

Troop 22 Whitman

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Newsletter

February 2018

Upcoming Troop Meetings

Troop meeting plans are posted on the website.

- 2/1 Snow Shoes
- 2/8 Finish Snow Shoes/Railroad
- 2/15 Moomba
- 2/22 No troop meeting
- 3/1 Rope Making

Upcoming Events

2/1 Show Shoes Meeting

We will build PVC and duct tape snow shoes. Most of the work will be done at the meeting, you will complete the shoes at home for Gold Rush. Each scout who wishes to build a pair of shoes must bring

- Pencil & Tape Measure
- 2 – 10' ½ PVC pipe
- 8 – ½ inch T-Joint
- 1 Roll Duct Tape for decking

Tools will be provided.

2/4 Scout Sunday

Our annual Scout Sunday mass will be the 10:30 Mass on the first Sunday in February. If you are not members of the Holy Ghost parish, we expect you to attend your own service that weekend. This is a required event.

2/15 Moomba Dinner 2018

Cardinal Spellman, Whitman MA

Our annual Moomba dinner and court of honor is coming soon. This is an old Scouting tradition begun by Lord Baden Powell himself. Before the dinner we will have a display of Scouting collections for you to take a look at. Any Scout who wishes to show off their collections should bring them in that night. Please sign up on Greenscouts so we can order the right amount of food. As this is a catered event we ask for \$5 per person.

2/16-18 Gold Rush

BradyP is our Governor this year and we will meet every troop meeting until the event. We will be assembling the event materials and running the events so we are prepared for the day. All mayors are required, their staff should be there if possible. Please bring your materials and plans for your events that day.

3/16-18 Survivor Campout

Camp Squanto, Plymouth MA

The first campout for our new Scouts. These new scouts will be learning how to cook/clean their meals and start Totten' Chip and fire building. Our current Scouts will test their skills survivor style.

Summer Camp 2018

We are booked into Wanalancet site again next year. The dates this year are July 8 to 14, 2018. In January we will begin collecting reservation fees for our week in the woods. Parents who wish to attend for some, or all of the week, are welcome too but must have a medical form and be registered with the BSA.

Nova Scotia 2018 Trip Meeting

3/1 6:15 PM Cardinal Spellman Center

Our next trip will be a 9 day trip to the Great White North – Nova Scotia. All active Scouts of Troop 22 may attend, as well as Webelos crossing into the troop this February. Our next meeting will focus on travel and lodging plans.



4/19 YPT and Eagle Night

The troop will host a Youth Protection session so all adults can be certified for next year's charter.

Also that night, Mr Santorelli and Mr Warner will lead a short discussion about the road to Eagle Scout. They will explain the application paperwork and Eagle Project process. Open questions and a chance to meet with Eagle Scouts with their completed paperwork will close the night.

All Star and Life Scouts and their parents are encouraged to attend and ask questions.

Potpourri

2/8 – 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.

Welcome to our New Scouts

This month the Webelos are crossing over to Troop 22. Our Troop Guides, Gabe and Zekar-yah are ready to help them learn the new skills they will need. Please welcome the new parents to the troop as well.

Merit Badge Nights

We are looking to fill in our next sessions for Merit Badges. Please take a look at www.meritbadge.com for the current badges and their requirements. The nights are listed here. Please understand that we need you to commit to all of the nights in a particular session. Please see SM Mike to help.

Session 3 3/15 4/26 5/17

Bring a Friend

Several scouts have asked about bringing a friend to an event or meeting. It is perfectly acceptable to bring a friend to see what we do. I encourage the boys to bring a friend but there are a few rules we must follow.

- We ask that an adult be present at the event. This may be the friend's parent or the scout's parent. They are responsible for the friend at the event.
- Friends may not stay overnight. Only registered scouts may attend overnight activities.
- Friends may not travel with the troop. However their parent may transport them provided the parent remains through the event and transports the friend home.

Senior Scout Special Event Planning

Troop 22 is fortunate in the number of Scouts who remain with us through their 18th birthday. These scouts are the advisors, teachers, and keep the spirit of Troop 22 running.

We are planning a camping and fishing weekend for these older Scouts in April or May. Scouts and adults interested in going should see Mr Warner. A planning meeting will take place at the February 1st meeting.

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!

What is a "Required Event"?

I am often asked about this, normally prefaced with something like "I don't like parades". However, the troop decided long ago that there are certain events that the scouts should take part in. The 5 events are Scouting for Food; Veterans' Day parade; Scout Sunday; Memorial Day Parade; Flag Placement. We also add Eagle Courts of Honor as they are earned to this list. You will notice that these events are community service and meet the 12 points of the Scout Law. There are no required fundraisers or "fun events".

We have 8760 hours in a year. All of these events together require less than 8 hours in a year. All we ask is .01% of your time in a year to help feed those in need, thank the veterans who risk their lives, and to pay respect to God.

Part of Scouting is to learn the value in community service and in giving back to others. Scouts who cannot make a required event due to family plans must see the SPL prior to the event to be excused. Missing an event forfeits a scout's service time towards rank.

Scoutmaster's Corner

Our Scout salute and handshake are ancient signs of bravery and respect. During olden times many people carried weapons for protection. Sometimes when they met one another, there was an uneasy moment as each watched the others right hand. If it went to his sword or his gun, there might be a fight. But if it went to his hat, it was a salute of friendship and respect.

The left handshake comes to us from the Ashanti warriors whom Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, knew over 100 years ago in Africa. He saluted them with his right hand, but the Ashanti chiefs offered their left hands and said, "In our land, only the bravest of the brave shake hands with the left hand, because to do so we must drop our shields and our protection."

The Ashanti knew of Baden-Powell's bravery because they had fought against him and with him, and they were proud to offer the left hand of bravery.

When you use the Scout salute and handshake, remember that they are signs of respect and courage.

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