



# TROOP 72 NEWS

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Wettest hike to Camp Trexler in history! Left: Hiking through Orefield in a downpour. Center: Hiking through Lehigh Gap (the sun was out by now). Right: Survivors cool their feet in the stream at Camp Trexler.

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## ADVANCEMENT

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Congratulations to Tyler Derr for completing the requirements for Scout in July.



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## COMING EVENTS

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### August 6-8<sup>th</sup>

Fun campout at Camp Spirit. You can earn rank requirements if you want, but the emphasis will be on enjoying the camping and outdoor experience. Mr. Laudenslager will give an introduction to geocaching (it's like a treasure hunt.) Go to [http://troop72campspirit.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/fun\\_campout\\_2010.pdf](http://troop72campspirit.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/fun_campout_2010.pdf) for details.

### August 9<sup>th</sup>

At this meeting patrols will present their new patrol flags and yells, and perform the skits prepared at previous meetings. Come prepared with your ideas to build a catapult. The next couple meetings will be for catapult construction for a inter-patrol contest launching eggs or potatoes.

This night is the deadline to sign up for the Shore Campout. Go to [http://troop72campspirit.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/shore\\_campout\\_2010.pdf](http://troop72campspirit.org/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/shore_campout_2010.pdf) for details.

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### August 16<sup>th</sup>

Patrols will build the catapults planned previously. Sharpen up your knot and lashing skills to they hang together. This is the last night to order Giant / Weis gift cards.

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### August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Interpatrol catapult competition. See which patrol has the best catapult. Don't know for sure yet, but judging will probably include distance, design originality, and sturdiness of lashings. There will also be a presentation by Mrs. Hemnitz to kick off this year's popcorn sale.

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### August 25<sup>th</sup>

Troop Committee meeting at Camp Spirit, 7:30.

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### August 30<sup>th</sup>

We're planning to reschedule our rained-out rocket launch for this meeting. We may begin early because of earlier sunsets. Stay tuned. There will be other fun activities at this meeting.

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### September 6<sup>th</sup>

Labor Day holiday. There will be no meeting.

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### September 13<sup>th</sup>

Troop elections and games. We will go back to our Fall schedule. Class A uniforms are required, and meetings end at 8:30.

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## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Planning is underway for a **rifle shoot campout** on September 10-12<sup>th</sup>, at Guthsville. Details will be announced as they are available.

This year's **Fall Workday** will be Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-4:00. As is our custom, lunch will be provided.

Mark your calendar for the Fall Camporee/Hikaree. We will be camping at Camp Bashore, near Ft. Indiantown

Gap, and spend Saturday hiking in Harrisburg, including historical and governmental points of interest.

Our new advancement procedure is being published again below. This is the same procedure as given before, but with additional clarification regarding when Class A uniforms are required, who will comprise the Board of Review, etc.

### **Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star & Life Rank Process**

1. The Scout spirit requirement will be achieved by reviewing Scout spirit with an adult leader. No sign ups are required. No uniform required.
  - Tenderfoot rank – Oath & (Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly)
  - Second Class – Oath & (Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful)
  - First Class – Oath & (Thrifty, Brave, Clean & Reverent)
  - Star & Life – Oath & Law (all)
  - A scout can not have the scout spirit requirement signed off for a higher rank prior to earning the lower rank.
  
2. When a scout has completed all the requirements for a rank he needs to go to Advancement Chairperson (Mrs. Daniels or Mrs. Hemnitz) with his book. The requirements will be recorded. The Advancement Chairperson will give the scout a list of qualified leaders to review the scout's knowledge of scout skills. No uniform is required for this review. 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. The leader selected will pick a second leader to sit in on the review.
  - The Scout-Parent Unit Coordinator (Ms. Heydt) will notify the parents that the scout will need to present themselves to a leader and show their scouting skills for the specific rank (especially scouts who are working to attain the rank of tenderfoot).
  - For higher ranks The Scout-Parent Unit Coordinator (Ms. Heydt) will notify scout parents when a few weeks have passed and the scout has not completed a scouting skills review with a leader. This will allow the older scouts to be responsible for their own scouting skills review.
  
3. When a scout has proven to be proficient in the scouting skills associated with the specific rank, the leaders will inform Advancement Chairperson (Mrs. Daniels or Mrs. Hemnitz). The scout's book will be documented (signed and dated) indicating the proficiency in scouting skills.
  
4. The scout will then be signed up for a scoutmaster conference. Class A uniform is required. When the scout has completed the scoutmaster conference. He will be signed up for his board of review.
  
5. The scout's board of review will consist of 3 people (at least one member will be a committee member). Class A uniform is required. There will be no re-testing of skills at the board of review and it should not take more than 20 minutes to complete. Questions from the "Master Sheet for Boards of Review" may be asked but the answers will not affect the outcome of the board of review. When the board of review is completed, the scout will have earned the specific rank.

The Eagle rank process will remain unchanged.

Effective date for this process is June 7, 2010.