



TROOP 72 NEWS

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Scenes from the May overnight bike hike along the Delaware River in NJ.

ADVANCEMENT

Congratulations to these scouts for completing rank advancement in May:

2nd Class: Ryan Heydt
Scout: Noah Seng DeLong,
Hunter Stewart



COMING EVENTS

June 7th

Hydrogen fuel cell car, and backpacking night. The Air Products hydrogen car will be available for inspection at the beginning of the meeting. See tomorrow's technology today! Then learn about gear for backpacking, and how to pack it. This will be good preparation for June, where there will be two backpacking events.

June 11-13th

Camping and Backpacking Skills Weekend. Meet at Camp Spirit at 5pm on Friday. Be ready to hike Saturday!

June 14th

Pre-Summercamp meeting. Required attendance for scouts going to summer camp (and a parent, for first-year scouts).

June 21st

Bring supplies to make new patrol flags. With new (and some unusual) patrol names, we need to make new flags. Also come with ideas for new patrol yells.

June 25-27th

Appalachian Trail Backpacking weekend. Proposed hikes are available to interested scouts. Help pick the hike you want to take.

June 28th

Finish patrol flags and present them to the troop. (Yells, too!) There will be a review of the EDGE method, which is part of some new requirements. PLC meeting at 6:15.

June 30th

Troop Committee meeting, 7:30 at Camp Spirit.

July 5th

Independence day Holiday. There will be no meeting.

July 12th

Summer camp. There will be no meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here are the scheduled dates for the **Giant / Weis gift cards** for the next several months.

These are the dates orders and money are due. (Order forms are usually given out 2 weeks earlier, and cards are delivered the following week.)

June 21st July 19th
August 16th

Mark your calendar now. With holidays, summer camp, and vacations, don't forget there is a **Shore Campout**, Aug 20-22nd. We will camp at the Joseph

Citta Scout Reservation, 13 miles from Long Beach Island. Stay tuned for announcements and flyers.

At its last meeting, the Troop Committee discussed **changes to the advancement process**, to incorporate changes in the Scout Spirit requirements and better conform to official BSA policy guidelines.

The result of this discussion is a revised advancement procedure. This procedure replaces the one that has been given to parents and scouts in the past. This procedure will be the same for all ranks, except as noted. The procedure takes effect immediately and is as follows:

1. The scout completes all rank requirements, and has them signed in his scout handbook *except* for the Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review. This is the same as we do now. For ranks Tenderfoot through Life, the “Demonstrate Scout Spirit” requirement can now be obtained from *any adult leader*, however a scout cannot have the scout spirit requirement for a higher rank signed off before earning the lower rank.
2. The next step is a skills review test. *This is new.* After completing step 1, the scout sees the Advancement Chair (Mrs. Daniels or Mrs. Hemnitz). They will give the scout a list of qualified leaders to review the scout’s knowledge of scout skills. It is the *scout’s responsibility* to pick a leader and arrange to demonstrate to him/her that he is proficient in all the necessary requirements for that rank *and all lower ranks as well.* Depending on the scout’s proficiency, this may take more than one meeting. Star and Life candidates must also complete the skills test.
3. The leader conducting the skills review will then inform the Advancement Chair that the scout has passed the skills test.
4. The Advancement Chair will then put the scout on a list for Scoutmaster Conference and once completed a Board of Review.

The Committee thinks this will be beneficial in the following ways:

- Scouts will no longer have to schedule a special meeting for “Scout Spirit”.
- The Board of Review should be much simpler if it is separated from the skills test.
- It should alleviate problems with scouts’ frustration at “failing” a board of review.
- It is possible a scout can complete the Scoutmaster Conference and Board of review in a single evening, if there are enough leaders available, and there are not many scouts up for review on a single night.

Scouts who are already in the “rank pipeline” (i.e. they have signed up for “Scout Spirit”, a Scoutmaster

Conference, or a Board of Review) may continue to use the old procedure.

A “timeline” of this procedure will be made and posted on the wall at Camp Spirit so that scouts can refer to it as they approach their next rank.