

SCOUT TROOP # 231

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING OVERNIGHT EVENT:

Hut Trip (01/19 - 01/20/25)

- * **Meeting place** - Sunday, 01/19/25 @ 3 PM sharp @ Trinity Church.
 - * We'll be carpooling from there to the Pumphouse in Beaver Creek, driving onto Bachelor Gulch Trail Rd to the top of Daybreak Ridge Rd (nearby Trapper's Reservoir area). We need transportation for 11 Scouts and 2 adults. If you have a minivan or similar and could help out, please contact Nate directly, if you haven't already.
- * **Trip Leaders** - Nathan & Matt will be staying overnight with our Scouts. Adults who are signed up for this event, are welcome to join for the trip up, but are asked not to stay overnight due to limited space.
 - * **Cellphones** - there's spotty service up in the cabin, but here are Nathan's cell# 970-471-0871 & Matt's cell# 970-689-2431 to be used for emergencies only. thanks(!).
- * **Items to bring** - snow shoes OR skins, skis, poles, ski boots & helmet; hiking backpack (no school pack!); pack stove & food (dried food for dinner, dried milk & cereal/oatmeal for breakfast); 3 quarts water (melting snow is not probable); sleeping bag & pad (optional: something to cover your eyes); headlamp (with batteries); snow cloths, dry change of clothes, & extra wool socks; high calorie snacks; tent, tarp, shovel, & emergency bivy.
 - * **Quartermaster Ben** is available this Saturday/tomorrow afternoon to share gear for trip. If you need anything to complete your packing list, please text him at #970-333-5543 with needed items by tomorrow morning. This way he can get them ready for you to pick them up.
- * **Pick up place** - Scouts will be downloading on Monday, 01/20/25 from the Strawberry lift around 9 AM. We'll need transportation for 11 Scouts and 2 adults from Beaver Creek Landing to return them back to Trinity, where they'll meet with the rest of the parents. Pick up time at Trinity to be reconfirmed by Nathan on Monday morning.

Scout Interview:

LOGAN VELASQUEZ (our Terrific Senior Patrol Leader - congrats on your efforts!)

What's your name and how old are you?

My name is Logan Velasquez. I am 14 years old.

When do you join the Scouts and which troop?

We joined Troop 231 two and a half years ago.

What do you like most about being a scout?

Going to camps.

What don't you enjoy as much?

Hiking.

Your best memory from your Scouting time?

Going to Camp Chris Dobbins.

What would you like more from your Scouting Troop now?

More fun scout games.

What would you suggest to a younger scout?

Get to Eagle rank!



NEXT MEETINGS:

* Monday, **01/20/25** **NO TROOP MEETING** due to Holiday

* Monday, **01/27/25** @ 6:30 PM Troop meeting

NEXT EVENTS:

* **Avon Parking Fundraiser** on Saturday 01/18/25 (5-7 PM)

* **Snow shoe OR skin & stay in** at Eaton House in McCoy Park, Beaver Creek on Sunday, 01/19/25 @ 4 PM to Monday 01/20/25 @ 9 AM

* **Communications Merit Badge** Monday, 01/20/25 @ 6:30 PM

A Scout is Helpful & Thrifty:

Reach out to your Quartermasters & Mrs. Lamb to donate your overgrown uniforms. Thanks! (Washed, and gently used.)

"A fisherman does not bait his hook with food he likes. He uses food the fish likes. So with boys."

— Lord Robert Baden-Powell

TIPS for OUR SCOUTS:**FUNDRAISING EVENT opportunity:**

- * [Avon Parking during the Avon Fireworks event](#) - don't wait for our Spring and Summer fundraisers to gather up your riches to help pay for your Summer Camp, start now with tomorrow's Avon Parking event (5 to 7 PM)! Sign up on our website, and contact Chad or Amy if you'd need more infos.

New Merit Badge opportunities:

- * [Communications](#) - going on via zoom on Mondays' night with *Scoutmaster Nate*.
- * [Ice Skating](#) - coming up with *Mr. Barrie* (January)
- * [Wilderness Survival campout](#) (prerequisite: at least First Class rank and min.13 years old) - keep up with the good work and sign up for the 02/01st campout with Mr. Chris Waugh to complete your Wilderness Survival MB campout requirements.
 - * This campout is best for 13 years old and older &/or with First Class rank, but we welcome our younger scouts who feel they can handle this winter campout. Before signing up, younger Scouts must reach out to Scoutmaster and express their interest.
 - * If you're not able to join this time, there will be another chance to do it in the Spring (date TBD to accommodate majority of attendees).
- * [The CELL](#) - ongoing via zoom. Check out their website (<https://thecell.org/events/calendar/>).

As always, Scouts should reach out to *Scoutmaster Nate* to talk to him and get the Blue Card(s) prior to directly contacting any Counsellor(s), if interested.

*** **Eli, Jax, and Ryan still need their pictures taken:** thank you for meeting with Indy, so he can help you have your updated pictures on the next Court of Honor slideshow.

*** **Things to bring to Troop meetings:** full Class A uniform (unless told otherwise), your Scoutbook for sign offs, warm clothes, and a flashlight (in case we go outside).

TIPS for OUR PARENTS:

Have you ever wanted to be a Scout for a day, or weekend?
Coming up, two great options for you to experience what your sons do, and learn lots of new skills on the way!

- * [IOLS](#) / Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills lead by our own Scoutmaster on May 02-03, 2025 (from 6 PM to 6 PM).
- * [Wood Badge](#) - prerequisite for this class is IOLS certificate. For more infos check <https://scoutingcolorado.org/resources/adult-training-programs/wood-badge/>. There is a Spring (March 28-30 AND April 12-13, 2025) or a Fall course (August 22-24 AND September 6-7, 2025).

KIND REMINDERS for OUR PARENTS:

- ◆ Our Treasurer and his Assistant are hustling to get our books back to balance. Thank you all who have already settled your **outstanding balances** and a kind reminder to the ones who haven't yet to please contact them right away to do so. Thank you!
- ◆ Also, don't forget to pay your **Summer Camp fee**. Chad is striving in assuring us some great fun this summer. Thank him for his hard work!



"Fun, fighting, and feeding! These are the three indispensable elements of the boy's world."

— Robert Baden Powell

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND,
OBEDIENT, **CHEERFUL**, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN, REVERENT.

What does this mean to you?

Looks for the bright side of life. Cheerfully does tasks that come his way. Tries to help others be happy.