature, knots, citizenship, fire building, survival and more. They will also have a chance to work on several merit badges which cover one specific career field. There are over 100 merit badges covering everything from aviation to wilderness survival. See the Scout Handbook for rank requirements and a list of the merit badges. Eagle Rank is the highest rank offered in Boy Scouts. It carries a great deal of weight when you enter the job market, college, or the military. Unlike Cub Scouting parents/guardians cannot sign off requirements. Teaching, reviewing, and testing are completed by our leaders. Merit badge counselors are to be contacted by Scouts only, not adults. When adults contact counselors it jeopardizes our credit as a troop.

### **Boards of Review**

When a Scout completes all advancement toward a rank he will be given a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review. Boards of Review are held **prior** to any Scout advancing in rank. The purpose of the Board of Review is to make sure the Scout is prepared to move on to the next rank. At least three adults sit in on a Board of Review. **Boards of Review will be scheduled for a regular Monday meeting.** Scouts are required to be in their full class a uniform for a Scoutmaster Conference or a Board of Review. Three major requirements will be looked at during a Scoutmaster Conference prior to a Board of Review, especially for Star through Eagle Ranks:

**Be active in your troop and patrol for four or six months:** Active means almost all meetings and almost all camping trips. This does not have to be consecutive.

**Serve actively for four or six months in a position of responsibility:** This means the Scout sets the example, shows up to Patrol Leaders' Council meetings if they are part of this group, fulfills the position duties, and does a successful job overall.

**Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life:** The Scout is an example to all at troop activities and at home.

### **Boy's Life Magazine**

Boy's Life Magazine is another tool to help with your son's Scouting experience. It is one of the most outstanding youth magazines in the world. The magazine has articles on sporting stars, comics, games, Scout skills, and much more. Boy's Life Magazine is provided by the troop at an additional charge. According to national studies, Scouts who read Boy's Life magazine advance at a faster pace.

### **The Patrol Method**

A Scout is a member of a patrol. His patrol is the group he plans with, camps with, and works with. We try to keep friends together as much as possible. If your Scout ever has a problem with his patrol, please notify our Scoutmaster **immediately!** If you assist with the leadership on a camping trip we ask that you please not interfere with YOUTH LEADERSHIP unless it is absolutely necessary because of safety. That is the job of our Scoutmaster and his assistants.

### **Fund Raising/Scout Savings Accounts**

Troop 31 holds several fund raisers each year. The purpose of these fund raisers is two-fold. First it gives the troop money for general operations. It is very expensive to run a troop. We are constantly upgrading and expanding our camping gear. Second it allows the Scout to build up money for camping trips. We usually split profits 50%-50% between the Scouts and the troop. Scouts can then charge on their savings account for weekend or summer camping trips. The only exception is our Spaghetti Dinner where 100% of the profits go to the troop for various operating costs.

### **Library and Scout Room**

We are very fortunate to have a room of our own at Court Street United Methodist Church. Our Scout room is equipped with a brand new library including several hundred books. When Scouts are working on merit badges they may check out the book that goes with that badge. Also we have troop t-shirts, bolo ties, and troop patches available for sale, a uniform closet, and many other services.

### **The Asselstine-Bigler Scout Center**

In 2001, Troop 31 dedicated the Asselstine-Bigler Scout Center after nearly 10 months of construction. In addition we purchased a new troop trailer. The Asselstine-Bigler Scout Center is a 960 square foot building that houses all of our outdoor camping gear and our troop trailer. This building was built with volunteer labor from our Scouts and adults and is a beautiful brick structure located directly next to our meeting place at Court Street United Methodist Church. This building allows us to have the latest and greatest in equipment for camping. We are equipped for everything from backpacking to massive hauling camping.

### **The Scout Handbook**

The Boy Scout Handbook is an **essential tool** in your child's Scouting experience. Books can be purchased at the Tall Pine Council Scout Shop. The Scout Handbook is **required** for advancement. This book should go with your Scout on **EVERY** Scouting event and meeting. Only Scoutmaster designated leaders of the troop may sign off advancement. Parents, relatives, or family friends **may not** sign off their own Scout's book in any case. Listed below is some "beginner information" you may want to read to familiarize yourself with the Scouting movement. The below pages represent the pages in the 2010 edition of the Boy Scout Handbook:

- ***A Parent's Guide—A removable insert in the front of the book.***
- ***Boy Scout Requirements and Introduction to Scouting Page 12***
- ***Requirements for Badges Pages 432-443***
- ***Leadership Section 46-65***

## Age Group Divisions

Troop 31 has created two age divisions for its Scouts. They could be considered new or experienced Scouts. We choose to call them First Year Scouts and Venture Scouts. This allows each Scout to be exposed to a variety of leaders and skills while in the Scouting Program. Below is a brief explanation of the age group configuration.

**Scouts under 1st Class Rank: First Year Scouts** - These Scouts will work on specific skills focused on achieving First Class Rank. They will be part of a First Year Scout patrol as well. Many adults and youth will help get them off to a good start in Troop 31 and Scouting in general. Hands on activities will be the focus of this program.

**Scouts 1st Class Rank & Above - Venture Scouts** - Venture Scouts will focus on high adventure activities and merit badges. They may be preparing for a major backpacking trip. This would involve things like using white gas stoves, protection from animals, cooking at high altitude, first aid, etc. They may be preparing for a white water rafting trip. The key is exciting, intense, high adventure trips.

## Summer Programs

BSA Troop 31 always holds at least one long term camp per summer. In 2010 we will be taking the troop on a nine day summer travel camp in Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina. We will spend the bulk of our time at Mammoth Cave National Park and Smoky Mountain National Park. The "**Cave and Mountain Trek IV**" will offer plenty of adventure, travel, and advancement. Summer camp is a time where the troop pulls together as a team. Make plans **NOW** for your Scout to attend camp next summer. It is the most important experience of the year! Watch the newsletter for exact costs and information for these trips. There will be a \$25.00 deposit for this trip due on March 8, 2009. The **estimated** cost of this trip will be around \$250.00 per person.

## CAVE AND MOUNTAIN TREK IV

### Itinerary for Trip

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Miles</b>
7/10/10	Flint, MI	Horse Cave, KY	500 Miles
7/11/10	Horse Cave, KY [CAVE TOUR #1]	[GREEN RIVER BOAT TOUR]	
7/12/10	Horse Cave, KY [CAVE TOUR #2]	[HIKE IN PARK]	
7/13/10	Horse Cave, KY	Gatlinburg, TN	263 Miles
7/14/10	Gatlinburg, TN [VISIT GSM NATIONAL PARK]		
7/15/10	Gatlinburg, TN [VISIT GSM NATIONAL PARK]		
7/16/10	Gatlinburg, TN [FUN DAY!]		
7/17/10	Gatlinburg, TN	Dayton, OH	344 Miles
7/18/10	Dayton, OH [WPAFB]	Flint, MI	252 Miles

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100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



## Rules of Camping in Troop 31

**Troop 31 will have approximately ten camping trips per year along with many other activities. In order to keep camp as safe as possible the following rules apply to all Scouts:**

1. Scouts are to come to camp prepared. A gear list is provided prior to the camping activity planned. Scouts must have all required items on the list.
2. No trading cards, CD's, tapes, games, guns, sling shots, cigarettes, illegal drugs, "adult materials," fireworks, snap pops, sheath knives, lighters, trading cards, toys, electronics, **glow sticks** or unscoutlike materials are allowed in camp.
3. Aerosol cans are prohibited from use at all troop events. **Any mosquito repellent is to be applied away from tents.**
4. Scouts must open tent doors completely before entering or exiting a tent since not doing this can damage the zippers.
5. Scouts are never to peel bark off of a living or standing tree or deface or damage any standing tree.
6. Scouts are **NEVER** to leave camp without the permission of an adult leader **FIRST. When they do they need a buddy!**
7. Scouts may not use a knife, ax, or saw until they have been trained and have received their Totin' Chip Card from a qualified Scout leader.
8. Scouts cannot run in camp! It is very dangerous to run in camp because of tent lines, stakes, roots, stumps, and other hazards. There are designated areas in camp for running and playing.
9. Scouts are not to bring snacks on events unless specifically asked. They attract animals which can injure Scouts or damage our camping equipment. Scouts will be personally liable for *any* damage to troop gear as a result of their carelessness! Any snacks will be thrown out on Friday evening to prevent animal attacks.
10. Scouts are to follow all meeting rules on camping trips.
11. Scouts are not allowed to bring suitcases on any activities. They are not easily transported by Scouts and take up a lot of space. The preferred method of packing would use a backpack. They make great birthday or holiday presents.
12. Scouts are expected to do their fair share during set-up, dish, water, fire, and cook duty, and during take down.

### **Scout Outdoor Essentials [Every Scout should have while camping with Troop 31]**

Pocket Knife, First Aid Kit, Rain Gear, Back Pack, Canteen, Flashlight, Mosquito Repellent, Sun Protection, Compass, Eating Utensils, Scout Handbook, and Watch.

**Consequences Include: Scouts breaking these rules will not be allowed to camp with the troop and in some cases will include dismissal from the troop.**

## Information You Need to Know About Troop Meetings in Troop 31

**Troop 31 will have approximately 25 troop meetings in the up-coming year. In order to make sure our meetings are productive and safe the following rules apply to all Scouts and leaders:**

1. Rule of two for youth: All Scouts must be with at least two other people during any meeting or function of Troop 31. Scouts may be pulled off to the side for one on one conferences with the Scoutmaster or another adult as long as other people are in view.
2. Scouts and leaders are expected to follow the Scout Oath and Law at all times.
3. Scouts are not to leave the meeting room they are in for any reason without first asking the adult leader in charge of them at the time.
4. No drinks, gum, or candy are allowed at the meeting facility as per church policy.
5. Any vandalism to the meeting place may result in dismissal from the troop.
6. Scouts misbehaving during meetings will first be warned and then sent home if the behavior continues.
7. Scouts are expected to participate in our troop program if they are at the meeting. Obvious exceptions would include medical problems.
8. Electronic devices including cell phones should not be used during meetings. There is no reason with an active program that such devices will be needed.
9. We will simply not tolerate any Scout degrading another Scout for any reason! Our troop is a no put down zone.
10. Scouts should come prepared to the troop meetings with the following: full Scout uniform, Boy Scout Handbook, note pad and pen or pencil, and merit badge books if needed.
11. ***We prefer parents come inside to pick up their child for safety reasons.*** This will eliminate Scouts from running around outside after the meeting and getting injured. Join us at 8:20PM each week for announcements and closing.
12. Scouts are to show respect to the adult leaders, the youth leaders and all other Scouts. Any form of disrespect will result in warnings and then if necessary removal from our troop. Our leaders are all volunteers therefore disrespect will never be acceptable.

**Consequences Include: Conference with Scout, Parent Meeting, Removal from Activities, Removal From Troop**

# TROOP 31 GENERAL BY-LAWS

GENERAL POLICIES OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 31  
Established 1991, Revisions: 11/99, 7/00, 9/03, 1/05, 12/09

**Policies: In order to amend or revoke these by-laws, a majority vote of the committee must be reached.**

- [1] There shall be no alcoholic beverages at any Scout function or on the grounds of our sponsor or Tall Pine Council, BSA. Smoking is discouraged, but **always** must be done out of sight of the youth.
- [2] Troop meetings will be held each Monday. Special meetings will be held the second Monday each month from September through May. Summer meetings to be decided by the Patrol Leaders' Council and Scoutmaster with committee approval.
- [3] The troop will furnish all awards and badges of office while the Scout is a member of the troop.
- [4] The troop requires each Scout to have a complete Scout uniform consisting of the following: Scout shirt, Scout pants or shorts, Scout socks, Scout belt, troop bolo tie, Troop circle patch, properly positioned patches including rank, patrol, and office patches. This uniform is to be worn at all troop meetings and during all travel. This uniform represents the quality of our team and should be taken seriously and worn proudly.
- [5] All Scouts are expected to participate in fund raisers. This the major source of troop income.
- [6] Each Scout is required to have an up to date medical form on file with the troop. Scouts not having a medical form on file with the troop cannot participate in any troop function.
- [7] Parents and leaders in Troop 31 will receive a Troop Program Guide from the troop on an annual basis.
- [8] All parents bringing a Scout to leave on a trip are to remain with the Scout until the troop departs in case any problems develop prior to leaving.
- [9] If a behavior problem occurs with any Scout during a meeting or activity, the parents or guardians of the Scout will be called to come and pick-up their Scout. If the parents are unavailable the Scout will be placed away from the rest of the group.
- [10] Troop committee meetings shall be held monthly as called by the Committee Chairman. Summer meetings will be decided by the Troop Committee.
- [11] When a Scoutmaster is appointed and approved by the chartering organization, he must within one year receive the equivalent of basic leader training. This is a requirement for Quality Unit. Within one year, the Scoutmaster must complete Woodbadge Training. Assistant Scoutmasters, committee members, and parents attending camping trips are strongly encouraged to participate in training on the troop and district level so they fully understand the Aims and Methods of Scouting.
- [12] All leaders of the troop must participate in youth protection training. *Anyone* spending the night on any troop activity or working directly with youth at meetings must hold a current youth protection training card from the Tall Pine Council. Leaders coming from other units must present evidence of this training or get recertified in this training prior to spending the night on any activity. All leaders who have taken youth protection training outside of the unit training must have a copy of their card on file with the troop.

# TROOP 31 GENERAL BY-LAWS CONTINUED

GENERAL POLICIES OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 31

*Established 1991, Revisions: 11/99, 7/00, 9/03, 1/05, 12/09*

**Policies: In order to amend or revoke these by-laws, a majority vote of the committee must be reached.**

- [13] All Scouts must arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before the meeting and be picked up no later than **8:35PM** from troop meetings unless special arrangements have been made with the Scoutmaster. Scouts must be picked up on time from all events. **Failure to do so may jeopardize the Scout's attendance on the next event.** Any leaders making arrangements with Scouts to arrive early to troop meetings need to clear this with the Scoutmaster and follow all youth protection guidelines.
- [14] The treasurer of the troop must include a monthly report of finances including expenses and income.
- [15] Camping and Events Policy—See pages to follow
- [16] ABC Fund By-Law—See pages to follow
- [17] Savings Account Policy—See pages to follow
- [18] Gear Use Policy—See pages to follow
- [19] Registration and Fees Policy—See pages to follow
- [20] Finance Policy—See pages to follow



# TROOP 31 CAMPING AND EVENTS POLICY

A POLICY REGARDING TROOP MEETING ATTENDANCE AND UNIFORMING IMPORTANCE AND ITS RELATION TO PARTICIPATING IN TROOP ACTIVITIES.

*Established 11/99, Revisions: 7/00, Reinstated 12/09*

## BY-LAW 15

**Purpose:** The Camping and Events Policy was created for several reasons. First of all meeting attendance is vital to the success of our camping program. The skills taught go hand in hand with the outdoor program. The troop will not allow Scouts to participate in the outdoor program only. This policy also stresses the importance of uniforms and addresses financial policies regarding camping trips and events.

### **Policies:**

- [1] Any Scout attending a camping trip or event must have had an average of 70% or higher on uniform inspections the four weeks prior to the event. The uniform inspection sheet is located in the Troop 31 Program Guide. ***Scouts needing assistance with uniforming should speak with the Scoutmaster.***
- [2] Any Scout attending a camping trip or weekend event must have attended three out of the five meetings prior to any given activity.
- [3] Any Scout who has had behavior problems at the troop meetings or on previous camping outings will not be allowed to attend the camping trip.
- [4] Camp fees must be paid by the newsletter posted deadline. If the Scout cannot afford to pay the entire fee the Scoutmaster should be notified by this time so financial assistance can be given if necessary.



# TROOP 31 ABC FUND

A FUND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR CAMPING AND UNIFORMS

*Established 8/90, Revisions: 9/95, 11/99, 7/00, 10/02, 12/09*

## BY-LAW 16

**Official Fund Name: The Asselstine/Bigler/Coates Fund**

**Purpose: To help in funding camping trips and uniform parts for Scouts in need.**

### Procedures:

- [1] A fund drive will be held as needed to raise money for the fund. All money collected will be placed in the troop bank account and reported on a line item called, "ABC Fund."
- [2] A Scout who is unable to pay for camping or uniforms may request assistance from the ABC Fund through the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster will make a recommendation based upon the needs of the family and their ability to pay. The names of all Scouts who request assistance will be kept confidential.
- [3] No decision will be based on race, religion, or creed.
- [4] The following may be considered for eligibility:
  - a. Active participation in previous troop programming.
  - b. Scouting Spirit (Scout Oath and Law)
  - c. Participation in troop fund raising efforts.
- [5] Upon receipt of a scholarship:
  - a. Camping money will be placed directly into the Scout's account for the trip.
  - b. Uniform parts will be purchased by the Scoutmaster or his designee.
- [6] The core part of the fund shall not be spent for any reason. The core part of this fund shall be set at \$10,000.
- [7] The ABC Fund Balance will be reported by the troop treasurer on a monthly basis.
- [8] No more than 50% of any activity cost may be funded through the ABC Fund unless there are extreme circumstances involved.



# TROOP 31 SAVINGS ACCOUNT POLICY

A POLICY REGARDING INDIVIDUAL SCOUT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

*Established 6/91, Revisions: 4/97, 11/99, 10/02, 12/09*

## **BY-LAW 17**

**Purpose: To ensure that money raised for the purpose of BSA Troop 31 stays within the troop.**

### **Policies:**

- [1] Savings accounts cannot run negative balances.
- [2] Cash will not be given out for any events or purchases.
- [3] Scouts leaving Troop 31 are not entitled to any account money raised in Troop 31. Because we raise money to benefit Troop 31 and any related Scouts we will not transfer money to other troops.
- [4] Money from savings accounts folding will be directed to the ABC Camping Fund unless otherwise approved by the Scoutmaster, treasurer, and Troop Committee Chairman.
- [5] Upon a Scouts 18th birthday, money will be directed to the Troop 31 ABC Fund unless the Scout suggests another use for the money. All requests should be given to the Scoutmaster in writing prior to the Scout's 18th birthday.
- [6] Savings account money can only be used for troop camping trips and activities.



# TROOP 31 GEAR USE POLICY

A POLICY REGARDING TROOP EQUIPMENT USE

*Established 7/00, Revised 10/02, 12/09*

## **BY-LAW 18**

**Purpose:** To protect troop gear from being damaged, destroyed, or returned dirty.

### **Policies:**

- [1] All gear borrowed from the troop must be approved by the Scoutmaster or his designee in advance.
- [2] When gear is borrowed from the troop a donation to the troop is encouraged.
- [3] Any gear borrowed from the troop is expected to be returned clean and free from damage. If the gear is not returned clean and free from damage, a fine will be issued. Any group or person borrowing gear and returning it in less than satisfactory condition will not be allowed to borrow equipment in the future.



# TROOP 31 REGISTRATION AND FEES POLICY

A POLICY REGARDING REGISTRATION AND CAMPING FEES

*Established 1995, Revisions: 4/97, 11/99, 7/00, 10/02, 9/03, 12/09*

## BY-LAW 19

**Purpose:** To protect give parents a guide on expenses in Scouting and make clear the cost for yearly registration.

### Policies:

- [1] Registration fee is defined as the money collected in the fall of each year from all Scouts and adults.
- [2] The yearly registration fee for adults shall include the national re-charter fee, Scouting Magazine, and the Troop 31 newsletter.
- [3] The yearly registration fee for youth shall include the national re-charter fee, advancement awards, and the Troop 31 newsletter.
- [4] The yearly registration fee shall be \$25.00 for youth and \$16.00 for adults. There is a maximum charge of \$35.00 for the youth of one family. The yearly registration fee shall be prorated as follows:

<i>For Scouts Join In</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Scouts Join In</i>	<i>Cost</i>
September	\$11.00	March	\$23.00
October	\$9.00	April	\$21.00
November	\$7.00	May	\$19.00
December	\$5.00	June	\$17.00
January	\$3.00	July	\$15.00
February	\$25.00	August	\$13.00

- [5] The yearly registration fee will be due by **February 1** of each Scout season.
- [6] Event fee is defined as the money collected to participate in special activities including camping trips and field trips.
- [7] Camping and event fees are due by the deadline posted in the troop newsletter and/or announced deadline. Scouts may not be able to attend the event if they do not meet the deadline. Scouts needing financial assistance should contact the Scoutmaster by the sign-up deadline. Camping trips run from \$10.00 to \$25.00 for weekend events.



# TROOP 31 FINANCE POLICY

A POLICY REGARDING THE HANDLING OF TROOP FUNDS

*Established 9/03*

## **BY-LAW 20**

**Purpose: To ensure that money in Troop 31 is handled properly and safely.**

### **Policies:**

Money will be collected and passed **ONLY** in the following manner:

- [1] Payer will turn money into the Treasurer or his/her designated collector.
- [2] A receipt will be written for the total amount of money collected. One copy will be given to the person paying, one to the treasurer, and one will be left in the master receipt book that is left in the Scout Room.
- [3] The money will be collected by the treasurer or his/her designated collector at the end of the meeting or function. Money will then be deposited into the troop savings or checking account as soon as possible.
- [4] In the event of off site collection of money, a person designated by the treasurer will be in charge of collecting money and the treasurer or his designee will write a final receipt for the total amount of money collected at the event. [i.e. Popcorn Sale]
- [5] Checks will not be written by individuals to replace cash turned into the troop.  
This is an irregular accounting practice.
- [6] All reimbursements require a receipt of purchase.



# **THE METHODS OF SCOUTING**

## **The Ideals**

The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan. The Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them he has some control over what he becomes.

## **The Patrol Method**

The patrol method gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places a certain amount of responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to act in small groups where they easily can relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected representatives.

## **The Outdoors**

Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoors that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with each other. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Scouts gain an appreciation for God's handiwork and mankind's place in it. The outdoors is the laboratory for Scouts to learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

## **Advancement**

Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps to overcome them through the advancement method. The Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he overcomes each challenge. The Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a boy grow in self-reliance and the ability to help others.

## **Adult Association**

Boys learn from the example set by their adult leaders. Troop leadership may be male or female, and association with adults of high character is encouraged at this stage of a young man's development.

## **Personal Growth**

As Scouts plan their activity, and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. There probably is no device so successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn.

## **Leadership Development**

Boy Scouting encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership roles of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

## **Uniform**

The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Scout activities, and provides a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

# THE AIMS OF SCOUTING



*Boy Scouting works toward three aims:*

## Character Development

We may define this as what the boy is himself: his personal qualities, his values, his outlook.

## Participating Citizenship

Used broadly, citizenship means the boy's relationship to others. He comes to learn of his obligations to other people, to the society he lives in, and to the government that presides over that society.

## Mental and Physical Fitness

Fitness includes the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self-respect).

\*The methods are designed to accomplish these aims. Thus it is important that you know and use the methods of Boy Scouting. Other methods are good, but they may bring different results, results quite different than we are seeking.

\*Frequent conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

# THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

## **THE SCOUT OATH OR PROMISE**

On my honor  
I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and  
To obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

**Scout Motto**  
Be Prepared.

**Scout Slogan**  
Do a Good Turn Daily.

## **The Scout Law**

A Scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful,  
friendly, courteous, kind,  
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and  
reverent

# YOUTH JOB DESCRIPTIONS

*The following are troop or patrol positions:*

**Junior Assistant Scoutmaster** - Serves in a specified area as designated by the Scoutmaster. Appointed by the Scoutmaster.

**Senior Patrol Leader** - Top junior leader in the Troop. He leads the Patrol Leaders' Council and, in consultation with the Scoutmaster, appoints other junior leaders and assigns specific responsibilities as needed. The Senior Patrol Leader is elected by the youth members of the troop.

**1st Assistant Senior Patrol Leader** - Fills in for the Senior Patrol Leader in his absence. He also is responsible for training and giving direction to the Quartermaster, Scribe, Troop Historian, Librarian, and Instructors. The 1st Ast. Senior Patrol Leader is appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader.

**2nd Assistant Senior Patrol Leader** - Serves as the advisor and trainer for patrols within the troop. Trains patrol leaders as needed. The 2nd Ast. Senior Patrol Leader is appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader.

**Troop Quartermaster** - Responsible for Troop supplies and equipment. Appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader.

**Troop Historian** - Collects and maintains Troop memorabilia and information on former Troop members. Appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader.

**Troop Librarian** - Keeps troop books, pamphlets, magazines, audiovisuals, and merit badge counselor list available for use by the Troop members. Appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader.

**Troop Chaplain Aide** - Assists in troop religious services and promotes the religious emblems program. Appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader.

**Troop Scribe** – Takes patrol record books and records the information in the troop attendance book. Appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader.

**Patrol Leader** - Gives leadership to members of his patrol and represents them on the Patrol Leaders' Council. Elected by the members of each patrol within the troop.

**Assistant Patrol Leader** - Fills in for the Patrol Leader in his absence. Appointed by the Patrol Leader.

**Patrol Scribe** – Keeps attendance for the patrol and collects money for camping trips. Appointed by the Patrol Leader.

**Patrol Quartermaster** - Responsible for patrol supplies and equipment. Appointed by the Patrol Leader.

**Den Chief** - Works with a Cub Scout den as a guide. Helps prepare youth for their adventure in Boy Scouting. Appointed by the Scoutmaster.

# LEADERSHIP AND STRUCTURE OF SCOUTING

The patrol is the basic unit of Scouting, and Troop 31 is proud of its commitment to the patrol method. The idea is that small groups can work together to achieve their individual goals. Each patrol has a "Patrol Leader", one person who has been elected by the others to serve as their leader. The Patrol Leader isn't a boss though; he usually has to work even harder than anyone else because he has to help plan troop and patrol events and meetings as a member of the Patrol Leader's Council (or PLC).

The troop also has an elected leader, called the Senior Patrol Leader (or SPL). The SPL's job is to make sure that the troop is running smoothly. He is responsible for troop meetings & activities, although he doesn't do all the work himself. He works with the other members of the PLC to be sure everything gets done. He also appoints a number of other people to help with specific functions, like an Assistant to fill in when he can't attend, a Scribe to keep records and collect dues and a Quartermaster to keep track of troop equipment.

Among the adults, there are really two bosses. The Scoutmaster is the leader; it's his job to make sure that you get the most of Scouting you can. He works lots of hours behind the scenes, attending meetings and training seminars to try and stay on top of the latest things in Scouting. He works with the SPL and the PLC to help plan campouts and other outings. His job is so big he has Assistant Scoutmasters who help him out. Most of the Assistant Scoutmasters attend all the outings. Each patrol has one Assistant Scoutmaster whose whole job is to help them do the things they want to do..

The other big adult leader is the Committee Chairman. Every troop has a committee whose job is to help the Scoutmaster get the resources he needs to put on a good program. They work hard to come up with tents and other camping equipment. They're also the Scoutmaster's number one resource for help with special projects and programs. The committee also has a Treasurer, who keeps track of all the money and an Advancement Chairman who keeps advancement records for the troop. There are a lot of other committee members too, and if you are interested, the chairman will be happy to hear from you. Committee members don't have to attend campouts or troop meetings even though they're welcome to do so. Their real job is to support the troop behind the scenes.



# WAYS TO EXTEND SCOUTING INVOLVEMENT

## Activities

### Junior Leader Training/Silver Bars (JLT)

JLT takes place each year and is a week long opportunity to really brush up on not only your Scout skills, but your leadership skills as well. Our unit usually pays for two Scouts to attend each year. It's held at Camp Tapico or Camp Holaka and the week is devoted to learning all about the art of being a good troop leader. If you're interested in attending, you should let the Scoutmaster know.

### Summer Camp Staff

Although not really an organization like the others, many Scouts enjoy working summer camp staff. If you're 15, you can serve as a Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) and if you're sixteen, you can be a member of the staff. CIT's aren't paid for their work, but they get to explore all the staff positions available. CIT's rotate from one area to the next so they can see which areas they're good at. Staff members are paid employees who work at camp all summer. Summer staff is a lot of fun and a good way to earn a little money over the summer. Applications can be turned in at any time during the year, but hiring is usually done in March or April.

### Provisional Units

Sometimes you can't make it to summer camp the same week as the rest of the troop or sometimes you might want an extra week to finish up a merit badge or just goof around. If that's the case, then Provisional is the way to go. Provisional camping is offered at Camp Tapico and allows individual Scouts to attend camp without the rest of their troop. Each summer the council organizes a group of Scouts from various troops into one unit. The council provides a Scoutmaster and an Assistant Scoutmaster.

### National Jamboree

The National Jamboree is held in Fort AP Hill Virginia every four years. Scouts from across the country meet for this event. There are demos, training and fun events for the whole time. Rather than have whole scout troops go, each Council organizes a temporary troops (much like Provisional Units) to attend. There may be a number of meetings and practice campouts to make sure everyone knows what's going on before the event.

### World Jamboree

The biggest of all Scouting activities! The World Jamboree is held every four years in a different country. Scouts from all over the world get together for training, fun, fellowship, and patch trading. This event usually has a few side trips.



# THE MERIT BADGE PROCESS IN TROOP 31



## ***The purpose of the merit badge program is as follows:***

- Basic character-developing tools.
- Scouts learn career skills.
- Scouts develop physical fitness and hobbies that give a lifetime of healthful recreation.
- Contact with adults with whom they might not be acquainted.

## **MERIT BADGE PROCESS**

The Merit Badge program is an important part of the Boy Scout Advancement program. At the present time there are 120 badges covering career interests, hobbies, and other topics. Many boys over the years have picked a professional field of interest or started a life long hobby through the merit Badge program. Merit Badges must be earned for Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. Some badges are required while others are optional. **See page 440 of the Boy Scout Handbook for a list of required merit badges.**

## **Procedures for Earning Merit Badges**

1. The Scout contacts the Scoutmaster. He will receive a signed merit badge card and the name of an appropriate merit Badge Counselor. If the counselor can't help the Scout at that time, the Scout must return to the Scoutmaster for a second Merit Badge Counselor. The Scout should not work on the Merit Badge until he contacts the counselor.
2. The Scout then contacts the Merit Badge Counselor. The Scout, **not the parent**, should make contact with the counselor. The Scout needs to learn how to contact other people and set up meetings.
3. The Scout works with the Merit Badge Counselor until the counselor verifies completion.
4. The Scout returns the completed card to the Scoutmaster. The Scout should make sure the counselor has signed everything on his paper. The Advancement Person will process the Merit Badge.
5. The Scout will be recognized at the next Troop Court of Honor.
6. Group Merit Badges will be offered at troop meetings on occasion. Instruction will occur as a whole group, but testing and verifying of skills will be offered one on one.

## **Special Notes on Merit Badges**

- **Parents should never let a Scout meet with the counselor one-on-one (alone).** The Scout should always go with a buddy, relative, or friend. If a counselor suggests meeting alone, immediately report this to the Troop Committee Advancement Person and the Scoutmaster.
- Character building and self-confidence are an important process of the Merit Badge process, therefore our Troop recommends that a Scout should not use a Merit Badge Counselor for more than three Merit Badges.
- Our Troop prefers that parents and guardians not counsel any Merit Badges for their son.

# January 2010: Team Building

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1 New Year's Day</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	<i>5</i> <b>TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM</b>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <b>MONDAY NIGHT ALIVE AT U OF M REC CENTER 6:50-8:40PM</b>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <b>Frosted Paw Camporee D-Bar-A Scout Ranch</b>	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> <b>Frosted Paw Camporee D-A</b>	<i>18 MLK, Jr. Birthday</i> <b>NO TROOP MEETING</b>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i>						

# February 2010: Cooking

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	2 <b>TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM</b>	3	4	5	6
7	8 <b>MONDAY NIGHT ALIVE—OUTDOOR ADVENTURES 7-8:30PM</b>	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>  <b>SCOUT SUNDAY</b>	15 <i>President's Day</i>  <b>NO TROOP MEETING</b>	16	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	18	19	20
21	22 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	23	24	25	26 <b>Island Lake Rustic Cabin Camp</b>	
28  <b>ISLAND LAKE</b>	<b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>					

# March 2010: Camping

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM ELECTIONS	2 SPAGHETTI DINNER 4-7PM	3	4	5	6
7	8 COURT OF HONOR 7-8:30PM	9 TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	15 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>Spring Begins</i> <b>Scouting for Food</b>
21	22 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	23	24	25	26	27 <b>Scouting for Food</b>
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	30	31			

# April 2010: Hiking

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	5 <b>NO TROOP MEETING</b>	6	7	8	9	10
<b>GENESEE COUNTY SCHOOLS BREAK</b>						
11	12 <b>MONDAY NIGHT ALIVE—GAME NIGHT 7-8:30PM</b>	13 <b>TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM</b>	14	15	16	17
18	19 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	20	21	22	23	24
					<b>John Bryan State Park Ohio</b>	
25	26 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	27	28	29	30	
<b>John Bryan State Park</b>						

# May 2010: Orienteering

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	4 TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10 MONDAY NIGHT ALIVE—CSUMC SERVICE 7-8:30PM	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	18	19	20	21	22
					<b>Sleeping Bear Dunes Weekend Camp</b>	
23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>SLEEPING BEAR</b> </div>	24 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>  NO TROOP MEETING					

# June 2010: Physical Fitness

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  <b>TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM</b>	2	3	4	5
6	7  <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  <b>COURT OF HONOR 7-8:30PM</b>	15	16	17	18	19  <b>HOLLY REC CENTER HIKE</b>
20 <i>Father's Day</i>	21 <i>Summer Begins</i>  <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28  <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	29  <b>TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM</b>	30			

# July 2010: High Adventure

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 <b>NO TROOP MEETING</b>	6	7 <b>SUMMER CAMP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	8	9	10 <b>CAVE &amp; MTN. TREK</b>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>CAVE AND MOUNTAIN TREK IV</b>						
18 <b>CAVE &amp; MTN. TREK</b>	19 <b>NO TROOP MEETING</b>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <b>NO TROOP MEETING</b>	27	28	29	30	31

# August 2010: Citizenship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NO TROOP MEETING	3 TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM	4	5	6	7
8	9 NO TROOP MEETING	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 NO TROOP MEETING	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 PLC MEETING 7-8:30PM	24	25	26	27	28 <b>Crim Road Race</b>
29	30 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	31				

# September 2010: Water Sports

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <i>Labor Day</i>  <b>NO TROOP MEETING</b>	7  <b>TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM</b>	8	9	10	11
12	13 <b>COURT OF HONOR AND POTLUCK 6:30-8:30PM OUTDOOR ADVENTURES</b>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM ELECTIONS</b>	21	22 <i>Autumn Begins</i>	23	24	25
26	27 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	28	29	30	<b>HARTWICK PINES CANOE TRIP</b>	

# October 2010: Nature

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	5 TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM	6	7	8	9
10	11 MONDAY NIGHT ALIVE—CORN MAZE 7-8:30PM	12	13	14	15 <b>CAMP TAPICO</b>	
17 <b>CAMP TAPICO</b>	18 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Halloween</i>						

# November 2010: First Aid

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	2 <i>Election Day</i> <b>TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM</b>	3	4	5	6
7 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	8 <b>MONDAY NIGHT ALIVE—BASE CAMP 7-8:30PM</b>	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 <b>PLC ANNUAL PLANNING—HOLAKA</b>	13
14 <b>PLC ANNUAL PLANNING</b>	15 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	23	24	25 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	26	27
28 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	29 <b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	30				

# December 2010: Winter Sports

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					<b>POKAGON TABAGOON RUN AND ANTHONY WAYNE SCOUT RESERVATION—INDIANA</b>	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>POKAGON WEEKEND</b>	<b>TROOP MEETING 7-8:30PM</b>	<b>TROOP COMMITTEE 7:15-8:30PM</b>				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<b>MONDAY NIGHT ALIVE TBA</b>					
19	20	21 <i>Winter Begins</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>
	<b>COURT OF HONOR 7PM</b>			<b>GENESEE COUNTY SCHOOLS BREAK</b>		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>GENESEE COUNTY SCHOOLS BREAK</b>						