

Troop News

Scouting News & Events

Venture Program & Troop 189

<p>Troop 189 is also expanding our charter for 1998 to initiate a Varsity Scout Troop in conjunction with Troop 189. Varsity Scouting is designed for older Scouts who no longer need merit badges for promotion. They wear a normal Boy Scout uniform, but will have orange shoulder loops</p>	<p>instead of red. They also wear a varsity letter "V" on their uniform shirts and merit badge sashes. Varsity Scouts have their own special adventure activities such as white water rafting, rock climbing, bicycling, and spelunking. The Scouts can earn special Varsity</p>	<p>letters for participation in these activities and they can also earn regular Scout merit badges. This expansion of the Troop will allow older Scouts to stay involved in the wholesome activities that Scouting offers. Mr. Gary Shuey will serve as the Troop Varsity Chief for this new Troop.</p>
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New Scouting Year

We have started another exciting year for Troop 189. We have a great group of Scouts with varied interests and backgrounds, and a good group of parents that are willing to help support Troop activities. The Troop Committee is continuing to plan a wide variety of activities to accommodate the needs and desires of the Scouts and to provide them the opportunity for promotion through the scouting ranks.

The Troop Is Growing!

The Troop has grown from 22 Scouts on our charter in 1997 to 35 Scouts for 1998. We have promoted seven Scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout in the past year. Several other Scouts are now beginning to work on their Eagle Scout projects so 1998 should produce another bumper crop of Eagles. This speaks well for the dedication of these Scouts since only one out of 100 Scouts that begin Scouting normally reach the rank of Eagle.

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New Troop Leadership

There are several changes in Troop leadership that will occur January 1st, 1998. Bob Powell will take over the duties of Scoutmaster replacing Marv Salsman. Marv will stay active with the Troop and will coordinate preparations and training for the Troop Philmont trip. Rand Cuthbertson will take over the duties of Committee Chairman replacing Jane Bellinger. Jane will stay active as a member of the Troop committee. Please support these leaders as they assume their new positions.

New Troop Eagle Scouts Scouts Go Ice Skating

There are two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor scheduled in early December. Justin Long's Court will be held this Sunday, December 7th at 2 PM in the Old Court House on the square. Courtenay Long & Ryan Salsman's ceremony will be held December 19 at 7 PM at the Army War College. Please attend these ceremonies if you can.

On Tuesday, December 30, the Scouts will go ice skating at Twin Ponds West on Salem Church Road. This event will replace the weekly Scout meeting. Scouts will meet at the church at 6:00 PM and vehicles will convoy to the skating rink. We will ice skate from 6:30 until 8:30 PM. The Troop will cover the costs of admission and skate rental for the Scouts, but the boys should take money for refreshments if desired. Family members are allowed to participate in this event at their own expense. Sorry, due to insurance restrictions, we cannot transport non-scout family members unless parents are present.

Troop Dinner Set -Feb. 7

There will be a Troop covered dish dinner in the church social hall on Saturday evening February 7th to celebrate Scout week. Details of the meal will be provided as they are finalized.

Scout Sunday

February 8th is Scout Sunday. Scouts will meet in the Scout Room in Full Class A uniforms and we will go upstairs to the Church services as a group. Some Scouts may be asked to participate in the services as acolytes, readers, ushers or in other positions. Allison United Methodist Church is a wonderful sponsoring organization and we need to show our appreciation by participating in this event.

FOS Supports Scouting

The Troop will be hosting a Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation in February. The FOS program helps cover the local council expenses of supporting boys enrolled in local Boy Scouts of America units. United Way and other traditional sources of income for Scouting have greatly reduced their contributions to Boy Scouting. The local council cost of providing services to each Boy Scout is approximately \$100. FOS contributions stay in the local Council and help Scouts here in the Keystone council. Our Troop benefits directly from the contributions by receiving discounts on purchases at the Council store, receiving free Troop Group insurance and other direct savings. Please consider making a contribution to Friends of Scouting. Your contributions to the FOS program are tax deductible and greatly appreciated!

Winter Camp

The Troop will be conducting our annual winter camp at Hidden Valley Boy Scout Camp February 27 - March 1st. We will be staying in Labor Lodge. This is a heated building with a full kitchen, bunks and an outdoor pit toilet. Indoor and outdoor activities and merit badges will be scheduled during camp. Bring plenty of warm clothes!

Scouting For Food

Troop 189 will again be participating in the Keystone Area Council's Scouting for Food project. Your Scout will distribute bags to homes in your neighborhood on March 21st and pick up the bags up on March 28. The bags will be brought to a central location for delivery to the Council collection site. Russel Yinger is the project chairman for this event.

Spring Camporee

The Keystone Area Council Spring Camporee will be held at Hidden Valley Boy Scout Camp May 1st thru 3rd. This is an exciting event for the Scouts, and a great way to break into the spring and summer camping season. The theme of the camporee has not yet been announced.

Scoutmaster Training

Mr. Bob Powell and Greg Brickner completed Scoutmaster Fundamental Training in November. Scoutmaster Fundamentals is a training course for adults, that

teaches basic scouting skills, and procedures so that they may serve the troop better. Both gentlemen got to spend a weekend at Hidden Valley in the rain, but they enjoyed it. Any adult scouter that is interested in taking the course should contact Mr. Powell for the dates in Spring 1998.

Car Show

Troop 189 will again be parking cars at the Spring and Fall '98 Car Shows. We park cars in four lots surrounding George's Flowers at the intersection of Pitt and "G" streets. Both of these events are "Scout account credit" events and excellent opportunities to build up money in the Scout Accounts. At the Fall '97 Car Show, three Scouts earned over \$170 for one weekends efforts. This amount would have paid the cost of a normal summer camp. The Spring '98 Carlisle Car Show is scheduled for April 23-26th. **MANY PARENTS AND YOUNG SCOUTS WILL BE NEEDED TO STAFF THIS EVENT.** (The spring show coincides with the mandatory shakedown camp out at Camp Hidden Valley for Philmont bound Scouts.) The Fall '98 Carlisle Car Show will happen October 1st thru 4th. Mary Ann Van Orden is the chairman of this event.

Philmont

In 1998, Troop 189 will send a contingent of 16 Scouts and 4 leaders to the Philmont Boy Scout High Adventure Camp at Cimmaron, New Mexico. Philmont offers Scouts the opportunity to experience the excitement of backpacking in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and to participate in an assortment of unique activities specifically designed to teach and challenge these older Scouts. The trip is scheduled from June 22 to July 4, 1998. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000. Young Scouts should start building up their Scout accounts now for the next Scouting High Adventure Camp in 2 or 3 years.

Several events are scheduled in conjunction with the Philmont trip and Scouts will be advised of the specific dates and times of those events. We have tentatively scheduled a "Boot Sales Day" in the church social hall for Sat Jan 17 from 9-12 am. First Aid/CPR certification classes are scheduled in the church social hall on Saturday March 7th, time tba. All Philmont bound Scouts must be certified in CPR and First Aid. Philmont Scouts will also be expected to participate in the mandatory District wide "Shakedown Camp Out" at Hidden Valley April 24-26th. Details on these events will be provided as they are finalized. Marv Salsman is the coordinator for Philmont.

Pine Tree AT Hike

The Scouts of the Pine Tree patrol are planning a hike on the Appalachian Trail to complete some requirements for rank advancement. The scouts are considering a section of trail threw the Cumberland Valley. These scouts have been working

hard to complete the needed requirements for advancement. More information will be provided about the hike when details are available.

Summer Camp

Summer camp for non-Philmont Scouts will be held at Hidden Valley July 26 through August 1st. The Troop has signed up for Kiwanis I camp site, which is adjacent to the swimming pool. This site has adirondack "cabins" in lieu of tents, and is one of the prime sites in Hidden Valley. First year Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in the Dan Beard program and second year and older Scouts can enjoy the wide variety of merit badge classes offered at Hidden Valley. The Council is working on a climbing wall, a mountain bike trail and other improvements that will enhance the variety and quality of merit badges offered. Summer camp will cost \$170 per Scout payable in three payments of \$55, \$55 and \$50. The first payment is due December 16. A separate hand out is available with details of the camp program.

JLT

Scouts over the age of fourteen and The troop committee is in the process with a rank of at least First Class can of making Troop Newsletters more also participate in the Boy Scouts of regular, possible on a monthly America, Junior Leader Training (JLT) schedule. If you have a request for program. JLT will be offered at Hidden something to be included in a Valley from August 9-15, 1998. This newsletter please refer it to Greg training is designed for boys in a troop Brickner preferable on disk (Mac or leadership positions or destined to be Win) two weeks before publication. in the future. JLT teaches leadership Dates of publication will be announced skills, teaching methods, and the patrol when details are finalized. method in modern troop operation. In order to save on postage we Cost of the Course is \$170 and a \$25 are asking any family with an e-mail dollar deposit is required to reserve address to please agree to receive your spot in JLT '98. This deposit is newsletters via e-mail. Send your e-nonrefundable. Troop 189 will pay 50% mail address to brickner@pa.net. Any of the \$170 cost for the first four family without an e-mail address will boys that sign up for and deliver their continue to receive newsletters threw deposit checks to Marv Salsman. the postal service.

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Venture Parent Meeting

On January 6th, 1998 at 7:30 pm at Allison United Methodist Church, there will be an organization / information meeting for the parents of Venture Scouts. Details about Venture and general information for parents will be given. Along with a question and answer period. It is important that all involved parents attend so that Venture and get a good start.