

# Troop 22 Whitman

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Newsletter

February 2019

## Upcoming Troop Meetings

Troop meeting plans are posted on the website.

- 2/7 Backpacking
- 2/14 Moomba
- 2/21 No Meeting
- 2/28 Programming
- 3/7 Stoves and fire-starters

## Upcoming Events

### 2/14 Moomba Dinner 2019

Our annual Moomba dinner and court of honor is coming soon. This is an old Scouting tradition begun by Lord Baden Powell himself. Signup at the troop meetings so we can order food. As this is a catered event, we ask for \$5 per person.

### 2/15-17 Gold Rush

Our Gold Rush is a required event for all Scouts. Those on staff should be prepared for their events and wear proper clothes for the day. Our patrols participant teams should bring all their gear and a good hot lunch for the trail.

### Eagle Court of Honor

#### 3/10 1:00 PM Spellman Center

Scouts are expected in full uniform and parents are welcome to share the day with Caleb Parkinson and Chad Usher and their families.

### 3/15-17 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 Toten' Chip and fire building. Our current Scouts will test their hiking and backpacking skills.

### 4/13 Senior Scout Outing

The senior scouts are planning a day event to an Escape Room. Sign up to take part in this activity.

### 4/18 Eagle Workshop & YPT

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 discuss the road to Eagle Scout. 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.

## Summer Camp 2019

We are booked into Wanalancet site again next year. The dates this year are July 7 to 13, 2019. 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.

## 2/28 World Jamboree 2019 Trip Meeting

Our summer trip will be a 9-day trip to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scouting Jamboree in West Virginia, USA!

The first information meeting will be at 6:15 PM on 2/28. We will be looking for those interested in going and especially parents who can drive on the trip or wish to help with fund-raising. Sign up is now taking place!



## 6/21-23 Scoutmaster Invitational Weekend

This year we added a new event. This weekend is open to all T22 Eagle Scouts, including former members of the troop and current Scouts who have met certain requirements including advancing a rank in the previous year, taught a class, and worked as staff on a troop event. Invitations will go out soon so we can reserve the campgrounds.

## 2020 Troop Summer Trip

WE are looking for a small group of Scouts to help plan our trip to Alaska in 2020. WE need to set up an itinerary, find exciting events to do, and plan the transportation. If you are interested, please see Mr. Warner.

## August 2019 Troop 22 Fishing Derby

The troop is running an open fishing derby this summer. We need a leader for this event and we are looking for staff to judge, run registration, cook, etc. Please see Mr. Warner if you are interested.

## Potpourri

### 2/7 – 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.

### Welcome to our New Scouts

This month the Webelos are crossing over to Troop 22. Our Troop Guide, James, is 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 see [www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com) for the current badges and their requirements. The nights are listed here. Please understand that we need you to commit to attending all the nights in the session. Please see SM Mike to help.

Session 3    3/14    4/25    5/23

### 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.

### Scout Me In T22G

Troop 22 all-girl unit meets for the first time on February 7<sup>th</sup>. They will take part in the same types of activities as our boy troop currently runs. We have information and sign-up at each meeting for those girls who want to join us. For more information please see Mrs. Kenn.

### Stay Connected

Don't forget to visit the new and improved troop website at [www.t22whitman.org](http://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 fund-raisers 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 the colonial period of our country, many men carried weapons for protection. Sometimes when they met one another, there was an uneasy moment as each man 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 West 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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