

February 1, 2024 Troop Regular Meeting



Tomorrow February 2nd.



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

Text TROOP824 to 84483 to receive text alerts from Scout Troop 824

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



Family Life Merit Badge Tracking – Those working on the Family Life Merit Badge should be prepared to review their progress at the meeting this week.

Sign Ups tonight:

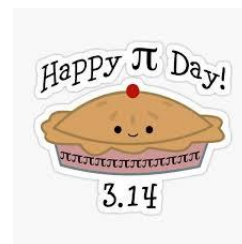
- Miller Park Meat Raffle helpers – March 9 but need sign ups now – Need T shirt sizes All Scouts asked to attend! Miller Park gives us a free camping weekend in exchange for our help.
- Scout Sunday activities – Feb 4th St Peter's United Church of Christ 1208 Oliver St, NT- Arrive by 10:15am – Class A's. **IF YOU SIGNED UP PLEASE SHOW UP.**
- Fire Hall overnight 'Camp-In' Feb 24th
- Bed making for kids in need/Woodworking Merit Badge - March 2nd

February

- 1 Troop meeting/ **AOL's Visit – Eclipse activities**
- 4 Scout Sunday- St Peter's United Church of Christ 1208 Oliver St, NT- Arrive by 10:15am
– Class A's. We will be doing a flag ceremony at the beginning of the service and the Church has a special Scout Sunday cake and patches to share with us afterwards.
- 8 Troop meeting - National Boy Scout Day / Lorena Rank award
- 11 PLC 4:30 – Plan for Blue & Gold
- 15 Troop Meeting – Prep for Fire Hall overnight
- 22 Troop activity - TBD
- 24-25 Fire Hall overnight "Camp-in" -All Merit Badge work and completions due
- 29 **Troop meeting – Cancelled** – The Polaris District Awards Dinner is being held at the Doubletree in Niagara Falls

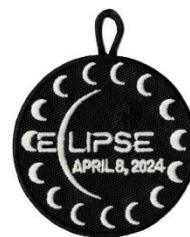
March

- 2 Sleep in Heavenly Peach Build a bed Service Project 8:45am-1pm Eastern Hills Mall
Scouts attending will also earn their Woodwork Merit Badge
- 7 Troop meeting - Easter Baskets fill and wrap with Tim Rider
Summer Camp MB and Activity reviews
- 9 Miller Park Meat Raffle 5:30 pm. We all get a free T-shirt
- 10 PLC 4:30
- 14 Troop meeting - Ct of Honor/ Pi Day (bring a Pie to share)/
2nd Summer Camp pymt due \$200
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 21 Troop Meeting – Summer Camp MB and Activity reviews
- 23 Service - Make beds for needy
- 28 no meeting



April

- 1-6 Niagara Frontier Trail Medal activities ?
- 4 no meeting
- 8 Solar Eclipse
- 11 Troop Meeting/ *3rd summer camp pymt due \$150*
- 18 Troop Meeting
- 20 Liberty Drive Clean up
- 21 PLC 4:30
- 25 Troop Meeting
- 27 Niagara Wheatfield Permaculture Service Project. April 27th 8am – noon
This will be credited to Service Hours and any Conservation Service Hours that Scouts may need.



May

- 2 Troop meeting - work on Pinewood cars (Plan menus for 17-19th)
4th Summer Camp pymt due \$150

- 5 Trash the Trash Hike – Erie Canal ?
- 9 finalize menus for 17-19 weekend
- 10-11 Scout Night with Bisons
- 11 Unlimited Pinewood Derby
- 16 Troop Meeting
- 17-19 Orienteering Camporee at Bond Lake (Registration about \$30)
- 23 White Chapel Flag Placement
- 27 Lewiston Memorial Day event
- 30 SM Conf's Bd of Reviews/ Rank and Merit Badge work due



June

- 6 Troop Meeting
- 13 Court of Honor – last meeting

July

Summer Camp –7/21-27



I wonder which Scouts can show us how to tie each of these knots?

(How about it parents? Are YOU up for the challenge?)



Please join us in Congratulating our Polaris Stars of the North at our annual Polaris District Awards Dinner! (Our regular Troop meeting is cancelled)

Thursday Feb 29th (Social Gathering 6pm, Dinner at 6:45pm.) Double Tree by Hilton, 4401 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, NY. Register on line on the WNYscouting.org calendar link.

We will be celebrating with our Troop and Pack Award winners: Annemarie Evans, Carol Thurnherr, Stacey Markovich, Jonni Hannam

We need Adult Volunteers to become Merit Badge Counselors for our Troop

Quick and easy Merit Badge Counselor Training is available on-line at my.scouting.org

Please see Kendra if you have any questions.



Boy Scouts of America MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION



(Please type or print legibly.)

Name* Primary phone* Home Cell Work
 Address* Other phone Home Cell Work
 City/state/zip* Other phone Home Cell Work
 Email address* I do not have email. Age
 District Polaris Unit: Troop Crew Ship No. T824 BSA ID

- I am not affiliated with a district. I am not affiliated with a unit.

*Required field. Primary phone and email address indicate how Scouts should contact you.

To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must

- Be at least 18 years old and of good character.
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America (position code 42).
- Complete Youth Protection training.
- Be recognized as having the skills and education in the merit badge subjects covered and hold any required qualifications and training as outlined in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* or the *Guide to Advancement*—or use others so qualified.
- Be able to work with Scout-age youth.

As a merit badge counselor, I agree to

- Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- Have each Scout accompanied by another person during all instructional sessions.
- Keep my Youth Protection training current.
- Renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.

Merit Badges <i>For more than eight merit badges, attach additional sheets.</i>	Add (A) Drop (D)	For each merit badge, list qualification(s) that support your request. <i>Qualifications could include college degrees, formal training certificates, positions held, and specific life experiences.</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
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6.		
7.		
8.		

A = Adding a new merit badge that you will counsel to the roster. D = Removing your name from the roster for this merit badge.

Complete the following:

- This is a new application (first time to register as a merit badge counselor).
 Attach this form to the BSA Adult Application, indicating position code 42.
 This is an update to an existing list of merit badge subjects.
 I no longer wish to serve as a merit badge counselor.

Youth Protection training date
 (Attach copy of the current certificate.)

I agree to work with:

- All Scouts
 All Scouts in these districts:
 Only with Scouts in these units (indicate whether troop, crew, or ship):
Counselors are encouraged to be available to work with any Scout in any unit.

I plan to serve as a merit badge counselor for this event or outside organization:

Council Approval:
 Name (print)
 Position
 Date

Signature Date