

SCOUT TROOP # 231

NEWSLETTER



Monday, March 3rd @ 6:30 PM / Trinity Church

UPCOMING EVENT:

ELECTIONS

for new Patrol Leader Committee / PLC

&

Mrs. Amy Salter will present this year's

CHAIRLIFT CHALLENGE

together with Mrs. Becky Hesselstine & Mr. John Buchanan



Scout Interview:

Ethan Cafferky

What's your name and how old are you?

My name is Ethan Ladd Cafferky and I turn 15 on March 2nd. *[Happy Birthday, Ethan!!! 🎂]*

When did you join the Scouts and which troop?

I joined cub scouts in 2017 to Pack 186 then I joined Troop 231 in 2021.

What do you like most about being a scout?

I like learning how to do things that most people won't know (eg.: building my own shelter and sleeping in it).

What don't you enjoy as much?

I don't enjoy meetings where nothing is happening.

Your best memory from your Scouting time?

The Rappelling trip in 2022.

What would you like more from your Scouting Troop?

I'd like more focus so that we can end the meetings earlier and not go over time.

What would you suggest to a younger scout?

Tomorrow isn't promised so go for your goals today and don't wait on them.



TIPS for OUR PARENTS:

Thank you for *encouraging your Scout(s) to:*

- * apply for a Patrol/Troop leadership position for our March 3rd **Elections Day**
- * sign up on our calendar for any meetings and events: it helps us organizing them!
- * join us at the **Polar Pirate Klondike** at Sylvan Lake (03/07 - 03/09/25)
- * set & achieve their fundraising goals for the March 30th **Chairlift Challenge**

If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk.

— Robert Baden-Powell

NEXT MEETINGS:

* Monday, **03/03/25 Troop**

Committee meeting @ 5:30 PM

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

Elections & Chairlift Challenge presentation

* Monday, **03/10/25 @ 6:30 PM**

First PLC Retreat / Chance for requirements signed off, if you're not on PLC!!!

NEXT EVENTS THIS MONTH:

* Friday, 03/07-09, 2025

Klondike, Sylvan Lake, Eagle

* Sunday, 03/30/25 **Chairlift**

Challenge, Vail

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

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

What does this mean to you?
Keep your body and mind fit.
Help keep your home and community clean for everyone's benefit.

A Scout is Helpful & Thrifty:

do you need a Scout/Scouter uniform, or would you like to donate the one you've overgrown?

Talk to your Quartermasters & Mrs. Lamb for help!

TIPS for OUR SCOUTS:

Merit Badges: Court of Honor is this April - let's finish up the merit badges you've started to get awarded at it! Get in touch with *Scoutmaster Nate* for the **Communications MB** and with *Mr. Chris W. & Mrs. Shantal* for the **Wilderness Survival MB** to fulfill your last requirements to finish them.

- * **Snowsport MB** - coming up in early April with *Scoutmaster Nate*. Text him if you're up for fun time on the slopes with him and your fellow scouts!
- * **The CELL** - look at their website (<https://thecell.org/events/calendar/>) for ongoing zoom classes. Always reach out to *Scoutmaster Nate* to talk to him about your newly chosen merit badge and get his Blue Card.

UPCOMING EVENTS:*** Patrol Leader Committee / PLC Elections****Why should you apply for a leadership position?**

1. It's a great opportunity to hone your leadership skills, which will help you with any leadership positions later in life (high school, college, work), while fulfilling your scout leadership requirements (First Class and above). As NFL Coach Vince Lombardi said: "Leaders are not born, they are made."
2. It's a honor & privilege to lead your Patrol/Troop to excel in what they need/want to do.
3. You will learn & teach skills to succeed in life. **Take the challenge! Even if you might fail.** Fail means **First Attempt In Learning**. Don't let it slow you down. Whenever you'll be in a pickle, both your Patrol/Troop members, as well as your Adult Leaders will be always there to help you. They got your back!
4. You can choose to be a Patrol Leader, or Senior Patrol Leader, but there are also other non-elected leadership positions available within the Troop, which can help you to dip your toes in to get started. **Available Senior Positions:** Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Quarter Master, Senior Scribe, Historian, Chaplain Aide. **Available Patrol Positions:** Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Quarter Master, Scribe. **Other available Positions:** Troop Guide, Den Chief, Instructor, Librarian, Webmaster, Bugler, Order of the Arrow Representative, Outdoor Ethics Guide, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
5. Above all: **BE YOURSELF!** Put your own personality into it, take pride in the planning & organizing, step out of your comfort zone, and share yourselves with the troop.

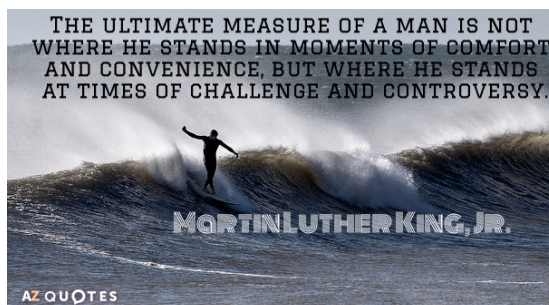
How do you know you can do it? Think of the Scout Law: you're already doing it!

Having great leadership skills means being:

- **trustworthy** - build trust within your troop by being reliable
- **loyal** - set a good example, be a good role model
- **helpful** - listen to your troop's/patrol's needs and help your Scouts/Patrol/Troop reach their goals
- **friendly** - communicate with your Patrol/Troop in a friendly, clear & effective manner
- **courteous** - keep your word, be fair to all, be humble & a good person
- **kind** - lead with kindness and be humble, consistent & flexible
- **obedient** - follow the Scout Oath & Law to improve yourself daily
- **cheerful** - BE YOURSELF, everyone else is already taken(!)
- **thrifty** - be organized and learn how to use what we have before buying new items
- **brave** - learn problem solving on the go and ask for help both from your fellow scouts and your adult leaders (they're here to help you!)
- **clean** - be a good observer and stay fit in body & mind
- **reverent** - have the goodness of all in mind, delegate, and help out too



Did you know? Five U.S. presidents—John F. Kennedy, Gerald Ford, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama—were Boy Scouts, and Jimmy Carter was a Scoutmaster!



* **Polar Pirate Klondike on 03/07-03/09/25** - sign up for this fun weekend with your Troop, and others from our District!!!

* **Chairlift Challenge on Sunday 03/30/25** - research and plan your tactics to effectively raise money for yourself & your troop. With Mrs. Amy's kind donation & Mrs. Shantal diligent work, our troop has great prizes for the 5 scouts who will raise the most money. Ask *Mrs. Becky Hesselbine* & *Mr. John Buchanan* for more tips & sign up for it!

We never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it.

- Robert Baden Powell