

**BSA Scout Troop 121
Committee Meeting Agenda
February 3, 2025 6:00 PM**

1. Scoutmaster Report

- General

2. Treasurer Report

- Balance
- No deposits have been made for partial reimbursement to FOT121 for White Water Trip.

3. April 11 to 13th – West Point Camporee

- Planning
- Sign-ups
- See additional detail from email excerpt below.

4. Communications Merit 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.

5. Activities Report (see Council and Other News for other council activity options)

- March Trip Options
- April West Point Camporee
- May Bike Trip Planning (see camping at MA parks note below)
- *For Camping at MA State Parks: Camping requests have a 4-month advance booking window.

6. Council & Other News

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7. Troop Status Forward

- Status of renewals and payments
- Discussion with council on ways to restart and grow the cub scout pack.
- Options for Troop Growth

8. Fundraising

- Status of NAM kitchen?

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

- FOT 121 paid for the rafting cost of the White-Water trip. Troop may give back a portion of the scout payments for the trip to support upcoming trailer expenses.
- Current check book balance \$150+/-
- Trailer insurance of approx. \$317 has been paid in January.

10. Other.....

11. West Point Camporee General Info. from email:

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: West Point Scoutmaster's Council <westpointscoutmasterscouncil@gmail.com>

To: "loydc@worcesterschools.net" <loydc@worcesterschools.net>; "mikejaned@yahoo.com" <mikejaned@yahoo.com>

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Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 10:05:18 PM EST
Subject: West Point Scoutmasters' Council 61st Camporee

To Our Friends in Scouting,

On behalf of West Point's Scoutmasters' Council, I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to attend this year's camporee on April 11th - 13th. Congratulations!

Below is further information on your selection and allotted slots:

Unique Camporee ID: MK138

Troop Number: 121

Council: Heart of New England

City: Auburn

State: MA

Camporee Group: Mechanized

Attendees: 12

The first information packet will be sent out to troops once it is finalized. But in the meantime, here is some important info:

61st Annual West Point Camporee (11-13 April 2025): The West Point Scoutmasters' Council Invitational Camporee is America's premier leadership camporee. Our events - which range from fire building and knot tying all the way to Swiss Seats and Army Combatives - test participant's expertise, leadership, teamwork, determination, and fitness. These events are designed to increase every participant's confidence and competence as young leaders. Over the three days, participants will be able to interact with West Point cadets who will lead, teach, and inspire them to push themselves to greatness

1. Troop Camping Type (Light Fighter and Mechanized): Light Fighter: Your Troop will park offsite and backpack into and out of Lake Frederick. (Note: This is a 4.5-mile hike over relatively steep terrain in the West Point Training Area. Those who complete this option will earn a light fighter patch. The cutoff time for beginning the hike will be 3pm on Friday. Exceptions to this must be approved, more info to come out in Information Packet 1). Mechanized: Your Troop will park offsite and be bussed to Lake Frederick. If you have a trailer, an adult from your troop will be able to drive the trailer or vehicle to the campgrounds after the troop has arrived on the bus. Once offloaded, trailers will be taken back to offsite parking. (Note: you will likely hike approximately 0.5 miles from the bus and trailer drop off location to your campgrounds. The cutoff time for arrival is 5pm on Friday. Exceptions to this must be approved, more info to come out in Information Packet 1)

2. Payment: We will send registration and payment information to troops in the information packet. The cost this year is \$50 per attendee

3. Food: Scouts are responsible for bringing and preparing their own

food in their campsites.

4. Weather: This event is for moderately experienced campers with appropriate gear. The weather is often rainy and can be quite cold.

5. Departure: The closing ceremony starts at 0800 on Sunday. Expect to leave Lake Frederick between 1200-1600 on Sunday, therefore plan travel and food accordingly. For safety reasons, we do not allow individual pick up of Scouts off the main highway. A limited number of Troops may be prioritized early based on travel distance and flight. This must be coordinated with the Officer in Charge when you arrive at Camporee

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's camporee!

Very Respectfully,

West Point's Scoutmasters' Council

*There is currently a DoD social media hiatus, therefore we will not be making posts on the Scoutmasters' Council Facebook page until further notice. When the posting hiatus is lifted, we will continue to post on our Facebook page.

If you have questions, please direct them via the Facebook Direct Message platform or email at westpointscoutmasterscouncil@gmail.com.

Next Troop Committee Meeting – March 3rd @ 6PM

-End of Agenda-