



## BSA Troop 76 Fairfield, Pennsylvania

### Troop76 Scoutmaster Minute Newsletter

So, here we are, rounding out the final week of the first month of 2020. Time is truly flying by. It is interesting to me as I sit here and think about scouting, and the changes that it has seen over the past 2 ½ decades. It becomes even more interesting when I think about scouting in it's entirety. I often wonder if Lord Baden Powell had thought that scouting would become what it is today. There have been people on both sides of the fence when it comes to girls in boy scouts, and I certainly can understand the dilemma as one would need to look no further than the name Boy Scouts of America. But then I think to myself, how has this world that we live in changed? In this then lies the solution.

The Boy Scouts of America were created on a set of moral and ethical values- The oath and the law both very explicitly lay out what is expected of a scout. In the period of time that scouting was created, during the great wars of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, women were still in the more traditional roles of yesteryear. Now this would be a point where many could potentially jump off and create the argument about it should still be that way or we need to go back to that way, but this is where the world has changed. Women and Men share the same careers. This is precisely why I believe that if Lord Baden Powell were alive today, he would not take issue with the way things are changing. His idea still lives on strong in scouting; The principles of scouting lie in the values, not in the gender of the scout. Today, these principles are alive and well, unchanged from what they were over 100 years ago. So, to my original thought- How has scouting changed? I would argue that all that the program of scouting has not changed, but we are now opening more doors for people who might not be exposed to the ethics and values that scouting teaches, and that my friends, is what it is all about.

#### **Important Dates and things to remember-**

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| PLC Meeting- *This will be held online*   | 2/3/2020 6:30P.M.                   |
| Biddy Ball Concession Sales-              | Every Saturday 8:30-12:00P.M.       |
| <b>Class A Troop Meeting Bring \$2.50</b> | 2/10/2020 6:30P.M.                  |
| Klondike Derby \$20.00 Registration Fee   | 2/14-2/16 meet on Friday at 5P.M.   |
| <b>Class B Troop Meeting</b>              | 2/23/2020 1-4:30P.M. Pizza Provided |
| Boys Patrol Meeting                       | 2/24/2020 6:30-8P.M.                |
| Girls Patrol Meeting                      | 2/27/2020 6:30-8P.M.                |
| Maple Madness (service time at camp Eder) | 2/29/2020 8:00A.M.                  |

- Attached to this message is an is a survey for [Summer Camp](#). Please fill out by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

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- Attached to this email is a survey for [shooting weekend](#) at Hidden Valley
- Scouts are encouraged to provide \$2.50 per month to pay for half of their registration fee for joining. **This should be money they've earned from doing chores around the house.**
- For planning purposes, the cost of summer camp will be between \$350.00-\$450.00 per scout. Please, if there is a need, do not hesitate to ask for help with this. Our main goal is for every scout to attend camp and have an enjoyable experience. Contact me for more information. All financial issues are confidential.
- June 10-16 we will be spending a week at Doc Hammett's cabin in Driftwood, Pa. If you are interested in attending with your child, please contact me.
- Hershey Bears Hockey scout night is in March. Please stay tuned for more details.
- **We have a website! [Troop76fairfield.org](http://Troop76fairfield.org) Please use the website! The calendar is up to date and will be the most accurate way to find information. This newsletter will also be on the website.**

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