

**BSA Scout Troop 121
Committee Meeting Agenda
November 4, 2024 6:00 PM**

1. Scoutmaster Report

- Mr. D. advised that he will be leaving the Scoutmaster position after many years of dedicated service. The Troop thanks you greatly!!
- A new Scoutmaster must be picked prior to upcoming rechartering.

2. Treasurer Report

- October balance approx. \$1,900.
- Update? Payment for White Water Rafting \$120/person due. Suggest some funds get reimbursed back to FOT121 for upcoming trailer expenses.
- Update? Summer camp photo cost \$12 due

3. October Trip – TBD

4. October Scouting for Food

- Notify 10-11 & 10-19 & 10-26th advertise at Mass(verify)
- Collect at Mass Nov 2 & 3rd , Drop off on 11-4
- Results?

5. November Activity/Trip – Turkey Shoot 11-23 and/or 24

- Possible Day Trip or Camping at Treasure Valley
- Quabbin Hiking on the 11-26 or 11-27

6. Communications Badge Update

- Mr. Joel Desrochers of Charlton Troop 165 has offered to come back on a Monday night to help scouts complete their Communication Merit Badge. He knows of 2 scouts in our Troop that have not completed it. The scouts have their Blue Cards. Review dates and confirm scout readiness.

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)

- 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

- Turkey Shoot at Treasure Valley 11-23 to 24th (either day, ½ day) Overnight camping opportunities.
- Catamount Lodge Activation and Brotherhood Adventure Day 11-18
- Class of 2024 Eagle Recognition Dinner 1-3
- Catamount Lodge Annual Banquet

13. Troop Rechartering

- Status of renewals and payments.

14. Fundraising

- ❑ Follow-up on can drives. We have a fair amount of cans built up in the trailers via donations that must be sorted and redeemed.
- ❑ Status of NAM kitchen?

15. Friends of Troop 121, Inc. (F.O.T. 121)

- ❑ FOT 121 paid for the rafting cost of the White-Water trip. Troop to give back a portion of the scout payments for the trip to support upcoming trailer expenses.
- ❑ Current Balance to date \$552.30
- ❑ The Annual report was mailed prior to the Nov 1st deadline along with a \$15 check.
- ❑ Upcoming expenses 1) trailer registration (\$60), 2) trailer insurance, 3) bike(s) to AYFS

16. Required Adult Training (time sensitive)

- ❑ **With rechartering coming up in November now is the time to update training.**
- ❑ 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 – December 2nd @ 6PM

-End of Agenda-