

Troop 22 Whitman

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Newsletter

September 2017

Upcoming Troop Meetings

Troop meeting plans are posted on the website.

- 9/7 Continental Congress/EDGE
- 9/14 Belt making
- 9/21 Merit Badges
- 9/28 Home Repairs
- 10/5 Radio Broadcasting

Upcoming Events

9/14 Belt Making Meeting

We will be making leather belts using tooling stamps and stains to finish them. Each scout will have a belt and the tools are supplied, however we can use extra hands to be sure each scout can complete their project.

9/22-24 T22 Family Campout Sandwich, MA

This weekend invites the whole family for the weekend. The Scouts will be in tents as always but the family can opt for more comfortable things and may rent a location nearby at Shawmee Crowell SP for an RV.. We will have plans for games, scout skills and a big dinner before having some campfire fun and snacks and maybe an outside movie.

10/13-15 Shooting Sports Campout

The troop will spend much of Saturday at the range. They may be able to begin or finish their Rifle shooting merit badge, be sure to get a blue card or your partial first! Patrols please have your menu planned for a dinner contest! Details coming!!!

10/29 Witch Trail Hike

Halloween is a fun time, so let's make it even better with a trip to Salem Mass and take a hike through the town. We will visit the graveyard, the witch houses and lots of other spooky places. This day hike is approximately 4 miles and is open to the entire family.

Yankee Candle Sale

A fundraiser using Yankee Candles is running now. This fundraiser is intended to go primarily towards individual Scout Accounts which can be used for dues, uniforms, camping gear, summer camp or our trips.

Thanksgiving Weekend

Our annual Thanksgiving weekend will again take place in November. Each year we serve over 200 people a full traditional Thanksgiving dinner. This is a great opportunity for scouts and parents to learn how to cook outside. We use fryers, stoves, Dutch ovens and more to cook. Sign up to run or to help for the weekend!

Gold Rush

We are planning our 11th Gold Rush on February 18th, 2018 at Camp Norse. This time there will be a Poker Run throughout the day and the best hand wins big at Fairbanks! Invitations will go out this summer. BradyP is our Governor and he's looking for staff to run the event.



Nova Scotia 2018

Our next trip will be a 9 day trip to the Great White North – Nova Scotia. Planning is well underway. The first information meeting will be at 8:15 PM on 10/5. We will be looking for those interested in going and especial parents who can drive on the trip or wish to help with fund-raising. Sign up will take place starting at our Thanksgiving campout.



Potpourri

9/14 – Monthly Parent's Meeting

We ask all parents to attend our monthly Parent meetings to review upcoming events and volunteer to assist upcoming events. We meet at 8 PM.

Gillette Fund-raiser

Parents and scouts over 16 years old, this is a great way to earn money for scouting events like camp or our trips. Events are scheduled now and we need 13 to 15 people to sign up. The cull calendar will be available as soon as the football schedule comes out. Please contact Bonni Mills to volunteer and thank you in advance.

Crew 22 Start-up Meeting

Our Venture Crew meetings start along with the troop on 9/7. This is a scouting group of young men and women 14 (or 13 and completed the 8th Grade) to 21 years old.



We meet on Thursdays at 6:15 PM in the Spellman Center to run our program. We have several events planned this year including a fishing and campout weekend in October, a visit to the LaSalette Shrine at Christmas, the Bodaborg in March, and a Whitewater trip in May. Come join our adventures!

Merit Badge Nights

The troop has one meeting each month dedicated to Merit Badges and we are looking for adults willing to act as Merit Badge counselors. Being a counselor for these nights means you are there to review the requirements, give guidance, review the scouts work, and sign their Merit Badge card when they have completed the requirements. Please take a look at www.meritbadge.com for the current badges and their requirements.

The nights for each session (3 meetings each session) are listed in our calendar. Please understand that we do need you to commit to all of the nights in a particular session. Please see SM Mike or SA Brian to help.

Stay Connected

Don't forget to visit the troop website at www.t22whitman.org and our **Facebook** page at **Troop 22 Whitman, MA**. News and calendar events are kept there and updated frequently!

Adult Registration for 2018

We encourage all parents to register with the BSA. There are several benefits including additional insurance when driving the scouts. In order to register, you must fill-out an application, pay a small fee (\$25), and complete a CORI form.

You must also take the online Youth Protection Training course and supply a hard copy with your application. If you are not sure how to take the course, please ask for instructions. Registration must be completed by mid-December so our charter can be renewed on time.

Looking for Event Coordinators

We are looking for folks to help coordinate our events this year. Scouts should see SPL Chad, adults can see Mr. Warner. Most of these events are already well-documented and just need someone to help the scout with planning and organization.

The troop needs everyone to take a part in making us successful and for the scouts, some of these events may even count towards a leadership role in the troop.

Scoutmaster's Corner

All of you know what money is and know that it will buy certain things. It can purchase a candy bar, a stamp, or a little time on a parking meter. Add more money and you can do bigger things.

However, there are many things that money, no matter how much you have, cannot buy. Some of these include the love of your family, freedom friendships, and the great out-of-doors.

You can't place a value on Scouting, either. We couldn't pay salaries high enough to get all the help we have. Nor could we place a value on the memorable experiences, the camping trips, the hikes and the fun of campfires.

People can't pay us for the Good Turns we do, and isn't that a good thing? Such payment would take away the good feeling that we have when we do things for others.

Remember, money can buy many things, but not the things that really count in human happiness and dignity.

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