

Troop 22 Whitman

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Newsletter

April 2020

Upcoming Troop Meetings

Troop meeting plans are being made now.

- 4/9 Patrol Projects
- 4/16
- 4/23
- 4/30
- 5/7

Upcoming Events

4/18-19 Virtual Campout

We are planning a Virtual Campout for this weekend. Each scout will camp at home, inside or out. We will have some teaching sessions online, group meetings, and some activities for you to do at home. We will post pictures and videos of our activities for all to share. Scouts will prepare a menu and cook for their families at home. In the place of a campfire, we'll make popcorn and watch a movie together online! Menus are due to MattS by Thursday 4/16.

4/23 Eagle Workshop

The troop will host Road to Eagle Scout night. This is a chance to ask questions and learn about the process and paperwork. All-Star and Life Scouts and their parents are encouraged to attend.

April - Do A Good Turn Month – Online

A Scout is Helpful. Try some of these ideas and share pictures of you helping others.

1. Send a 'thinking of you' video or email to a local nursing home — or give them a call
2. Help with grocery pick-up/delivery
3. Send a thank-you message to a local hospital
4. Contact your local food bank

6/7 Nicholas Hanley Eagle Court of Honor

6/13 James Kohler Eagle Court of Honor

Please put aside this day to share with our Eagle Scout and family. This is a required event for all Scouts and begins at 3:00 PM

Merit Badge Classes

Be sure to watch our Google Classroom for new badges being offered. We have lots of things to do while we are not physically together. A Scout uses their time wisely!

COVID-19 Plans

The troop has maintained our program as best as we can during this crisis. The plans here are all subject to the situation and changes in plans by the CDC and government. We hope we will be through this soon and continue to plan for some great make-up events this year.

If you know of anyone needing help at this time, please share with the troop. Maybe we can help. We must get through this together!

5/15-17 Whitewater Rafting

We are still planning our white-water rafting trip this year. We have reservations and are waiting for information about whether the campground and rafting companies will be open. More information as it is available.

6/26-28 Scoutmaster Invitational Weekend

This weekend is open to all T22 Eagle Scouts, including former members of the troop, and current Scouts who have advanced at least one rank in the previous year, or are working on their Eagle project. Reservations are \$25 for the weekend and are due by Super Supper in June.

Alaska Trip Meeting

We are waiting until May for our next trip meeting. In the meanwhile, please send Mr. Warner your preferences for excursions on this trip. Drivers and trip planners should still look for good deals, but do not book anything until the situation becomes clearer.

Summer Camp 2020

We are booked in to the Wanalancet site this year. The dates this year are July 5 to 11, 2020. We are now collecting reservation fees for our week in the woods. Parents who wish to attend for some or the entire week, are welcome too but must have a medical form and be registered with the BSA.



Potpourri

4/9 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 will meet online at 7:45 PM.

Help for Using Online Resources

We know not everyone is great with online technology.

The troop is adding to our help library at

<http://t22whitman.org/virtual.asp>

Using Zoom to Join our Meetings

We are using video conferencing software made by Zoom. You can learn how to connect to a Zoom session

here: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

Google Classroom Learning and Activities

The process for setting up a Scout's account is simple. Your first step in using Google Classroom is to create a Google Account. Refer to the Google tutorial on creating an account:

<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/27441?hl=en>

Their instructor does most of the work. They will set up the classroom and provide a join code that is unique to each class. Once access has been granted, the Scout can get into their classroom anytime by going to <https://classroom.google.com>.

When Scouts log on, they see upcoming assignments, announcements, questions, and other important class information. Scouts can submit their work directly through Google Classroom, and instructors can provide feedback and even grade and return work to the Scout. All the Scout's work stays organized and stored on Google Drive. Assignments are automatically added to the Google Calendar based on their due dates. Essentially, the Google Classroom is where all the learning is created, exchanged, and stored.

Don't forget to visit the new and improved troop website

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!

Advancement

A major change between Cubs and Scouts is the responsibility for advancement is the Scout's. They must maintain their Scout handbook, get it signed by the senior Scouts, and ask for a Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review. For our new Scouts, we help them and advise them more than the older Scouts.

Please understand that we will not accept a parent asking for a book to be signed etc. We do welcome a parent asking about their child's status and "nudging" them along or asking another Scout or adult to provide a push.

Parent's Guide to Troop 22

Curious about how a scout troop runs? Why is it different from a Cub Pack? Did you know we have a Parent's Guide to scouting in Troop 22 on the troop website? We tried to answer most of the questions a new parent might have in this short booklet. Basics of how the program is Scout-led, rather than adult-run, the outline of the leadership positions, advancement concepts, and outing guidelines are all included.

Scoutmaster's Corner

Smart shoppers read the labels when they go to the supermarket. Product labels tell them several things: Whether the can or package contains beans, corn, flour, or pork chops; what ingredients it contains; what it costs; the weight of the product. The label also carries the trademark of the packer or manufacturer. You can learn a lot by reading labels.

In Scouting, we carry around our labels. The uniform is a kind of label. It tells people that we are Scouts and that we are trying to live by the Scout Oath and Law.

The badges we wear are labels, too. They describe the ingredients that make up your package - how far you have progressed and whether you're now a leader. Does your label say: "The enclosed package lives up to the Oath and Law? They are prepared to help in emergencies and do a good turn daily?"

And is it true that the badge of rank you wear honestly reflects your Scouting skills? I'm quite sure it does because we don't give badges in this troop to Scouts who haven't earned them.

Wear your label, your uniform and its badges, proudly. And remember that it tells a lot about you and your pledge to the Scout Oath and Law.

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