



November/December 2016

November/December Camping Trips

Our camping trip on November 11-13 will be at the Hudson Riverside Rod & Gun Club. Shoot .22 rifles on a target range, skeet shooting (shotguns) for the older scouts, archery, and practice fishing in the well stocked pond. Traditionally younger scouts have had opportunities to learn to safely build fires and handle pocket knives; older scouts have learned how to properly use axes, bow-saws, and manage an “axe-yard” to BSA safety standards.

On December 12 we will be going to Central Rock Climbing in Worcester.

Check out the photos from last year in the May/June Newsletter found on our website http://www.ktctroop41.org/images/newsletters/May_2016.pdf.

Annual Scout Dues are due November 7

The new charter is signed and will be paid for at the end of November for the next year so we are under a tight calendar. Information was handed out at the last meeting regarding dues – please check with your scout. If your scout sold popcorn, you can check with Mrs. Young for any credits you might have to put towards annual dues.

Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming Trips

November 11-13 – Hudson Rod & Gun Club

December 12 – Central Rock Climbing

January 20-22 – Freeze Out, Lone Tree, NH

February – TBD

March 3-5 – Ski Trip, Camp Hines, ME

April – TBD

May 19-21 – Cape Cod Bike Trip

June 16-18 – White Water Rafting

Meetings

Troop Meetings

November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19

January 2, 9, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27

March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24

May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 19

Merit Badge Nights

November 14 and December 19

Events

Masonic Meal Nights

November 2, December 7,

January 4, February 1, March 1,

April 5, May 3, June 7

Scouting for Food

Marlborough Food Pantry

November 12 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

PLC Meetings

November TBD,

December 28, January 25,

February TBD, March 22

April 26, May 24 at 7:00 pm

Committee Meetings

November 8, December 13, January 10,

February 14, March 14, April 1, May 9,

June 13 at 7:00 pm

For an updated calendar go to our website
www.ktctroop41.org/calendar.html

Committee Meetings

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 8. For those of you new to the troop, any adult is welcome to come to these meetings. An email will go out each month stating where the meeting will be held. Please just let the host know you are attending so they can have enough seats.

EMS Scouting Event

On Nov 16th starting at 6:30 pm EMS at Northboro Crossing will be hosting clinics on properly fitting packs, boots etc. They will then be giving everyone a 10% off the entire store coupon including sale and clearance items. Currently that would mean you could get a pack at 50% off. The more people attending the more they can add to the event; more staff and vendors with some small freebies etc.

The manager would like a general head count so he can plan accordingly. If you are interested in attending, please email Sherry Clark athenasbyserry@yahoo.com.

Masonic Meal Night

Are you looking for a way to help pay for summer camp to other scout trips? We are looking for 4-5 volunteers to help serve dinner at the Masonic Hall the first Wednesday of every month. The money collected from the Masons is split between the boys and are used for camp credits. If interested, please sign up for the December 7th meal night online at www.ublodge.org/troop41.

2017 National Scout Jamboree

Registration is still open if you would like to sign up for the BSA National Scout Jamboree; where scouts from around the country gather for a week and a half of fun and adventure. Nothing you can do in scouting compares to this experience. The 2017 National Scout Jamboree will be held from **July 19 to July 28, 2017**. You can learn more here: www.bsajamboree.org.

The National Jamboree is a unique experience and all about outdoor fun. We encourage everyone to consider it.

If you'd like to attend or would like more information, please see Mr. Niedzielski.

First Church Rewards

Our chartering organization, First Church, has an ongoing fundraiser which benefits them without costing us an extra cent! Please consider purchasing some cards to benefit the organization that provides a home for Troop 41. Linda Warren from the church will be coming to our meeting the first Monday of every month. The next gift card day will be November 7. Below is an explanation of the program provided by First Church:

This program was started as a fundraiser for the First Church operating budget. We purchase discounted gift cards from a national vendor and then sell them at full value.....realizing a small profit from each card. The amount that we get varies for each vendor....ranging from 2.5% to 13%. The contribution percentage is shown on the vendor list.

We welcome your participation in this program. Keep us in mind for all of your normal shopping needs..... groceries, hardware, restaurants, fast food, etc.

Cards will be available for purchase at our regular meeting the first Monday of each month. If there are particular cards that you want, please email an order to me at lwarren52@verizon.net.

Movie gift cards make great gifts for the holidays. The list of local vendors who participate is available from Linda Warren.

Merit Badge Nights

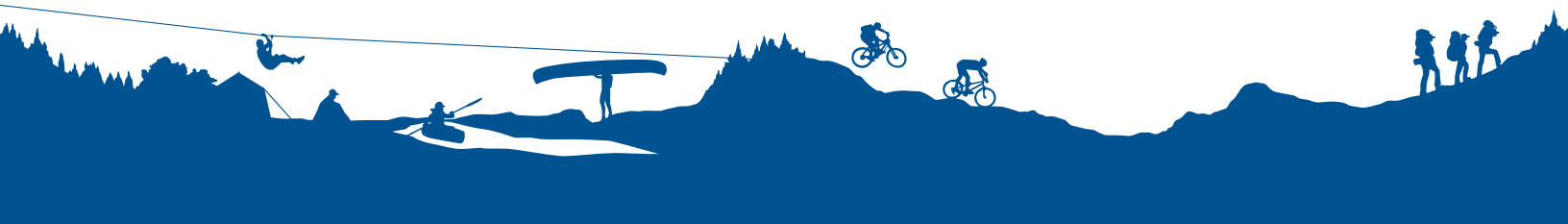
Our next Merit Badge Night will be November 14. Our final night for this merit badge will be December 19. Please make sure your scout comes prepared with scout book and any homework that needed to be finished.

Scouting for Food Saturday Nov. 12

The annual Scouting for Food collection will take place on Saturday, November 12th from 9:30 - 2:00 (approx). If you scout need service hours for either rank advancement or Citizenship in the Community merit badge, this is a great opportunity to earn those hours. They will be helping sort food at the Marlborough Food Panty, 255 W. Main Street (The Walker Building). They can help the entire time or just an hour or two.

Fun Fact of the Month

A broken clock is right two times a day.





26th Annual Merit Badge University

Presented by ALPHA PHI OMEGA, Kappa Omicron Chapter

Dates: February 25th and March 25th, 2017 (Both Dates are required)

Times: Check in begins at 8:30 am on February 25th

Place: University of Massachusetts Amherst

Session One: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, **Lunch:** 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Session Two: 12:45 PM – 2:45PM

Cost: \$6 per scout. **No registrations will be accepted after January 25th, 2017.** Cost includes: course materials, room fees and a patch for participation. **Refunds cannot be made under any circumstances.**

Scouts should sign up for a class during **each** session. Merit Badge classes will be limited to 20 scouts. However, some badges will be capped between 10 to 15 scouts, due to the nature of some requirements. **Badges are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.** Some merit badges will be offered multiple times throughout the day.

Note: Certain merit badges may be going on field trips. **No scout may go on a field trip without filling out an activity consent form. The consent forms will be emailed out to scouts/troops prior to MBU.**

Lunch is not included – While there are places on campus to buy lunch, it is recommended that scouts bring a bag lunch.

Registration and payment will both be online this year through Tentaroo, an online event registration website used by the Western Massachusetts Council. We will send an email to our email list once registration is open.

To get on our email list, send an email to the email addresses below.

Registrations received via email and checks mailed to us will not be accepted.

Please note that a list of prerequisites will be sent out to troops as soon as they are finalized.

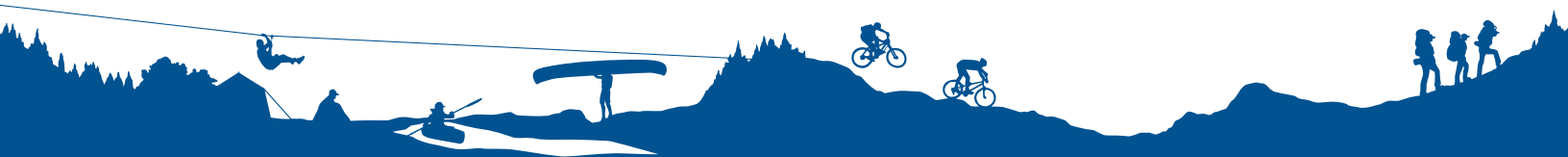
Please note that registering for a badge at MBU does NOT guarantee its completion. Scouts will need to demonstrate to the counselor that they have completed ALL of the requirements for the badge(s) they are taking. This includes prerequisites (requirements assigned that need to be completed prior to MBU) as well as any homework that is assigned, to be completed between the two days. If a scout does not complete all requirements for the badge(s) they are signed up for at MBU, they will receive a partial.

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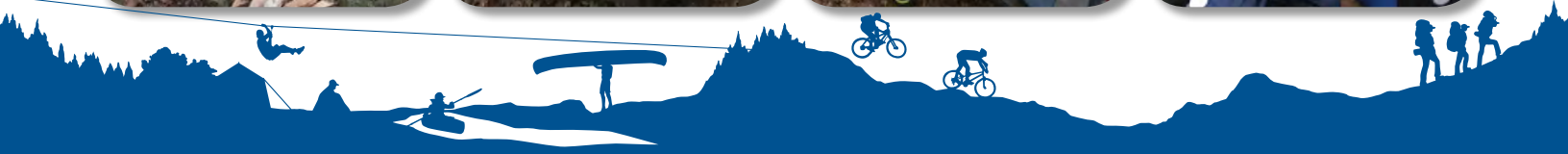
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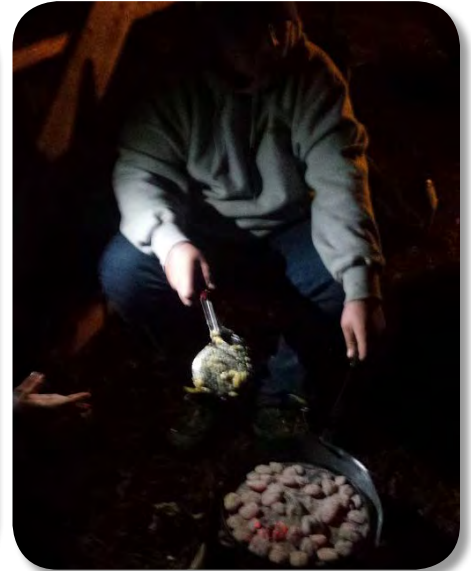
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Newfound Lake - September 2016



Camp Yawgoog - October 2016



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