

**BSA Scout Troop 121
Committee Meeting Agenda
September 9, 2024 6:00 PM**

- 1. Scoutmaster Report**
- 2. Treasurer Report**
- 3. Need for Color Guard - Wednesday, Sept 11th @ 6PM North American Martyrs**
 - Church will be holding a 6 PM Mass to honor the memory of all those who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks as well honoring all first responders and veterans. The church has asked the troop to supply a color guard for this service. We will need at least four scouts, in full class A uniform to process in before Mass and process out after Mass with the American and Troop flags. We will be gathering at 5:45 PM at the church hall. There will be light refreshments in the hall after Mass. It would be great if we could have most if not all of the troop there to show our support for our church as well as our veterans and first responders*
- 4. September Trip – Whitewater Rafting and Camping 9-13 to 9-15**
 - Camping at.....
 - Rafting Saturday Sept 14th @ 10:15AM (check-in by 9:45AM)
 - Complete on-line waiver (as of 9-9-2024 only see waiver for Roger)
 - Complete trip permission slip
 - See White Water Addition Trip Information attached.
- 5. October Trip – TBD**
- 6. November Trip – TBD** (see Turkey Shoot option in Council News)
- 7. December 6th to 8th – Treasure Valley West Lodge**
- 8. December 27th – Troop Lock-in at NAM Hall**
- 9. January 25, Klondike Derby at Treasure Valley**
- 10. January 31 to February 2nd – Ice Fishing at Camp Moses**
- 11. Activities Report (see Council and Other News for other council activity options)**
 - OA Fellowship Weekend at Treasure Valley - October 18-20
 - Catamount Lodge Banquet at Auburn Elks – Saturday January 4th
 - *Note:** For state parks, camping requests have a 4 month advance booking window.
- 12. Council & Other News**
 - Life to Eagle Workshop 9-13 5PM to 6:30 PM
 - Scout Day at Fenway Park 9-22 @1:35PM
 - Turkey Shoot at Treasure Valley 11-23 to 24th (either day, ½ day) Overnight camping opportunities.
- 13. Troop Recruiting**
 - Status of recruiting?
- 14. Fundraising**
 - Follow-up on can drives.
 - Status of NAM kitchen?
- 15. Friends of Troop 121, Inc. (F.O.T. 121)**

- ❑ Some funds donated for White Water Trip

16. Required Adult Training (time sensitive)

- ❑ All merit badge counselors must re-apply.
- ❑ All leaders should go to the training section of their my.scouting.org account and complete those training sessions. Most are on-line but per council:

“The only training that is required to be completed in person is Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) which is needed for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmaster positions. The Heart of New England is offering courses this fall, as are neighboring councils. Training is training no matter where you take it! If your troop has key leadership needing this training and is not able to complete it this fall, please contact your District Executive. If all training attempts for this course cannot be completed by the end of the year, an exemption may be available with the agreement to take the course in the spring of 2024. As all other courses are available online, IOLS is the only exception to the mandatory training requirement.

Youth Protection Training (YPT) (training code: Y1) - This training is required every year as part of the rechartering process.

Hazardous Weather Training (training code: SCO_800) is included as part of Scoutmaster/Assistant Specific Training, but like YPT it **must be retaken every year** to maintain a leader’s trained status.

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) (training code: S11) - a 16-hour two-day course with a required overnight camping component. This course can only be administered by approved facilitators with the council training committee.

Scoutmaster/Assistant Specific Training - This course can be taken in-person (training code: S24), or it can be taken on-line at my.scouting.org. When taking the course on-line it is broken down into four modules.”

17. Other.....

Next Troop Committee Meeting – October 7th @ 6PM

-End of Agenda-

ADDITIONAL WHITE WATER TRIP INFO FROM WEBSITE (edited):

WHAT TO BRING:

For every trip you need:

- *Footwear – sandals w/ toe and ankle straps, water shoes, sneakers (flip-flops not recommended and not allowed on more aggressive trips)*
- *Bathing suit or shorts*
- *Sunscreen*
- *Towel*
- *Change of clothes and shoes for after trip*

- *If you wish to bring a water bottle, please have a way to attach the bottle to the raft (small carabiner is best)*

Items for spring/fall & cool/rainy days:

- ****Avoid cotton clothing – it cools the body when wet!*
- *For feet: wool or fleece socks. Very important in spring!*
- *For torso and legs: performance apparel (Under Armour, Dri-Fit), wool, fleece, capilene, polypropylene*
- *Outer layer: wind jacket and pants are great for shedding water and can be worn over a wetsuit or fleece*

Wetsuits

Clean, comfortable wetsuits and wetsuit boots are included. Fleece and synthetics are extra warm under wetsuits and wetsuit boots. Wind jackets and pants can be worn over wetsuits to shed water and add warmth.

Meal

A warm meal is included after rafting.

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Crab Apple on the Deerfield houses a fun store where you may purchase photos of your trip, a fine selection of apparel and souvenirs. A snack bar is also available with snacks, soda.

Medications / Physical Limitations:

Always bring medications which you may need on the river i.e. asthma inhaler, bee sting kit, etc. Pregnant women, persons with a heart condition and anyone with a medical problem that could be affected by the heat, cold, exertion, excitement, etc. of a raft trip may not raft. We reserve the right to refuse anyone the opportunity to participate in any of our adventures because of a medical, physical or size limitation that we feel might expose them to extreme risk. Life jackets fit a chest size up to 58 inches. Contact our office with questions concerning these policies.