

Troop 22 Whitman

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Newsletter

November 2018

Upcoming Troop Meetings

Troop meeting plans are posted on the website.

- 11/1 Devil's Kitchen
- 11/8 Honor Guard & Marching
- 11/15 Orienteering & Maps/2020 trip
- 11/29 Merit Badges
- 12/6 BoR | Hunter Safety

Upcoming Events

11/11 Veteran's Day Parade

Please remember that we require attendance at our two parades each year to honor our veteran's. Class A uniform and wear your Red coat to stay warm. This year the parade is in Whitman.

11/18 Native American Pow-wow

Bridgewater State University will be hosting a one day Pow-wow on November 18th. Come see the clothes and dance, it is a nice day event, close to home!

11/26 PLC Meeting

All PLC members are expected to attend our meeting beginning at 7PM at Papa Ginos.

Nativity Setup

The troop has helped put out the nativity for the church for many years now. The normal time is after mass on the Sunday after Thanksgiving but this also depends on weather. We need a few hands to move the statues and put up the manger, the event counts as community service.

Knife Making in January

This year will be making our own knives at the January meetings. The sign-up form is posted now. If you have NEVER made a knife before, please plan on a beginner kit. A lot of skill and PATIENCE is required to make a good knife. For our older scouts there are challenging kits that produce a really special knife. You may use your Scout Account to pay the cost of the kit.

12/20 Into the Spiderverse

The troop will be going to the movies on 12/20. The cost is \$6 per person. If you are willing to run this event, please see Mr. Warner.

Where are we going in 2020?

Our troop has been to some amazing places including 38 states in the US, Canada, England, France, Germany, and Japan. Where will we go next? On November 15, led by our Senior Scouts, we will be selecting places to go in two years. If you have ideas or want to help in the planning, come prepared to the Troop meeting that night. Previous research and internet access for searches will be helpful.

Troop Elections

Requirements for a Patrol Leader include holding the rank of First Class and committing to attend all PLC meeting and at least 75% of all other troop events and meetings. The SPL must be Star rank and should have held another position in the troop.

Troop Ceremonies Team

The troop is looking to expand our Native American ceremonies team. Scouts interested in helping or speaking roles or creating the regalia should speak with Mr. Warner. We will be building outfits and practicing for the February cross-over beginning in November.

Gold Rush

We are planning our 12th Gold Rush on February 16th, 2019 at Camp Norse. This year you will be trading stocks throughout the day and the best head wins big at Fairbanks! Invitations will go out this summer. Jack and Zekar-Yah are our Governors and are looking for staff to run the event.



World Jamboree 2019

Our summer trip will be a 9 day trip to the 24th World Scouting Jamboree in West Virginia, USA! A \$100 reservation fee which will be used to book campsites is due by January 31, 2019.



Potpourri

11/15 – Monthly Parent's Meeting

We ask all parents to attend our monthly Parent meetings to review upcoming events and volunteer to assist with 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. Please contact Bonni Mills to volunteer and thank you in advance.

Are you signed up for ScoutBook?

The Scouts have moved most of our advancement and other tools to their online website now. If you haven't yet registered, please contact Mr. Kenn to get an account. Scouts can sign up for events, Merit Badges, and Rank review while parents can view their son's progress, sign up for events and learn about upcoming troop activities.

New Scouts Coming Soon

It always seems so soon but we are only a couple of months from welcoming new scouts to the troop. The transition from Webelos to Scout can be hard. So many things change and the group dynamics, including the shift from adult run to boy run, are difficult.

JamesK is their Troop Guides and we'd like to see if there are some parents who would be willing to help communicate and welcome the new parents to the troop as well. If you are willing to help, please let Mr. Warner know.

Uniforms

We are a team. And just as in other team activities and sports, we have a uniform. The uniform is expected at all troop meetings and a Class A shirt should be brought to campouts for colors. The only exception to our uniform rule is if a boy comes directly from another activity to the meeting. If they go home to shower and change they need to be in uniform.

This is just a reminder that the troop expects the scouts to be in uniform for troop meetings. Recently I've had to talk with several scouts about missing socks, belts and not wearing green pants. We will have them call home to have you bring the missing parts at this point in the year.

Stay Connected

Don't forget to visit the new and improved 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!

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.

Looking for Event Coordinators

We are looking for folks to help coordinate our events this year. Scouts should see SPL Bryce, 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. For the scouts, some of these events may even count towards a leadership role in the troop.

Scoutmaster's Corner

In the Patrol Leader's Council, we often talk about the skills of leadership. Patrol leaders who have taken the junior leader-training course know even more about them.

Of the 11 skills of leadership, I believe the most important is Setting the Example. There's an old saying that sums it up well: "What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say." In other words, don't tell me what is right; show me by your example.

It seems to me that when it comes to setting the example, we are all leaders. Even if you're not a patrol leader, the way you conduct yourself will rub off on your patrol-mates. If one patrol member goofs off and is sloppy in his habits, there's a temptation to say, "Well, he gets away with it, why shouldn't I?"

That may be human nature, but it's not the nature of a good patrol or a good troop. A good patrol and troop have to work like a team, with every member setting a good example of Scout-like behavior. Let's keep that in mind always, but especially when we're in uniform. Let's show our pride in our troop and in ourselves as Scouts and young men.

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