

SCOUT TROOP # 231

NEWSLETTER



Thank you, Scouts for your successful **Scouting for Food** days!
Kudos to the **Salters'** for organizing it!!!



Congratulations to everyone who went to the Merit Badge University in Carbondale! I hope you Enjoyed fun learning time while getting your Merit Badges!

TROOP MEETING: MONDAY, 12/09/24

Scout Pictures before you head to your Troop meeting (full Class A uniform, thanks)!

Highlights: Skills time, Scout Jeopardy & PLC practicing for Court of Honor.

Scout Interview:

Taylor Salter

What's your name and how old are you?

My name is Taylor Salter and I am 12 years old.

When did you join the Scouts and which troop?

I joined Boy Scouts Troop 231 in June 2023.

What did you like most about being a scout?

I like all the camping trips, and fun meetings.

What didn't you enjoy as much?

I don't like long meetings.

Your best memory from your Scouting time?

The rafting trip that turned into war (squirt guns and mud fights - oh, yeah!).

What would you like more from your Scouting Troop now?

I would want more focus and patience.

What would you suggest to a younger scout?

I would suggest that everything might not always go your way so just keep trying.



The object of the patrol method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy."
– Lord Robert Baden-Powell

NEXT MEETINGS:

*Monday, **12/09/24** @ 5:30 PM
Troop Committee meeting

*Monday, **12/09/24** @ 6:30 PM
Troop meeting

- Scouts Pictures before heading to the meeting (full Class A, thanks!)

- Board of Reviews with *Mrs. Clarke*, for whom pre-scheduled them on time

- Skills & Scout Jeopardy Night

- PLC practice for Court of Honor

Next Events:

Fish & Loaves (Serv.hrs & Cooking MB requirements)
Wedn., 12/11/24 (5-7:30 PM)
Eagle River Presbyterian Church, Avon

COURT OF HONOR/Hldy Party

Sund., 12/15/24 (5:30-7:30 PM)
Trinity Church, Edwards

PLEASE RSVP & sign up for help & food. Thank you!

A Scout is Helpful & Thrifty:

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

HOLIDAY BREAK

(12/16/24 - 01/05/25)

No meetings.

Enjoy your Family Time, the outdoors & keep in touch with your fellow Scouts!

TIP for OUR SCOUTS:

- * **Jax, Ryan, Trey, Andy, Charlie, Eli, Ethan, and Lucas still need their pictures taken:** thank you for stopping at the Picture Area (across from the downstairs elevator) before heading to the Troop Meeting. Indy
- * **Scout Spirit:** although the Troop is not in meeting (12/16/24 - 01/05/25), the December Holidays are a great opportunity to get your buddies and Patrol together to accomplish your own needs. Think of a snowshoe hike, an overnight in your backyard with fellow Scouts, or maybe even a cookout on your back patio. Let your Scoutmaster know ahead of time if you need to get credit for such.
- * **New Merit Badge opportunities:**
 - * Cooking - with *Mrs. Shantal* (for whom signed up for the Fish & Loaves event on time)
 - * Communications - with *Scoutmaster Nate* via zoom on Monday nights (starting in December)
 - * Ice Skating - with *Mr. Barrie* (January)

Scouts should reach out to *Scoutmaster Nate* to talk to him and get the Blue Card(s) prior to directly contacting the Counsellor(s), if interested.
- * **Court of Honor:** this one is **no ordinary Court of Honor**, it's our **HOLIDAY PARTY** too!!! Join us for an evening of fun games, treats and *new awesome awards for Scouts who deserve recognition for their Hard Work, and Believe & Commitment to Scouting!* We are looking forward to enjoy this party with you and your loved ones: *please RSVP for yourself and your additional guests, as well as for food & set up/clean up help!* Thanks!
- * during this **Holiday Break** we encourage you to:
 - organize get-togethers with your fellow Scouts and your Patrol (see above note). Have some fun!
 - think about skills and Merit Badges you'd like to start to work on
 - research a (new) Leadership Positions within your Patrol / Troop you might be interested in to learn, gain experience, and grow your leadership skills with. January will start our new Election Time, with February seeing New Leadership Terms (of 6 months commitment). Advertise yourself to your Patrol to successfully achieve your next goal.
 - Patrol Leaders! Keep working on your SMART Goals. *Mrs. Becky* has been doing an excellent job in explaining and encouraging you to achieve your goals. Keep pursuing them! We see a big difference - great job to all who have been working on them!

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

TIPS for OUR PARENTS:**Great Ways to help your Scout & Why it is important to participate in his Scouting path:**

- Scouting is a Family program - teaching life skills to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
- Scouting is a Cheerleading task - talk with your child about his goals regularly, with a peer to peer discussion. Check in to see how he is doing a couple of times a month (or more often if necessary). Point out positive steps you have seen him taking. Share your own goal setting experiences, and failures too (F.A.I.L = *First Attempt In Learning*). Ask them questions, learn together, and *cheer them on!*
- Scouting is a Parental Support program - they say a Scout has "4 parents" named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody & Nobody. Help each other in helping your Scout enjoying his chosen path of pursuing and achieving new goals while having fun with his buddies! *P.S.: Sometimes it's easier to ask another parent... we've all been there.* 😊

Thank you for helping us making our Troop so great with your insights, help, and presence too, both at the meetings and at home!

The man who is blind to the beauties of nature has missed half the pleasure of life.

— 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?

Polite, respectful, or considerate in your manners.