



TROOP 121 TIMES



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A Scout is Helpful. He should do at least one “good Turn” to somebody each and every day.

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 spring of 2024 will be held at 6 PM at the church hall on the following Mondays: May 6 and June 3, 2024.

Troop Meetings: Troop Meetings as always are held on Monday nights starting at 7 PM at the church hall. Troop meetings for spring of 2024 will be on the following Mondays.
April 15, 22 and 29.
May 6, 13 and 20.
June 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. Troop committee meetings will be on May 6 and June 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.

- ***Weekend at Buffumville*** – April 19-21 - We will travel to Oxford to camp out at Buffumville Dam. Saturday morning, we will be working on a service project to help improve the facilities at Buffumville Lake and Hodges Village Dam. Once our work is done, we will have the afternoon and evening to ourselves. It’s a short ride to Oxford so we hope to see everyone there. Details will be on the Troop web site.
- ***Bike Trip – May 17-19*** – The troop will be biking in Rhode Island this year. We will be camping for the weekend in the Burlingame State Park in Charlestown, RI. Sign up on the Troop web site.
- ***Flag Replacement Service Project – Saturday, May 18, 2024*** – 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 27, 2024*** – 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 2024** – 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 1st 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** – **Friday, 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 7 through Saturday, July 13, 2024** 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. **The cost for a week at Summer Camp is \$530.00.**

Start getting 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. [2024-HNE-Camp-Medical-Form.pdf \(hnebsa.org\)](#). Here is link to the Summer Camp merit badge offerings. Start looking through the schedule now to plan your week at camp. [2024 TVSR Merit Badge Schedule \(Rev. 2/8/24\) - Google Drive](#).



SERVICE PROJECTS

- **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 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

For more information on Lodge happenings go to the Lodge's web page - [Order of the Arrow - Heart of New England Council - BSA \(heartofnewenglandbsa.org\)](#).

- ***May 17-19, 2024 - Spring Inductions Weekend at Treasure Valley***
- ***June 7-9, 2024 - New England Fellowship at Camp Hinds, Maine***