

SCOUT TROOP # 231

NEWSLETTER

Our break is over and **we're looking forward to restart our meetings this Monday, January 6th @ 6:30 PM!**

You can also start working on your rank requirements again.

BE PREPARED:

Call your Leader and be ready to have something to sign off on Monday! 📖

TROOP MEETING: MONDAY, 01/06/25

Highlights: skills time for Wilderness Survival Merit Badge!

Every meeting in January is working towards this Merit Badge which will coincide with the hut trip in McCoy Park.

Make sure to attend our next meetings for you to earn this new Badge!

Scout Interview:

Justin Gresko

What's your name and how old are you?

My name is Justin. I am 49 years old.

When did you join the Scouts and which troop?

We joined Boy Scouts in the winter of 2022, with the Troop 231.

What did you like most about being a scout?

Passing on knowledge, teaching, and watching the boys mature in stature and skills.

What didn't you enjoy as much?

Some of the boys cooking. (It could improve.)

Your best memory from your Scouting time?

Freediving at Emerald Bay Camp, Catalina Island and spearing fish.

What would you like more from your Scouting Troop now?

More participation from older scouts teaching younger scouts.

What would you suggest to a younger scout?

Be disciplined with your scout books and keeping good records in that book. Have your scout books ready before meetings, to have ready what you'd like to be signed off on.

"Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster's own personal example."

– Lord Robert Baden-Powell



HOLIDAY BREAK is done.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!

NEXT MEETINGS:

* Monday, **01/06/25** @ 5:30 PM
Troop Committee meeting

* Monday, **01/06/25** @ 6:30 PM
Troop meeting

→ **Scout Pictures for whom hasn't yet taken them(!)** before you head to your Troop meeting (full Class A uniform, thanks!)

* Monday, **01/13/25** @ 6:30 PM
Troop meeting

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

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

NEXT EVENTS:

* Wilderness Survival Merit Badge event on Sunday, **01/19/25** @ 4 PM to Monday **01/20/25** @ 9 AM

Snow shoe or skin and stay in at Eaton House in McCoy Park, Beaver Creek

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

A Scout is Helpful & Thrifty:

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

TIPS for OUR SCOUTS:

- * **Scout Spirit** is simple in concept, *Live by the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life* - meaning, honor your God by whatever name you choose, and your Country, extend your helping hand to others, and steadfastly improve yourself in body, mind, and principles. So, don't forget to keep having fun learning! Each day is a great opportunity for it, either by yourself or with your Patrol and Troop!
- * **New Merit Badge opportunities:**
 - * **Communications** - going on via zoom every Monday night with *Scoutmaster Nate*.
 - * **Wilderness Survival** - group learning throughout January with your Troop. Make sure to attend each meeting and the stay at the Eaton House in McCoy Park on 01/19-20, 2025!
 - * **Ice Skating** - coming up with *Mr. Barrie* (January).
 - * **The CELL** - ongoing via zoom. Check out their website (<https://thecell.org/events/calendar/>). 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.
- * **Official Summer Camp 2025 Sign-up:** please, give the \$100 deposit to Chad ASAP, for securing your spot at this year's Summer Camp.
If you were not able to commit your attendance by the 12/30th deadline, you may check with Chad if there's the chance for you to sign up later on, if the camp has room.

* **Eli, Jax, and Ryan 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

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:

It's OK if you want to be "just" a Scout parent, but be a GREAT Scout parent.

* Be supportive.

* Bring your child to every activity on time, properly dressed and in the mood to participate fully.

* Keep in communication with the leaders and offer tips & advise.

* Help create a safe environment where young people can grow, explore, learn to fail, get up, and try again!

* Have fun scouting with your scout(s)! You never know what might you learn yourself!

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

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

What does this mean to you?

Complying or willing to comply with orders or requests; submissive to another's will.

"Correcting bad habits cannot be done by forbidding or punishment."

— Robert Baden Powell