

TROOP 121 TIMES



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A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens.

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 fall of 2023 will be held at 6 PM at the church hall on the following Mondays.

October 2, 2023

November 6, 2023

December 4, 2023

Troop Meetings: Troop Meetings as always will be held on Monday nights starting at 7 PM at the church hall. The troop meetings for the first part of the 2023-2024 scout year will be on the following Mondays.

August 28, 2023

September 11, 18 and 25, 2023

October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2023

November 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2023

December 4, 11 and 18, 2023

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 troop committee meetings are planned for Oct 22, Nov 6 and Dec 4, 2023 at 6 PM at the Church Hall.

TROOP EVENTS

Upcoming Troop Events: The redesigned web site is up and running and will include 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 Nick Hunter. Go to www.auburn121.com for information on all troop trip and event details.

- **September Whitewater Rafting Trip** – Sept 21-23, 2023, this trip is being planned for this weekend. A separate email was sent out with more details about the trip. Please respond back to this email ASAP so we can get a head count.
- **MassJam** – Oct 7-9, 2023, over the Columbus Dady weekend the troop will be traveling to the Cape Cod Fairground in Falmouth, MA to participating in this scout jamboree. This once every 5-year event has something for scouts of all ages. More details and a sign-up will be on the website very soon.
- **Scouting for FOOD** – This annual service project will take place over two Saturday's, October 21st and 28th. As in past years we will be distributing and collecting donation bags to help Kateri's Kitchen. This will be the 13th year that the troop has conducted a "Scouting for Food" service project. Let's make it our best one yet.

- **November Trip** – Nov 3-5, 2023, the Troop has booked the West Lodge at Treasure Valley. We will discuss this weekend's agenda at upcoming Troop meetings.
- **Annual Scout and Troop Registration** – Nov 20, 2023. The troop must recharter with the Heart of New England Council and BSA by this date. All scouts and adults who wish to register for 2024 Scout Year must do so before this deadline. More information to come.
- **Troop LOCK-IN** – Friday night, December 29, 2023, we're working on scheduling this overnighiter at the church hall over the Christmas break, we'll post the details and sign up on the web site
- **Klondike Derby** – January 2024; join the troop at the annual Quinsigamond District Klondike Derby at Treasure Valley. This troop and patrol competition is always fun. More details to come.
- **Scout Sunday** – On Sunday, February 4, 2023 at the 10:30 AM mass at North American Martyrs church the Troop will help to celebrate Scouting's birthday and the first Scout Sunday. Please dress in full Class A uniform and bring a non-perishable food item for Kateri's Kitchen.
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ORDER of the ARROW Events

- **OA Fall Ordeal** – September 8-10, 2023 the ordeal weekend will be held at Treasure Valley. Candidates should plan on attending and OA members can help by being elangomats, helping cook, helping with the ceremonies and in many other ways. Show up and ask to help.
- **OA Fall Fellowship Weekend** – October 20-22, 2023 at Camp Wanocksett. Go to the Lodge's web page to get more details.
 - **Catamount Lodge Banquet** – Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the Auburn Elks Lodge. Go to the Lodge's web page to get more details.

KNOT of the MONTH

The Square Knot – the first knot all scouts learn how to tie.

