

TROOP 121 TIMES



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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 2023 will be held at 6 PM at the church hall on the following Mondays: March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5.

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 2023 will be on the following Mondays.

February 20 and 27

March 6, 13, 20 and 27

April 3, 10, 17 and 24.

May 1, 8, 15 and 22.

June 5, 12, 19 and 26.

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 come to these meetings. Troop committee meetings will be on March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5.

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.*

➤ ***Annual Scout and Troop Registration*** – The troop has rechartered with the Heart of New England Council and BSA for 2023. Most families have paid the registration fees. For those who haven't paid please see our treasurer, Maureen Nelson or Mr. D. BSA registration fees for the 2023 scout year are \$150 for each scout, \$63 for each adult leader and an optional \$15 for the Scout Life magazine.

➤ ***Camp School Weekend – March 24-26, 2023*** - The troop will be traveling to Treasure Valley. We will be staying in the Mohegan Lodge. 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** – Sometime in April 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.
- **Bike Trip – May 5-7, 2023** – The troop will bike the 25-mile Cape Cod Rail Trail. We will be camping for the weekend in the Nickerson State Park in Brewster, MA. Details will be posted on the website very soon.
- **Flag Replacement Service Project – Saturday, May 20, 2023** – For this service project we will work with the American Legion Post and other scouts to remove and replace all of the flags on the graves of our veterans at the Hillside cemetery. The project starts at 9 AM sharp at the Cemetery. Please attend in full scout uniform to help honor our veterans.
- **Memorial Day Parade - Monday May 29, 2023** – Once again the troop has been invited to march in the Town’s annual Memorial Day parade. Interested scouts and adults should gather at Auburn St and Rockland Rd starting at 9:15 AM. Scouts can be picked up at Hillside Cemetery at the conclusion of the parade. All scouts and leaders should be in full Class A uniform.
- **June 2023** – We are looking into a backpacking/hiking weekend in June. Where would you like to go??
- **Bottle & Can Drive** - The troop’s annual bottle & can drive will be on **Saturday, June 3rd from 9 AM to 1 PM** at the Horgan Skating Rink. Start saving your empties now. Ask family and friends to save their returnable cans and bottles. We are looking for as much help during the day as possible
- **Flag Day** – **Wednesday, June 14th at 6 PM** we will gather the other Auburn Packs and Troops at the Chester P. Tuttle American Legion Post on Bancroft St. to participate in their annual Flag Day ceremonies. All scouts and leaders should come in full uniform to help the members of the Post and other veterans honor our national flag and retire those flags that have outlived their useful life. Hope to see there to help with this service project.
- **SUMMER CAMP** – The troop will be attending week #2, **Sunday, July 9 through Saturday, July 15, 2023** the Heart of New England Council’s annual summer camp at Treasure Valley Scout Reservation. Start preparing now!! More details will be posted on the Troop website as they become available.

Start get your summer camp medical forms ready now. Use this link to download the medical form that is needed for summer camp and all scouting activities. [2022-HNE-Camp-Medical-Form.pdf \(hnebsa.org\)](https://www.hnebsa.org/2022-HNE-Camp-Medical-Form.pdf)

Here is link to the Summer Camp merit badge offerings. Start looking through the schedule now to plan your week at camp. [2023 TVSR Merit Badge Schedule.xlsx - Sheet1.pdf - Google Drive](https://www.hnebsa.org/2023-TVSR-Merit-Badge-Schedule-Sheet1.pdf)

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ORDER of the ARROW Events

For more information on Lodge happenings go to the Lodge’s web page - [Order of the Arrow - Heart of New England Council - BSA \(heartofnewenglandbsa.org\)](https://www.hnebsa.org/Order-of-the-Arrow-Heart-of-New-England-Council-BSA).