



# The Compass



## **Boy Scout Troop 74**

**Trinity United Methodist Church, Hummelstown, PA  
Keystone Capital District – New Birth of Freedom Council**

**March 2017 Edition**

**“Pointing the Way to Eagle Scout & High Adventure”**

<http://www.troop74pa.org>

## **Calendar of Events**

### **MARCH**

3/25/17 - 3/26/17 >> Battleship NJ  
3/27/17 - 7:15 >> Troop meeting (cabin)

### **APRIL**

4/3/17 - 7:15 >> Troop meeting (cabin)  
4/10/17 - 7:15 >> Troop meeting (cabin)  
4/13/17 - 6pm >> SPLC meeting (cabin)  
4/17/17 - No meeting  
4/21/17 - 4/23/17 >> Spring Camporee  
4/24/17 - 7:15 >> Troop meeting (cabin)  
4/29/17 >> Merit Badge College #2 (Lower Dauphin High School)

### **MAY**

5/1/17 - 7:15 >> Troop meeting (cabin)  
5/5/17 - 5/7/17 >> Hickory Run State Park Camping Trip  
5/8/17 - 7:15 >> Court of Honor (cabin)  
5/11/17 - 6pm >> SPLC meeting (cabin)  
5/15/17 - 7:15 >> Troop meeting (cabin)  
5/19/17 - 5/21/17 >> Merit Badge Camporee (Shrewsbury)  
5/22/17 - 7:15 >> Troop meeting (cabin)  
5/29/17 - Memorial Day Parade

### **JUNE**

6/4/17 >> Pulled Pork Fundraiser  
6/5/17 >> Spring Court of Honor  
6/8/17 - 6pm >> SPLC meeting (cabin)

6/25/17 - 7/1/17 >> Summer Camp (Camp Ockanickon)

## **JULY**

7/13/17 - 6pm >> SPLC meeting (cabin)

## **AUGUST**

8/10/17 - 6pm >> SPLC meeting (cabin)

## **SEPTEMBER**

9/14/17 - 6pm >> SPLC meeting (cabin)

9/16/17 >> Whoopie Pie Sale

9/29/17-10/1/17 >> Ricketts Glen Camping Trip

## **OCTOBER**

10/12/17 - 6pm >> SPLC meeting (cabin)

10/13/17-10/15/17 >> Scout Rendezvous Hidden Valley

## **NOVEMBER**

11/9/17 - 6pm >> SPLC meeting (cabin)

## **Upcoming Adventures**

### **Spring Camporee**

April 21-23, 2017 - This year's camporee will be held at McNaughton Field 8675 Paxton Street in Hummelstown (Swatara township near the Sewage Treatment Facility). The theme is Outdoor Ethics. Cost is \$10. Please sign up on the troop website if you plan to attend. More information coming as we get closer to the event.

### **Hickory Run Campout**

May 5-7, 2017 - We will complete the Wilderness Survival and Orienteering merit badges. Cost for this event is \$15. More information coming as we get closer to the event.

### **Shrewsberry Merit Badge Camporee**

May 19 - May 21, 2017 - The cost is \$35 per scout and includes all meals and the opportunity to earn up to 4 merit badges. Non-volunteering adults cost \$20. Scouts should look over the website and offered merit badges: [Merit Badge Camporee Information - Troop90scouts-2](#)

### **Summer Camp**

June 25 - July 1, 2017 is the week the troop will be attending summer camp. We are going to Camp Ockanickon (about 90 minutes east of here). I've received a lot of

information from Camp Ockanickon as we prepare.

First, ALL scouts and leaders are required to have an updated Annual Health Record to bring to camp. Parts A, B, and C must be completed. An annual health and medical record is **valid through the end of the 12th month from the date it was administered by your medical provider**. For example, a physical administered March 3, 2016, would be valid until March 31, 2017. All medical forms must be valid through the camp week. If a form expires halfway through our week at camp, you must get an updated physical prior to our arrival. The troop will also need a copy of the Health Record for our medical kit. A blank form was included in a recent Summer Camp e-mail.

For our troop, new scouts are typically signed up for the Dan Beard program. This is a program designed for new scouts to complete numerous requirements for Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and First Class ranks. Scouts in the program will earn their Swimming and Art merit badges as well.

A listing of merit badges that are offered at camp (and when they are offered), along with any prerequisites, has been distributed via e-mail. When deciding on which badges to work on, scouts should be careful to try and prevent running back and forth across the entire camp to go from one badge to the next. Not always possible, but a helpful tip. Scouts in the Dan Beard program will NOT have time to earn additional badges.

A scout should sign up for no more than 3-4 merit badges for the week. There are a couple reasons for this. One, it allows for more 'free' time to do other activities like open shooting, open boating, open swimming, climbing, volleyball tournament, etc. Two, time. Too much work for the week may result in partial merit badge completions, which will require additional work of the scout away from camp, and would involve finding a new counselor to finish the badge. We'd like to see the boys complete their badges at camp. Something to keep in mind.

If there are any questions regarding camp, merit badges, etc, please feel free to contact Mr. Schaffer.

Website for Camp Ockanickon: [www.ockanickon.org](http://www.ockanickon.org).

## Useful Info

The Mechanicsburg Scout Shop, operated by Boy Scouts of America's National Supply Group, is also located in the Mechanicsburg Service Center and carries a wide variety of BSA supply merchandise, uniforms, literature and recognitions. Catalog and custom-design orders are also available through the Mechanicsburg Scout Shop.

The Mechanicsburg Scout Shop is open weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5 PM, with extended hours until 7 PM on Thursday evenings, and from 9 AM until 3 PM on Saturdays.

The phone number for the Mechanicsburg Scout Shop is 795-2703 and the Scout Shop's fax number is 795-2705.

## Troop 74 Scout Leadership

SPL: Matthew Michalowski  
ASPL: Aiden Campbell  
Falcon Patrol Leader: Mark Mosier  
Bear Patrol Leader: Owen Henning  
Fox Patrol Leader: Tyler Ginder  
Scribe: Cameron Schaffer  
Quarter Master: Hayden Milic  
Librarian: Ben Kabik  
Historian: Wyatt Petula  
Chaplain's Aid: Bain Meloy and Antonio Mardegain  
Instructor: Hayden Merrick

## Troop 74 Committee Leadership

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COH Organizer: Jeannie Merrick

**\*\*Parents interested in possibly filling any of the vacant positions listed above should contact Mr. Rossi, Mr. Reeder, or Mrs. Regan. Any time you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated.**

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**Websites:**

<http://newbirthoffreedom.org> NBOF Council

<http://www.oalodgexi.org/> The OA Lodge

<http://www.meritbadge.com/home.htm> Merit Badge Worksheets

[myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org) BSA online Training Center

<https://shopnbof.com> Online Store

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