

NEWS FOR SCOUTS, SCOUTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Troop 22's Spring Court of Honor will be held **on Monday, June 14th at 7:00 pm** in the sanctuary of the UPC. Please arrive at 6:45 PM and wear your full uniform (Class A). At a Court of Honor, Scouts are recognized individually for their rank advancements, merit badges earned, and any other special recognition they have achieved. They also receive patches for trips they have attended. **All scouts are expected to attend** and all family members are encouraged to attend to help recognize the accomplishments of our scouts. Don't forget your camera.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

May 15 a group of Scouts are needed to help at the Kennett Run. Sign ups will be at the May 10th Troop meeting or contact Mrs. Swartz.

May 31 Scouts from the Kennett-Unionville area will be marching in the Kennett Square Memorial Day Parade. Participation in the parade is a great way to honor our service men and women. Troop 22 is one of the larger troops in the area so let's have the largest number of scouts in the parade. Gather at **9:15 AM** in the old ShurFine grocery store parking lot on Mill and Cyprus. Wear your full Class A (field) uniform and bring a water bottle. The parade will finish at Union Hill Cemetery. Following the parade, Scouts and families are invited to a BBQ at Anson Nixon Park. Contact Mrs. Moore if you are coming to the BBQ by May 25th.

Fall 2010 Community Service- In an effort to organize participation at the beginning of the school year, you will receive a letter and postcard at the May 10 Troop meeting or in the mail with choices of Fall service opportunities. Please indicate your top 3 choices with 1 being your first choice. Scouts will be placed on a first come, first serve basis. During the Summer, you will be sent an email with your service date and time. If you are unable to attend, Scouts must find a replacement and contact the Leader to let them know. Scouts who do not sign up for a service date will be placed into a project.

Upcoming Trips:

May 14-16 Whitewater rafting, final details will be discussed at May 10th Troop meeting. Drivers and Scouts going to must attend troop meeting. Contact Mr. Knox, Tripmaster, if unable to attend troop meeting.

June 11 All Scouts will have a great day at Hershey Park. Contact Mr. Bowen, Tripmaster, for more information..

Summer Camp July 18-25 The troop is looking forward to a great week at Camp Horseshoe. There are 60 Scouts signed up. Complete information about summer camp can be obtained from the main menu. **Don't forget to get the physical form for adults and scouts completed (required to attend) and handed in plus a copy by June 7th Troop meeting** **On Sunday, July 18th, meet at UPC at 12 noon sharp in uniform. All medications must be in original bottle with written instructions from parent.** Merit badges with pre requirements must have these done before camp to earn the badge by the end of the week. See the MB descriptions under 'Summer Camp'. Write up what was done and bring along. Please see 'What To Bring To Summer Camp' posted on the website under the 'Camping'.

TROOP 22 TRAINING NEWS

Three of your young men, Conor G. Jamie M. and Alex P, will participate in Chester County Council's Youth Leader Training (YLT) course this month. They will learn leadership and team building skills at this intense and fun, two weekend course at Camp Ware. They will share their new skills at a **Troop Junior Leadership training** at a date to be determined.



Every Youth Deserves a Trained Leader – this is one of BSA National's mantras and Troop 22 whole heartily agrees. Two training classes will be available at Summer camp, New Leader Essentials and Scoutmaster Specifics.

Thanks to the youth and adults who give their time and energy to learning how to be better leaders.

HELP WANTED

Many parents (men and women) currently volunteer their time to help Troop 22. If you don't currently have a niche, or would like to do more, I encourage you to consider these open positions:

IMMEDIATE NEED

Assistant Scoutmaster: an ASM helps the Scoutmaster. In Troop 22 some ASMs volunteer to work with a specific patrol (they are called patrol advisors); other ASMs help the troop by attending troop events where they help the youth leadership supervise/safeguard the scouts. ASMs also help the Scoutmaster by conducting Scoutmaster Conferences for rank advancement.

What the troop asks of its ASMs: To attend events in uniform (setting the example). To take the BSA training courses for this position in a timely manner. Attend the monthly ASM meeting (usually the third Monday of the month).

Privileges of an ASM: Get to wear a nice uniform, get to go on awesome trips, get the privilege to guide the future leaders of America, and get to learn more about Scouting and T22.

Tripmasters: as a Tripmaster, you work with the Scouts in planning a monthly outing. The Scouts will vote at the June TLC on next year's trips. Job involves informing Troop of the activity, making reservations, collecting payment and permission slips and having fun along with the Scouts. This is a great one time job. For the 2010-2011 school year, the Troop needs 9 Tripmasters.

Religion Coordinator: Work with Scouts interested in the God and Country program.

Please contact the Committee Chair if you are interested in any of these positions.

ORDER OF THE ARROW



Fifteen youth and two adults were called out at the Bridge Crossing ceremony and several have already completed their joining campout (called an ordeal). They join the ranks of the many other “honored campers” that give cheerful service to Camp Horseshoe. Congratulations!

The next opportunity to “do your ordeal” is June 4-6. Registration must be done with the OA at Chester County Council. It can be done online (cccbsa.org).

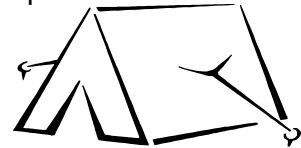
TROOP 22 GOES TO OA WEEKENDS AT CAMP HORSESHOE AS A GROUP – BE AT UPC AT 6:00 PM TO LOAD GEAR AND ORGANIZE THE RIDES.

Contribute To Troop 22 when you Buy Groceries Through eScrip at Genuardi's

Have you signed up yet? From the main menu click on “Support Troop 22” fill out some basic information and your purchases will start helping the troop. Sign up your families and friends too!

CALLING ALL TENTS AND TROOP EQUIPMENT! If you have any troop equipment please bring it to the next troop event.

The Quartermaster, Zack P., requests that all equipment needs be pre-approved with him before the equipment leaves the locker. Please help him keep track of all equipment by getting his pre-approval.



CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

Troop 22 extends best wishes to its graduating seniors: Nick L. and Craig J. We wish you all the best with your future plans.



REPORT ON RECENT TRIPS and ACTIVITIES

In April the troop camped at our campsite in the Laurels and the new scouts and adult leaders were officially welcomed into the Troop at the Bridge Crossing Ceremony. A good time was had by all and no ‘heavy dew’

On May 1st, our Troop was again very successful at the Orienteering competition held at French Creek SP. Members will be recognized at the June Court of Honor.

Helping to Keep our Scouts Safe

Boy Scouts of America and Troop 22 are committed to offering the young men of the greater Unionville area the opportunity to try new activities, learn leadership skills, go on fun adventures and serve the community within a safe environment. Examples of the troop's commitment are all the trained leaders we have and how we always do our best to follow the safety guidelines established by the BSA.

To continue this commitment, the troop will be showing a videotape entitled *A Time To Tell*. This award-winning video was produced by the BSA to educate boys 11 years and older about child abuse and show the steps they should take to protect themselves from being abused.

Parents of new scouts will find that the video works well with the *How to Protect Your Child from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide* pamphlet found in the front of the Boy Scout Handbook. Reviewing the pamphlet is one of the steps required in joining a troop (see list on page four of the BSA Handbook). This will be shown at the June 7th Troop meeting at UPC.

On a lighter note, check the calendar tab for the most current troop calendar for the months of May through July. The website will be updated before the end of the school year with Aug and Sept once meeting, service and camping dates have been finalized. So check back in mid summer.

This is the last newsletter this season; let me take this opportunity to thank you for your participation and wish you a safe, fun and restful summer.

Your Committee Chairperson