

# SCOUT TROOP # 231

## NEWSLETTER

### **UPCOMING EVENT:**

***Klondike Pretest Event***  
***Trinity Church @ 6:30 PM on 02/17/25***

- \* Dress appropriately for test run with your Klondike sleds!
- \* Bring a headlamp and dry shoes for after the test.

### **Adult Leader Interview:**

#### ***Shantal Velasquez***

*What's your name and how old are you?*

My name is Shantal Velasquez. I am 35 years old.

*When did you join the Scouts and which troop?*

We joined Troop 231 in May 2021.

*What do you like most about being a scout?*

In Girl scouts I had the most fun making and selling crafts.

*What didn't you enjoy as much?*

I didn't like the snacks.

*Your best memory from your Scouting time?*

Hanging out with friends!

*What would you like more from your Scouting Troop back then?*

I would have liked to have more outdoor fun

*What would you suggest to a younger scout?*

Advocate for yourself and listen to your parents.



*"The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light."*

— Robert Baden Powell

### **New Merit Badge opportunities:**

- \* **Communications** - contact Scoutmaster Nate to find out which requirements you still need to fulfill.
- \* **Wilderness Survival** - get in touch with Mr. Chris W. & Mrs. Shantal for which requirements you need to check off.
- \* **Snowsport MB** - coming up in March and April. Text Scoutmaster Nate to get on board!
- \* **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.

### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

\* Monday, **02/17/25** @ 6:30 PM, Trinity / Klondike pretest

\* Monday, **02/24/25** - No meeting!

\* Monday, **03/03/25** at 6:30 PM Elections

\* Monday, **03/10/25** @ 6:30 PM First PLC Retreat / **No Troop meeting for other scouts!**

### **NEXT EVENTS THIS MONTH:**

\* Sunday, 02/23/25 **Avalanche training**, Vail Mountain

\* Friday, 03/07-09, 2025

**Klondike**, Sylvan Lake, Eagle

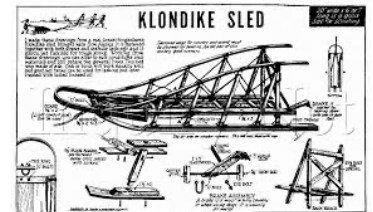
\* Sunday, 03/30/25 **Chairlift Challenge**, Vail

### **A Scout is Helpful & Thrifty:**

Reach out to your Quartermasters & Mrs. Lamb if you need a Scout or Scouter uniform, or to donate the one you've overgrown. Thanks! (Washed, and gently used.)

**TIPS for OUR SCOUTS:****UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- \* [Avalanche Class on Sunday 02/23/25](#) - space is limited to 10 Scouts. Please sign up right away, if you'd like to attend. The Vail Ski Patrol will be teaching us avalanche safety and they'll provide a free ski-pass for the Scout who doesn't have a pass, as well as lunch for all attending Scouts.
- \* [Elections for your new Patrol Leader Committee / PLC](#) - think of which leadership position you'd like to apply for to hone new skills and fulfill your leadership requirements, while you help your Patrol and/or Troop to excel in what they need and want to do!
- \* [Available Senior Positions:](#) *Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Quarter Master, Senior Scribe, Historian, Chaplain Aide*
- \* [Available Patrol Positions](#) for Phoenix and Embers: *Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Quarter Master, Scribe*
- \* [Other Positions available:](#) *Troop Guide, Den Chief, Instructor, Librarian, Webmaster, Bugler, Order of the Arrow Representative, Outdoor Ethics Guide, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster*
- \* [Polar Pirate Klondike on 03/07-03/09/25](#) - sign up for a fun weekend with your Troop, and others from our District!!!  
(From the Organizer's:) *Ahoy, Scouts! Get ready for a thrilling, icy adventure at this year's Polar Pirate Klondike, where swashbuckling penguin pirates meet the frozen wilderness! This weekend will be packed with frosty challenges, treasure hunts, and teamwork in the heart of winter's harsh beauty. Hosted by Troop 188, the Polar Pirate Klondike is a unique winter camping and activities weekend where Scouts will face the cold and the unpredictable elements of winter, all while embracing the daring spirit of penguin pirate crews on a frosty voyage. This is no ordinary Klondike — it's a battle of wits, skill, and resilience, as Scouts embark on quests to compete against one another to uncover hidden treasures and overcome obstacles in a wintry wonderland. Check-in begins at 6:00PM on Friday, March 7th at Sylvan Lake State Park, followed by camp-set up, dinner, and a cracker barrel Friday evening. On Saturday, Scouts will be competing in winter events in a round robin style, ending with a sled race (bring your own sled, one per patrol!) before we break for dinner. Skits will be performed at campfire on Saturday night and will be scored as part of the competition between Troops. Troops are responsible for providing their own meals. Bring plenty of warm clothing, camping essentials, water and medical forms (parts A & B required!). The event will end by 11 AM on Sunday, 03/09/25. Troops must free the premises by 11:30 AM.*
- \* [Chairlift Challenge on Sunday 03/30/25](#) - start thinking of ways you can raise money for yourself and our Troop through this great, fun event on the ski slopes! Set a goal for a raised amount of money and let us know how you'd like to reach it. *Mrs. Becky Kesseltine & Mr. John Buchanan* will be guiding you in achieving your set target!



**\*\*\*Things to bring to your Troop meeting:** full Class A uniform, your Scoutbook for sign offs, warm clothes, and a flashlight (we will go outside!!!).

**TIPS for OUR PARENTS:**

Thank you for helping your Scout(s) think through the next upcoming events and encourage them to:

- \* sign up for the Avalanche class on Vail Mountain (02/23/25)
- \* apply for a (new) leadership position within their Patrol or Troop for our **Elections on March 3rd**
- \* sign up for the fun **Klondike** event weekend at Sylvan Lake in Eagle (03/07 - 03/09/25)
- \* start thinking of their fundraising goals for the **Chairlift Challenge** on **March 30th**, Vail Mountain

*"In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed."*

— Lord 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?

Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what you think is right despite what others might be doing or saying.