

BSA Troop 31
Troop Calendar 2005-2006
ADDENDUM-Definition of Terms

Community Service

Sept	Chadds Ford Days	Adults and scouts assist with parking and directing traffic for this weekend event. Scouts are to be in Class A uniform.
Oct	Pumpkin Carve	Adults and "older" scouts (due to darkness) park cars for this event on Thursday night of the actual carving. Troop does not have to stay to direct traffic out, just park.
Dec	Christmas in the Meadow	The scouts serve donuts, coffee, hot chocolate, and assist the Brandywine Lions Club in the arrival of Santa. The Brandywine Lions Club is our charter organization.
May	Cub Scout Camporee	Routinely the first weekend in May, a cub scout camporee is held at the Pennsbury Township fields. Boy Scout Troops 31 and 22 are asked to assist with various activities throughout the day and night.

Troop Fund Raiser

Oct	Popcorn Sales	The money raised from Popcorn Sales is distributed 3 ways. A portion goes to council, another to the troop and lastly to the individual boys to be used for outings. It is important to note that a bulk of the money does go back to the boys, therefore the more you sell the better the troop and boys benefit.
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General Meeting Terms

2-3/Month Sept- June	Troop Meeting	Troop Meetings are held on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the Hillendale Elementary School Gym, unless notified otherwise. All scouts and uniform leaders attend and are to be in Class A uniform. Parents are welcomed to attend. This is the main meeting where the scouts plan, organize, discuss, share and obtain information about upcoming events.
1/Month	PLC- Patrol Leaders Committee Meeting	Members to attend: Patrol Leaders, Asst. Patrol Leaders, Senior Patrol Members, Senior Patrol Leader, Asst. Senior Patrol Leader, all Uniform Adult Leaders, and Patrol Guides. This meeting is used to plan out the next 30 days of Troop activities.

1/Month	Committee Meeting	Attendees are all uniform leaders and all interested parents. The meeting is chaired by the Committee Chairperson (parent) and an agenda is set. Short and long term goals for the troop are discussed along with evaluations of the latest outings/projects. Open issues are welcomed.
3/Year	Court of Honor	This can be thought of as an Advancement Ceremony. It is at this time that the scouts are recognized for any achievements they have completed since the last Court of Honor. This could be Rank Advancement, Merit Badges, &/or Leadership roles.
	Court of Honor Award Dinner	There is usually a dinner served at the last Court of Honor. Eagle Scouts are recognized at these Court of Honors and this is the highest rank any Boy Scout usually achieves. All scouts are encouraged to attend all Courts of Honor.
Feb	Life to Eagle	This is a meeting for those boys reaching the rank of Life and are preparing to move forward to Eagle. Adult leaders meet with the boys to provide guidance, direction, and set goals.

OA- Order of the Arrow

OA Requirements include spending 20 nights in Camp with at least 1 extended stay (1 week), have completed the rank of 1st Class, and must be voted in by your peers.

3/year	OA Weekend	There are 3 weekends during the year where the OA scouts go to Camp Horseshoe and do maintenance, repairs, and any other work that the camp needs. The OA scouts will receive a letter asking them what particular jobs they wish to do at Camp. The weekends are usually the last week in April, 1 st week in June, and last week in Sept. This is part of the OA duty and these hours are not counted toward community service.
Feb or Mar	OA Banquet	The banquet is held at Kimberton Fire House and is open to any OA member in good standing (dues paid up). Members can invite family & guests.
March	OA Tapout	An OA representative attends the troop meeting a week before and the boys are asked to vote in fellow scouts that have met the OA requirements. For a troop of 50 boys, 1 adult leader may also be voted in the OA. The "Tapout" is a solemn ceremony in which the boys that have been selected for the OA are recognized and they are "tapped" on the shoulders as part of the tradition.
June	OA Conclave	OA members are divided into Lodges. There are 7 lodges in the Northeast. Every year, the 7 lodges meet for a weekend to share friendships and camaraderie. The location rotates between the 7 lodges.