

Troop 201

Summary of Data for New Scouts/Parents

Meeting Place: Level Green VFD Fire Hall

Meeting Time: Every Wednesday, except the second Wednesday of the month, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Meetings are not normally held in July and August, except for summer camp preparation and follow-up meetings. A parent is to bring the scouts to the meeting and pick up them up.

Registration:

1. Complete Scout Application. (Due by last Wednesday in February)
2. Pay registration fee of **\$1.00**. (Due by last Wednesday in February)
3. Complete Scout Medical Form. (Due by first Wednesday in June)

Dues:

Annual Dues are \$16.00, payable with the registration fee:	\$16.00
Insurance for scout activities:	\$1.00
Boy's Life subscription (Optional):	\$12.00

Fund Raising: Council Popcorn Sale – November – Last year the troop received 25% of the sales. All of these proceeds are deposited into your scout's individual camp account.

Spaghetti Dinner – March 21, 2010 – In past years, this has been the prime fundraiser for the troop. Other fundraisers such as doughnut sales, candy sales, and hoagie sales have also been held at various times as needed. If you have ideas for other fundraisers, feel free to suggest them to our Fund Raising Chairman, Beth Navari.

The following is a summary of how the Spaghetti Dinner has been held in past years. Boys must sell advance tickets in their area and sell as a group on a Saturday morning. Scout and Parent must participate for one shift during the dinner. Scouts wait on tables – Parents cook and clean dishes in the kitchen. The Troop Committee will determine the amount of the proceeds to be maintained by the Troop and the portion to be allocated equally to each scout who participates. Typically, \$40 to \$75 has been allocated to each participating scout, depending on ticket sales and attendance.

Camp Savings Fund: Troop 201 has established a camp savings program that each scout can participate in. Each scout's proceeds from the popcorn sale will be put into his account as well as his portion of the proceeds from any other troop fundraising activities. Each scout can place additional money into the savings fund to prevent needing a large amount of money at the time the camp fee is due. The Troop Committee Treasurer will be at the meeting the first Wednesday of the month to collect any money the scouts want to deposit in their camp savings fund.

Note that any funds the scout personally places in the camp savings fund will be returned if he leaves the troop for any reason. Funds earned from the Troop fundraisers (Popcorn Sale, Spaghetti Dinner, etc.) will be retained by the troop if the scout leaves the troop.

Other Expenses: Registration fees for participation in Council events such as camporees are paid by the individual scouts from their camp account.

Equipment needed by the troop such as tents, axes, lanterns, etc., will be purchased out of troop funds.

For weekend camping trips where it is necessary to purchase food, each scout will pay an equal portion of the costs for the food. The responsibility to purchase the food for the event will rotate from patrol to patrol, either by volunteering or being assigned. The food fee, typically \$18.00 for the weekend, must be paid when the permission slip for the event is returned. The funds collected will be used to purchase food for the event. Receipts for the food and any funds not spent should be returned to the Troop Committee Treasurer. **If a scout plans to attend and cancels after the food is purchased (typically one to two days before the trip), the scout is required to pay his share of the food bill.**

Activities: Each month the troop attempts to have at least one significant activity. During the spring, summer, and fall most events will be outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, or attending sporting events. During the winter, activities such as all-night bowling are more typical. The troop will have at least ten nights of camping during the year. Summer camp is the high point of the scouting year.

A copy of the troop calendar of events from January 2010 to August 2010 is attached.

Please note that in order to help plan the activities, the scout is expected to attend the two meetings prior to an activity. Failure to attend may result in the scout not being permitted to participate in the activity. Please advise the Scoutmaster if there are extenuating circumstances.

Summer Camp at Conestoga: Troop 201 will attend summer camp at Camp Conestoga from Sunday through Saturday (July 11 through July 17, 2010).

Camp is located adjacent to Hidden Valley in Somerset, PA.

Scouts sleep two to a tent. There is a wooden floor and they sleep on Army beds. There are showers and flush toilets – so it is not exactly “roughing it.”

Upon arrival at camp, tents will be selected on the basis of rank.

The week provides the scouts the opportunity to earn merit badges, to learn scout skills, and to participate in swimming, boating, rifle shooting, skeet shooting, leatherwork, pottery, etc.

There is a special First Year Camper program (Path Finder) for new Boy Scouts that allows them to complete most of the requirements for the Tenderfoot and Second Class ranks at camp. All Troop 201 first year scouts who have not completed the requirements for Second Class participate in this program.

This may be a scout's first trip away from home. It is not uncommon for a first time camper to experience homesickness. Each of us has experienced this feeling at one time or another. Our goal is to make sure that camp is not

a bad experience for the scout because of homesickness. We will make every attempt to prevent this from being a issue. If you have any concerns, please express them to the adult leaders.

One day of the week the scouts will cook their own dinner, and may, at the troop's option, cook the other meals that day. The camp provides the food for the day. All other meals will be at the camp dining hall.

Wednesday evening is visitors' night. There is a campfire in the troop campsite and parents can tour the camp. This is also the night when the "Triathlon" race and the Order of the Arrow tap-outs are held. Parents visiting camp on Wednesday evening normally bring food for themselves and their son(s); the boys enjoy a break from the dining hall food, though a meal is available in the dining hall (by prior arrangement) if you wish. You are encouraged to attend so you can see the camp and hear your scout to tell you about his experiences.

The fee is \$275/week if paid by May 7. The full fee is due no later than May 7, 2010.

A \$50 deposit is required as soon as possible to satisfy Council requirements. The \$50 deposit for existing scouts is due no later than March 12, 2010, so that Troop 201 may get the deposit for the troop to Council on time.

More details will be provided at a parent's meeting in the near future.

Troop and Council policy is that all scouts should be able to attend camp. If there is financial difficulty, Council has a Campership program available to all scouts. Please see the adult leaders for more information regarding this program.

Weekend
Camping:

There will probably be a troop overnight camping trip in April. This will be your son's first opportunity to hike or camp as a Boy Scout. When more details are available they will be distributed at the regular scout meeting.

Trip Logistics:

For all trips, the scout will be given a flyer outlining the details of the event.

All events will initiate from the Level Green Fire Hall parking lot. **Please be on time! We will not wait!!**

The scout will always be returned to his home. An approximate arrival time will always be provided. Please be there to welcome your scout home.

The scout must always have a signed permission slip and food fee money returned before the event in order to participate in an event.

The scout should have any spending money he may need with him. When we intend to eat in a restaurant as a part of any event, this information will be included in the flyer.

Physical
or Limitations:

All of the scouts will at times have physical limitations due to injuries, illness, handicaps. Troop 201 wants all of the scouts to have a rewarding scouting experience. Therefore, if a scout has some type of physical limitation, the adult in charge of the specific event should be made aware of the limitation in advance of the outing in order to make a determination whether the scout is able to actively participate or should not attend. The intent of this policy is to

preclude any further physical harm to the scout or other scouts during the event. **If a scout has a limitation and does not make the adult leader aware of the limitation, and cannot actively participate, the scout's parents will be called to come and take the scout home immediately.**

Medications:

It is Boy Scouts of America policy that no medication, even over-the-counter drugs, is to be in the possession of a scout. It should be administered by an adult leader during scouting events.

Parent Participation:

The adult leaders and committee of Troop 201 welcome participation of the parents in all scout events. Please note the following exceptions though:

1. No parents of new scouts will be permitted to go on their son's first trip to summer camp.
2. It may become necessary at times to limit the number of non-registered-leader adults on camping trips due to limitations on accommodations and equipment. Scouts will be given preference over adults if the number of participants must be limited for any camping trip.

If you are knowledgeable in any particular area that you wish to share with the scouts, please contact one of the adult leaders and we will arrange it. Each parent should plan to be in charge of something to contribute to the troop activities.

Drivers:

In order to get the scouts to and from events it will be necessary to arrange for transportation. You may either volunteer or will be asked to do this or other tasks as they arise. We believe that having the parents' support the program is a sign to your scout that you believe scouting is an important facet of his life. Driving to and from events will be done by adults and leaders only.

Due to the large amount of personal gear needed for summer camp, **all families should plan on driving their scout to and from summer camp or coordinating this task through carpooling.**

Scout Equipment:

Attached are three lists of equipment that the scouts will need: Summer Weekend Camping, And Winter Weekend Camping. All of the equipment on the lists is personal in nature. Tents, axes, saws and other group hardware will be provided by the troop. We are not encouraging you to spend a large amount of money to equip your son. Many household items such as silverware, plates, cups, bowls, flashlights, and water bottles (canteens) serve the same function. Please do make sure the scout brings the basic equipment – the adult leaders don't bring extra personal equipment on trips.

Discipline:

All scouts are expected to behave in the fashion expected of a scout. **If discipline becomes a problem for any reason during any of the Troop 201 events, the parents of the scout will be called to come and take their child immediately.** At each meeting we recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law – if your son behaves in accordance with these there will be no problem.

Meeting Handouts:

Handouts, flyers, and other information will be provided at the meetings. If the scout cannot attend the meeting, it is his responsibility to contact the scribe to obtain his copy of any information regarding upcoming events.

Uniform and Scout Handbook: The Troop 201 uniform consists of the tan official Boy Scout shirt with the Westmoreland-Fayette Council patch, numerals "201", and green epaulets; a green Troop 201 uniform cap; and jeans or other dark trousers or shorts. The green uniform cap will be provided to each boy who joins. We do not wear the official Boy Scout cap or red scarf.

Each scout **must** have a Boy Scout Handbook.

These items may be purchased at the Scout Council Office.

Rank Advancement: The requirements for the various ranks of scouting - Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle - may be found in the Boy Scout Handbook. There are skill requirements, service requirements, and leadership requirements for the various ranks. In the Boy Scouts, each scout advances at his own pace. The troop provides the opportunity to advance; it is, however, up to the scout to complete the requirements. The older scouts and the adult leaders will encourage the scout, but he must complete the requirements and take the initiative to obtain the necessary signatures certifying their completion.

Troop Committee

Larry Simmons	Committee Chairman	(724) 744-1989
Suzanne Skrabak	Secretary	(412) 373-8889
Kathi Stahl	Treasurer	(412) 373-3902
Michelle Ellis	Activities	(724) 861-7254
Hope Balanti	Advancement	(412) 372-8339
Beth Navari	Fundraising	(724) 744-7629
Joe Speranza	Quartermaster	(724) 863-8091
Ron Frye	Committee Member / District Roundtable Rep	(412) 372-4621
John Fogle	Committee Member	(412) 856-8889
Mel Bohince	Committee Member	(412) 373-8202
Jim Mogush	Committee Member	(412) 372-5407
Steve Grasha	Committee Member	(412) 373-1494

Please feel free to call with any questions. Thank you for your attendance and consideration of Troop 201.

Leo Wozniak	Scoutmaster	(412) 373-0603
John Navari	Asst. Scoutmaster	(724) 744-7629
Bob Frye	Asst. Scoutmaster	(412) 372-4621
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George Karnbauer	Asst. Scoutmaster	(724) 861-0286
Vicki Mogush	Asst. Scoutmaster	(412) 372-5487

TROOP 201 ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY THROUGH AUGUST 2010

Event	Date
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January 2010	
Meeting	January 6
Klondike Derby	January 8-10 (Weather rescheduled)
Committee Meeting	January 18
Meeting/PLC	January 20
Snow Tubing	January 23 (Hidden Valley)
Klondike Derby	January 22-24
Meeting/BOR	January 27 (Webelos II/Parents Invite)
Basketball Game	January 31 (Duquesne Dukes College)
February 2010	
Meeting	February 3 (Spaghetti Dinner Planning)
Committee Meeting	February 15
Meeting/PLC	February 17
Webelos II Crossover	February 20 (Blue & Gold)
Meeting/BOR	February 24
OA Banquet	February 27
March 2010	
Court of Honor	March 3
Committee Meeting	March 15
Cosmic Bowling	March 12
Meeting/PLC	March 17
Spaghetti Dinner	March 21
Meeting/BOR	March 24
Spring Camporee	March 26-28 (Rifle Shoot)
Duff Park Hike	March 31
April 2010	
Meeting	April 7
OA Weekend	April 16-18
Committee Meeting	April 19
Meeting/PLC	April 21
Food Bag Pickup	April 24
Bushy Run camping	April 23-25 (Camping for new scouts)
Meeting/BOR	April 28
May 2010	
OA Nature Walk	May 1
Meeting	May 5
Open Camping Event	May 14-16
Committee Meeting	May 17
Meeting/PLC	May 19
Meeting/BOR/Elections	May 26
June 2010	
Court of Honor	June 2
OA Weekend	June 4-6
OA Section Conclave	June 11-13
Committee Meeting	June 14
Meeting/PLC	June 16
Meeting	June 23
Fun Trip	June 24-27 (Canoe / Camping Trip)
Meeting/BOR	June 30
July 2010	
Meeting	July 7
Summer Camp	July 11-17
August 2010	
Corn Roast	August 11
Committee Meeting	August 18 (Annual Planning Meeting)
OA Weekend	August 20-22
Board of Review	August 25 (codify summer advancements)

 PLC is Patrol Leaders Conference & BOR is Board of Review

SUMMER WEEKEND CAMPING OUTING PERSONAL GEAR CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission Slip | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 ft. of Rope |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag or 2-3 Blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent (non-aerosol) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Sweater or Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Mattress or Foam Pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Sweatshirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Hiking Boots | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pairs of Socks (cotton) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Sneakers | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Wool Socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho or Raincoat | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pairs of Underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Bag (for Dirty Clothes) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Long Pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Garbage Bag | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Shorts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Long Sleeved Shirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knapsack or Backpack | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Tee-Shirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight, Extra Batteries & Bulb | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bath Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery Powered Lantern & Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Washcloth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar of Soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating Utensils | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen or Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & Toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil & Tablet | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Mirror |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Handbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Uniform |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Handkerchief or Kleenex |

Optional Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks – Appropriately packed | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Knife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | |

What Not to Bring

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Devices * | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheath Knives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soda Pop | <input type="checkbox"/> Laser Pointers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks ** | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol ** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs ** | <input type="checkbox"/> Cigarettes ** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snuff or Chewing Tobacco ** | |

* Electronic Devices include radios, televisions, tape players, CD players, Gameboys or other handheld games, pagers, cellular telephones, notebook computers, or any other electronic device. Battery operated watches or alarm clocks are acceptable.

** If you bring items with a double asterisk (**), your parents will be called to immediately remove you from camp.

WINTER WEEKEND CAMPING OUTING PERSONAL GEAR CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Permission Slip | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Winter Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag or 2-3 Blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Sweatshirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pairs of Socks (cotton) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Mattress or Foam Pad | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Wool Socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Hiking Boots | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pairs of Underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Sneakers | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Suit of Long Underwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of Boots | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pairs of Long Pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho or Raincoat | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Pairs of Gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Bag (for Dirty Clothes) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Sweatshirt or Sweater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic Garbage Bag | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Long Sleeved Heavy Shirt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Handkerchief or Kleenex |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knapsack or Backpack | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bath Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight, Extra Batteries & Bulb | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Washcloths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery Powered Lantern & Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar of Soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating Utensils | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & Toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen or Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Mirror |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil & Tablet | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Uniform |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Handbook | Shirts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit | Pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 ft. of Rope | Troop Hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Hat | |

Optional Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks – Appropriately packed | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Knife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass | |

What Not to Bring

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Devices * | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheath Knives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soda Pop | <input type="checkbox"/> Laser Pointers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks ** | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol ** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs ** | <input type="checkbox"/> Cigarettes ** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snuff or Chewing Tobacco ** | |

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