

# March 21, 2024

## Troop Regular Meeting

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**Tonight - Butter Lamb making** – Bring 2 sticks of frozen butter, a butter knife, a plate to take your butter lamb home.

This beloved Easter tradition has been a part of Buffalo's culture for nearly 150 years, and the butter lamb origins can be traced back to the Polish immigrants who settled in Buffalo in the late 1800s.



### Summer Camp Merit Badge and Activity decisions.

If you have not already done so, you will be choosing your merit badge selections at our meeting tonight. (March 21<sup>st</sup>)

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**Troop 824G** will be doing a weekend campout to do the Cooking MB and Citizenship in the Nation MB at Lorena's. 4/5-4/7

## BSA Solar Eclipse Patch Requirements –

- Do requirement #1 & 4 at home.
  - Requirement # 2 was completed with Mrs. Evans on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - We will complete requirements 3 & 5 at our meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
1. Locate a site suitable for viewing the eclipse. There are lots of good sources out there, but I'm partial to [NASA's official site](#), which lists all the major cities over which the eclipse will cross, with the exact times that Scouts and families need to be ready.
  2. Describe how to safely view the eclipse. It is not safe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. This includes looking at it through binoculars, a telescope or your phone's camera. Solar viewing glasses are thousands of times darker than regular sunglasses. Look for solar viewing glasses that comply with the [ISO 12312-2 international standard](#). You can also safely view an eclipse using an indirect viewing method, such as [Scout Life's shoebox viewer](#).
  3. Discuss with your group what you saw and felt during the eclipse. A total solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and Earth. Depending on how close you are to the path of totality, you may see the sky darken considerably. Depending on the weather, you could see stars, as if it were nighttime. In some instances, night creatures might even come out.
  4. Do the following:
    - Cub Scouts: Discuss what a solar eclipse is with your leaders.
    - Scouts BSA members: Draw a diagram of the positions of the moon, Earth and sun to show how the solar eclipse occurs.
    - Venturers and Sea Scouts: Research Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington's 1919 experiment and discuss how it confirmed Einstein's theory of general relativity.
  5. Ask your unit leader to purchase the [BSA Total Solar Eclipse 2024 Emblem!](#)
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### Scouts who attended a Community meeting should submit the following:

Cit in the Community – requirement 3b Choose one of the issues discussed at the meeting where a difference of opinion was expressed, submit to Mrs. Gaynor why you agree with one opinion more than you do the other.

(Julia, Carly, Chloe, Maggie, Sophia, Charles, Jaden, Neven, John, Robert)

Communication – requirement 5 – Prepare an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed, and submit to Mrs. Gaynor

(Carly, Chloe, Julia, Maggie, Sophia, Charles, Chris, Jack, Jaden, John, Robert)

**(The one meeting can be used for both requirements if needed)**

## March

- 21 Troop Meeting – Summer Camp MB and Activity reviews  
BUTTER LAMB BUILDING
- 28 no meeting

## April

- 4 no meeting/ Forest Lawn Cemetery/Naval Park activity
- 8 Solar Eclipse – Complete patch requirements
- 11 Troop Meeting/ *3<sup>rd</sup> summer camp pymt due \$150/ Plan for Liberty Drive campout and clean up/ finish Solar Eclipse Patch requirements*
- 13 Church Meat Raffle at the Fire Hall – 2pm
- 14 Jaiden and Matt’s Eagle Court of Honor at noon at the Fire Hall
- 18 Troop Meeting / Scout Family Feud
- 19-20 Liberty Drive tent camping overnight and area clean up
- 21 PLC 4:30
- 25 Troop Meeting at Mr. Pappal’s house/ Ghosts in the Graveyard
- 27 Niagara Wheatfield Permaculture Service Project. April 27<sup>th</sup> 8am – noon  
This will be credited to Service Hours and any Conservation Service Hours that Scouts may need.
- 28 Splash Lagoon Trip – Arrival at Splash Lagoon 11AM



## May

- 2 Troop meeting - *4<sup>th</sup> Summer Camp pymt due \$150/ Egg Race/ Flint & Steel practice*
- 9 Prep for Orienteering weekend 5/17-19 – Compass Games
- 10-11 Scout Night with Bisons
- 16 Troop Meeting – Plan for Miller Park 5/31-6/2
- 17-19 Orienteering Camporee at Bond Lake
- 23 White Chapel Flag Placement
- 27 Lewiston Memorial Day event
- 30 SM Conf’s Bd of Reviews/ Rank and Merit Badge work due/ Hit the Bucket game/Blind tent pitch



## June

- 6 Troop Meeting – outdoor or indoor games
- 13 Court of Honor – last meeting

## July

Summer Camp –7/21-27