

SCOUT TROOP # 231 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Newsletter!!!

We started this Newsletter, because we'd like to help our Troop keep updated with News about our Weekly meetings, Announcements, Tips, Catching up on Past Events, etc. Please feel free to reach out to Indy, either in person, or via email (sarahvail1@yahoo.com), if you'd like him to add anything on this Newsletter. It is Our Troop' Newsletter - hope you'll help him out!

Our last Scout Event:

BACKPACKING IN THE WILDERNESS BY BRADY & SOPRIS LAKES, MINTURN



Our backpacking trip was very successful. Thank you EVERYONE, for all your hard work and great attitude while having fun and learning, despite the not so great weather.

We did hear that some would rather have camped with a campfire. That was not an option this time since we camped in Wilderness, above 10,000 ft. But at least we all learned our lessons to bring waterproof hiking boots next time.

Things to bring on our next trip:

- Hiking boots
- Extra (wool) socks
- Rain jackets
- Warm hat & gloves
- Tarps & ropes
- Stove & lighter
- Tent stakes & hammer
- More water filters

Things to ditch on our next trip:

- Sneakers
- Cotton socks

Best learned lessons on this trip:

- How to clear out an illegal campfire
- Devising new tactics in the Catch the Flag game (for the parents' enjoyment!)
- No camping without a campfire ;)

NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday, 09/09/24

- **Committee** @ 5:30 PM

- **Troop** @ 6:30 PM

Be ready for a fun obstacle course to test your First Aid knowledge!



Your Patrol Leaders are always on the hunt for more ideas to make your learning fun and your experience with our Troop memorable. Help them, give them ideas! They want to hear it from you too!!!

Next Event:

Rotary Duck Race

Sunday, 09/01/24

(1:30 - 5 PM)

Vail Covered Bridge

(Fundraiser event)

Please arrive 15 min earlier.

Next Service Hours Event:

Eagle River Cleanup

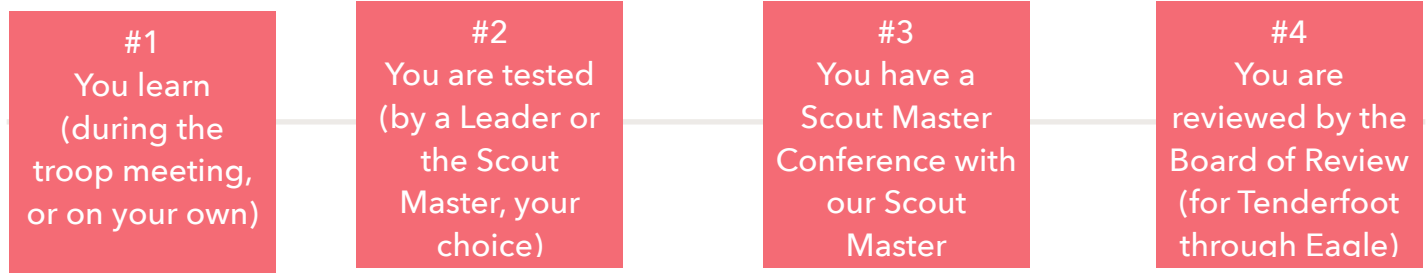
Saturday, 09/07/24

(9 AM)

Vail Covered Bridge

(Service hours event)

4 STEPS OF ADVANCEMENT:



Certain skills and knowledge can be learned also outside of the troop and can be signed off by a Leader (not your parent, even though he/she might be a Leader) once your Scout is confident in what he learned.



PARENTS: How can you help Our Troop?

Become a Merit Badge Counselor, or an Assistant Scout Master!!!

We are always looking for help and becoming a Merit Badge Counselor, or (also) an Assistant Scout Master, would be very helpful. They are the best ways for you to understand how Scouting works, as well as it is much easier to obtain the Eagle Merit Badge within your own Troop. If you're interested in becoming a Merit Badge

Counselor (we know you have some skills to share too!), please send an application to maggie.McCulloch@scouting.org. If you'd like to become a Scout Master Assistant, please let our Scoutmaster Nate and his Right Hand(wo)man Shantal know. They will guide you on how to do it online.



SCOUT SLOGAN: DO A GOOD TURN DAILY!

It means being a good member of your Family & Community, and do something to help others, each day, without expecting anything in return.

EAGLE BOUND:

Do you want to become an Eagle - the highest of the Scout Ranks(!)?

Do you have what it takes?

Tip: keep a record of all your campouts (with & w/o the troop) in your Scout book, under your Camping log. Once you have reached a maximum of 20 campouts you can get a partial sign off for the Camping Merit Badge, which is one of the Eagle Requirements.



Great Quote:

***Knowledge is not power, knowledge is potential.
You turn potential into power through practice.***