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Move out of your comfort zone. You can only grow if you are willing to feel awkward and uncomfortable when you try something new.

Patrol Leaders Council (PLC): Patrol Leaders Council meetings for the troop's junior leaders are held the first Monday of the month. The PLC meetings for the winter and spring of 2021 will be held at 6 PM at the church hall on the following Mondays: February 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3.

Troop Meetings: Troop Meetings as always are held on Monday nights starting at 7 PM at the church hall. Troop meetings for winter and spring of 2021 will be on the following Mondays.

February 1, 8, 15 and 22

March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

April 5, 12, 19 and 26.

May 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Troop Committee Meeting: Troop Committee meetings are now held on the first Monday of every month before the formal troop meeting. We encourage all adults who are interested in helping out with the troop in any way to coming to these meetings. The next several troop committee meetings will be on February 1, March 1, April 5 and May 3.

TROOP EVENTS

Upcoming Troop Events: The web site includes a troop calendar as well as information and sign-ups for all upcoming troop trips and events. Help make our website shine! If you have an item for the web site, if you have an idea to make our site better please talk to the Troop webmaster Nick Hunter. Go to www.auburn121.com for information on all troop trip and event details.

➤ ***SNOW SHOVELING – As we have for many years the troop has committed to shoveling the walks and stairs at the church, rectory and church hall after weekend snow storms. If snow is predicted on weekends, please check your email for a snow shoveling notice.***

➤ ***Mid-State Trail Day Hike*** – Saturday, Feb 27 the troop will be hiking the very southern portion of the Mid State trail. We'll be following the trail from Douglas south to the Tri-State marker. Don't know about the Tri-State marker, join us and find out. Go to the web site for more details and sign up.

➤ ***Winter Camping Weekend*** – March 5-7 the troop will be tent camping on the grounds of the Auburn Water District pump house off of Potters Farm Rd. in Auburn. This will be a winter camping event. We will be working on preparing scouts and adults for this camp out at upcoming troop meetings. Go to the web site for more details and to sign up.

➤ ***QUABIN HIKE*** – On a date to be determined the troop will be holding a day hike at the Quabbin Reservoir for anyone and everyone who wants to get out of the house,

stretch your legs and get some fresh air. Please go to the web site for more details and to sign up.

➤ *April Hike, May Bike Trip (?), June Backpacking Trip (?)* – The junior leaders are looking for ideas for these events. Think about it and bring your ideas to the troop meetings.

ORDER of the ARROW Events

Catamount Lodge – Order of the Arrow will be holding these events:

Spring Service Event

March 13, 2021

Location: Virtual

Spring Gathering (Induction & Fellowship)

May 14-16, 2021

Location: Camp Wanocksett

New England Fellowship

June 11-13, 2021

Location: Yawgoog Scout Reservation

For more information on these events and other Lodge happenings go to the Lodge's web page - [Order of the Arrow - Heart of New England Council - BSA \(heartofnewenglandbsa.org\)](http://www.heartofnewenglandbsa.org).

KNOT of the MONTH

Clove Hitch

The clove hitch is one of the most widely used knots and is used in starting and finishing most lashes. Because it passes around an object in only one direction, it puts very little strain on the rope fibers. To tie a clove hitch over an object that is open at one end, drop one overhand loop and one underhand loop over the post and draw them together

