

TROOP 121 TIMES



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Excellence is not an act but a habit. You should always strive for excellence but be careful not to confuse excellence with perfection, perfection is God's business.

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 2024 will be held at 6 PM at the church hall on the following Mondays.
Jan 8, 2024, Feb 5, 2024, Mar 4, 2024, April 1, 2024, May 6, 2024 and June 3, 2024

Troop Meetings: Troop Meetings as always will be held on Monday nights starting at 7 PM at the church hall. The winter and spring troop meetings for 2024 will be on the following Mondays.
January 8, 15, 17, 22 and 29, 2024
February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2024
March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2024
April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2024

Troop Committee Meeting: Troop Committee meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the 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 Jan 8, 2024, Feb 5, 2024, Mar 4, 2024 and April 1, 2024 at 6 PM at the Church Hall.



TROOP EVENTS

Upcoming Troop 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.

- **Annual Scout and Troop Registration** – The troop must recharter with the Heart of New England Council and BSA before Christmas if at all possible. All scouts who wish to register for the 2024 Scout Year need pay the registration fee as soon as possible. The registration costs have increased. BSA registration fees for the 2024 scout year are \$160 for each scout, \$78 for each adult leader and an optional \$15 for the Scouts Life magazine.
- **Ice Fishing** – The annual troop ice fishing /winter sports weekend will be a couple of weeks earlier than usual. On January 19-21, 2024 we will once again be at the Aquatics Lodge at Camp Moses in Russell, MA. Details and sign-up will be on the web site very soon.
- **Scout Sunday** – On Sunday, February 4, 2024 help celebrate Scouting's birthday by joining the Troop at 10:30 AM church services at North American Martyrs. Please

dress in full Class A uniform and bring a non-perishable food item for Kateri's Kitchen.

- **Camp School/Scout Skills weekend** – More details of the Troop's annual March scouting weekend will available soon.
- **April Trip, May Bike Trip and a June Backpacking/Camping Trip** – The junior leaders are looking for ideas for these events. Think about it and bring your ideas to the troop meetings.

SERVICE PROJECTS

- **SNOW SHOVELING** – *As in years past 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.*
- **PULL TABS** - Boy Scout Troop 121 are collecting **aluminum** pull-tabs from all types of beverage and food cans to help the Shriners and the Shriners Hospitals for Children. This community service project is easy to do. Before you put those aluminum cans and lids in the recycling bin remove the tabs and save them in a container of some sort. Bring the tabs to any Pack or Troop meeting and give them to your leader. Once we've collected as many as we can store without having them getting in the way in someone's garage, we will make arrangements to turn them over to the Auburn Rotary Club.

ORDER of the ARROW Events

To find out what is happening with the catamount Lodge please use this link;
<https://hnebsa.org/catamount-lodge/>