

Announcements December 2, 2021

Announcements can be found on the Troop website www.Troop824.org under the Announcements Tab and our Troop Calendar is found under the Calendar Tab



Popcorn

Popcorn Prizes will be handed out at our meeting on Dec. 2nd.

Community Service Opportunity – Troop 824G

[Veterans One-stop Center of WNY: Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser at The Galleria Mall \(signupgenius.com\)](http://signupgenius.com)

If you would like to drop your child off to help while Annemarie is volunteering, let her know. She be there Saturday the 18th from 2-6 and Thursday the 23rd from 6-9. She could also stay for the 6-9 shift on the 18th if someone would like to join her.



Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Class – Remember to finish homework requirements. Final class is December 2nd at 6PM before the regular Troop Meeting. All completed workbooks with completed homework will be collected.

Requirements:

- 1c:** The Scout is to meet with their family on what was written in 1b. Discuss the Family Plan in case of an emergency (Loss of Power, Snow storm, etc.). Make a survival kit. Take a picture of the items and put them all in a tote stored securely in the house for future use.
- 2b:** The Scout will need to write down in the workbook a family plan in case of emergency such as power outage in house.
- 2c:** Meet with and teach your family how to build an emergency kit, make a plan and be informed about the situations in 2b.
- 6:** Do some online searches. For 6 C, I gave the Scouts some hints. The emergency coordinator in your town or city may have another title like Fire Chief. Check your townships website. Refer to section 2 B to help explain what the Safety Manager does in emergency situations.
- 8b:** Prepare a personal mobilization pack for emergency call. Extra credit if they assemble one. If not just write down what's in it and why.
- 8c:** We talked about what goes in the personnel emergency service pack and the family emergency kit and the importance of each item. The Scout needs to make both. Please send me a picture of each.
- 9a:** The Scout will use the Home Safety Checklist in the workbook. If the Safety suggestion is currently not being followed, then your Scout should not check it off on the list. The Scout will discuss the items not checked off with the Family.

Prepare a family emergency evacuation pack. Extra credit if it is an assemble one. If not just write down what's in it and why.

Rank and Merit Badge completions – Final Date for Rank and Merit Badge submissions is December 2nd. Board of Reviews will be held on December 9th. Out Court of Honor and Christmas Party will be on December 16th.

Personal Fitness

There are requirements at Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class that require Scouts to do what they love to do: move around a lot. There are Personal Fitness requirements in Tenderfoot (6a-6c) , Second Class (7a-7b) and First Class Ranks (8a-8b). We have been focusing on Personal Fitness in our Troop meetings to help Scouts work toward their Personal Fitness Rank goals. (Older Scouts who need the Personal Fitness Merit Badge should start working on those requirements as well.)

Any Scout who has completed the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class must turn in their record sheets by December 2nd.

Be physically active at least 30 minutes each day for five days a week for 4 weeks. Keep track of your activities. (Use the thin grey rows to record the dates.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

Second Class Fitness Requirement #7b/First Class Fitness Requirement #8b

Share your challenges and successes in completing Second Class requirement 7a/First Class requirement 8a. _____

Set a goal for continuing to include physical activity as part of your daily life (and develop a plan for doing so). _____

Serious Cold Weather Training – Miller Park Dec 3-5 – Sign ups have closed for this event.

The cost for this campout is \$10 per person plus the cost of the food each Patrol has planned.

Weekend Weather Report

Friday night Lows upper 20's

Saturday High upper 30's
 Lows Mid 20's
 40% chance of snow

Scouts will be sleeping one person to a tent.

Be prepared! Do not wear cotton. Think Fleece & Wool.

Dress in layers.

Clothes

- _____ warm coat (wind proof)
- _____ stocking cap style hat
- _____ face mask style hat (single hole)
- _____ warm shirt - 2
- _____ sweater or hooded sweatshirt
- _____ pants - 2 (avoid cotton jeans they get soaked and will never dry)
- _____ underwear - 2
- _____ long johns
- _____ socks - at least 4 pair (wool are best with a thinner liner sock underneath)
- _____ Extra pair of sneakers to wear inside the cabin
- _____ PJ's or extra long johns (sweat pants and hooded sweatshirt make good PJ's)
- _____ boots (water and snow proof), plastic bread bag to put inside of boots if they leak.
(an extra pair of boots is not a bad idea.....)
- _____ gloves - 2 pr. waterproof (mittens are warmer than gloves)
- _____ poncho, raincoat
- _____ handkerchiefs (or Kleenex packets)
- _____ snow pants (waterproof)

Gear

- _____ Scout Handbook, notebook and pen in a Ziploc bag
- _____ Warm sleeping bag - (rated for 10 degrees colder than expected weather)
a sleeping bag liner will lower your sleeping bag by up to 10 degrees
- _____ Foam sleeping pad
- _____ Extra old blankets - 1 for underneath sleeping bag and 1 for on top of sleeping bag
- _____ Mess kit (knife, fork, spoon, cup, plate, bowl, mug for hot chocolate) NAME ON EVERYTHING
- _____ Water bottle with your name on it
- _____ Scout knife (and Totin' chip card) No card-no knife
- _____ Dirty laundry bag (plastic bag)
- _____ Flashlight, extra batteries
- _____ Ditty bag (toothpaste, brush, soap, toilet paper)
- _____ Small personal first aid kit
- _____ Large garbage bag and twist tie
- _____ Chap stick
- _____ Sunglasses
- _____ Pocket (hand) warmers

Notes: SCOUTS – PACK YOUR OWN CLOTHES AND GEAR (not mom or dad)

- Pack each day's outfit in a Ziploc bag. This makes it easier to grab and keeps unused clothes dry.
- **Avoid wearing cotton if at all possible!**
- WEAR A HAT
- Scouts, do not sleep in the same clothes and underwear you wore all day. Your body's natural perspiration will dampen these clothes and you will quickly become chilled in your sleeping bag. Change into spare socks and underwear or PJ's to sleep.
- If you put your clothes for the next morning inside your sleeping bag, they will be warm when you wake up.....
- Layer your clothes. Remember C O L D
 - C - Clean - dirty clothes lose their loft and get you cold
 - O - Overheat - never get sweaty, strip off layers to stay warm but not too hot
 - L - Layers - Dress in synthetic layers for easy temperature control
 - D - Dry - Wet clothes (and sleeping bags) also lose their insulation
- 3 W's of layering - Wicking inside layer, Warm middle layer, Wind/Waterproof outer layer
- If you put a couple of long lasting hand warmers into your boots after you take them off your boots will dry out during the night
- Bring an extra pair of sneakers to wear inside the cabin. Boots must be left at the entrance doorway.
- Scouts should pack their own bags so they know where everything is stored
- No electric devices or games
- A space blanket or silver lined tarp on the floor of the tent or under a sleeping bag will reflect your heat back to you
- Leave the tent flap vented a bit, it cuts down on interior frost.
- open sleeping bags to air out in the morning so they do not get damp
- Do not bury your head in your sleeping bag at night. Your breath will create moisture inside your sleeping bag and this will chill you.
- Wear a stocking cap to bed
- Check the weather report. If it is going to be a weekend that is not bitter cold, a heavy parka style coat may be too warm. Sometimes a hooded sweatshirt and fall jacket is enough. Be prepared. Dress in layers. Bring a coat, hat and gloves.

Each Patrol has planned their menu for this campout. Patrols will be cooking outside.

TENT CARE – Do not leave camp without the tent and tarp you used for the weekend!

After the event Scouts will be asked to take home Troop tents to clean and dry them. Please make sure to open them up and dry them well. Clean out the inside of the tent. When clean and dry, repackage and bring them to the next troop meeting. IF TENTS ARE NOT PROPERLY CLEANED, DRYED AND STORED THEY WILL START TO SMELL AND MILDEW. You do NOT want to have to sleep in smelly tents during future campouts.



Philmont 2022 opportunity. Troop 229 is planning a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico - July 18-Aug 1, 2022. They are looking for additional Scouts to fill their crew. A non refundable deposit of \$100 will be due if you would like to attend. Estimated total fees \$2395.00. Please let Mr. Gaynor know if you are interested.

Activities

- Dec 2 Troop meeting (Final Emerg Prep class) - Camp Prep for Cold Weather Training
Dec 3-5 Camping Miller Park – Serious Cold Weather Training! With AOL's
Dec 9 Troop meeting - Boards of Review
Dec 16 Troop meeting - Troop Ct. of Honor/ Christmas Party
Dec 23 and 30th No meeting
- Jan 6 Troop meeting – First Aid



We are still required to follow Covid safety precautions and all Scouts and Adults must wear a mask while indoors at a Scouting event. Hand Sanitizer will be available. Each person must fill sign in when they arrive at our meetings and activities. If a Scout or family member is feeling ill, please do not send the Scout to a Troop meeting or activity.

Remind messaging — Our Troop uses the REMIND messenger to relay information. Please make sure you are signed up to receive messages.

Text @7hd2a4 to the number 81010

To pay Troop fees directly to the Troop bank account you may use Venmo. Send Venmo payments to: @Kendra-Gaynor



Scouting has a long, proud tradition of conservation service to the nation. How do we maintain our outdoor ethics and preserve that tradition? By heeding the challenge in the Outdoor Code:

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to –
Be clean in my outdoor manners.
Be careful with fire.
Be considerate in the outdoors.
Be conservation minded.

Leave No Trace - Through the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace, we can take responsibility for our own impacts.