



BSA Troop 200

Adventure is Waiting - Join Us!

Summer '19: Eat, Sleep, Camp, Repeat.

This summer, members of Troop 200 headed off to [Camp Powhatan](#) in south western Virginia for a week of summer camp. The drive was long, but well worth it.

Camp Powhatan is the part of the Blue Ridge Scout



Fun Facts: The Blue Ridge Mountains cross 6 states and ~125 peaks exceed 5,000 feet in elevation.



Reservation and offers many activities like swimming, archery and fishing.

Our first-year campers attended Brownsea Island during the day where they focused on learning important Scouting skills.

Older Scouts were able to select from over 40 different Merit Badges including some hard-to-get Eagle required badges. In the end, our Scouts earned over 50 Merit Badges dur-

ing the week, including: Horsemanship, Rifle Shooting, Space Exploration, Leatherwork, Search & Rescue, Chess, Sports, Geocaching, Climbing, Medicine and Orienteering.

They had a lot of fun hanging around the campsite, exploring the area and 'body sliding' down natural water slides.

We're already looking forward to next year's summer adventures.

Upcoming Events

August & September
 OA Ordeal Weekend
 Eagle Project @ Echo Hill
 Motorboat Merit Badge
 Kick-off at Valley Crest
 Cooking Merit Badge
 Beach Jam
 Manhunt Monday*

October
 Fall Court of Honor
 Air Rifle Competition
 Movie Campout*
 Reptiles & Amphibians*
 *recruiting events

Did you know?

- ☺ We collected ~600 lbs of food in February
- ☺ Our [90th scout](#) earned his Eagle award at our [190th Court of Honor](#)
- ☺ We've earned 132 Merit Badges in the past year—not including the 55 earned this summer!
- ☺ 4 of our Scouts have been inducted into the Order of the Arrow ([May](#) and [August](#))

Keeping the Tradition Alive: BBOBB'19

Continuing their annual tradition, BSA Troop 200 set out on their annual [By Boot or By Boat](#) (BBOBB) camping trip at Round Valley Reservoir in Clinton Township.

This year, the Scouts opted to boat in, using canoes and kayaks to make the 2.5-mile trek to their campsites. The weekend—and the weather—was perfect! The Scouts fished, kayaked, swam, boated and had a lot of fun! They are already planning next year's trip!



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The Great Outdoors

Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall, the weather doesn't hold us back from spending time outdoors. Here's a quick look at some of our Spring '19 events and activities.

Klondike Derby. This past January, with temps dipping below 20-degrees, everyone in attendance earned the 'Freeze Out' recognition and bragging rights.

NoBeBosCo. In February, we stayed in cabins at night and hiked a portion of the Appalachian Trail. An impromptu 'body sledding'



competition made the journey back quicker.

Jockey Hollow. We hiked [10.4 - miles](#) through the park and visited Washington's HQ. We worked on the Hiking Merit Badge and a special Jockey Hollow medal. The best part? The fried Oreos and funnel cake we made after dinner!



Iron Chef. Our annual [cooking competition](#) and campout took place at Camp Ockanickon. The judges surprised us with a can of Pringles as our mystery ingredient. The Council of Ricks patrol hoped for a repeat but

the Venomous Cobras patrol took home this year's Golden Skillet!



Fun fact: our Jockey Hollow hike coincided with the 239th anniversary of the St. Patrick's Day Encampment of 1780.

Jumpin', Huntin' and So Much More...

Every June, our Scouts decide the activities they want to do the following year at our Troop Organization Meeting (TOW) meeting. So, what does that really look like?

The theme for March '19 was ['March Madness'](#). The Council of Ricks patrol planned the month, and for us that meant: indoor rock climbing, a trip to Freefall Trampoline park, learning about geometry by playing pool and

an entire night playing the ultimate game of Manhunt! During this time, many worked on rank requirements and [4 Scouts also moved up in rank](#), followed by seven more a month later.

In April and May we focused on outdoor and wilderness survival skills. Learn more on the [blogs](#) found on our web site!



Did you know - the highest trampoline bounce ever recorded launched a man 22 feet in the air.

Troop 200 Retires Flags in Lebanon Borough

Each May, we hold a [flag retirement ceremony](#) in Lebanon Borough at the Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park. The park is named in honor of two local, fallen heroes and members of Troop 200, Lt. Frederick Y. Holjes and Warrant Officer and helicopter pilot, Robert P. Sheppard who were killed in action during Vietnam.



Two Troop 200 Scouts were interviewed by News 12 New Jersey.

This year, dozens of flags were retired. And, local vexillologist (flag expert) and former Troop 200 Scoutmaster Larry Friend shared his knowledge about the American flag and its history and explained the role of the Color Guard, the proper way to retire flags and flag etiquette. And a few of our Scouts shared the stories of Fred and

Shep. You can read more about them on our [web site](#).



Living the Scout Law

We show Scout spirit by living the Scout Law. Here are just a few recent examples of how we do this:

A Scout is Trustworthy. At the end of the school year, one of our Scouts recently found ear buds and turned them in to the office. The owner had been looking for them for a week and was happy to get them back.

A Scout is Helpful. We helped out at the Knights of Columbus Pancake breakfast. The Knights were appreciative of our hard work. In June we ran a First Aid station at a Pack 190



In November, in honor of Veterans Day, we invited three WWII veterans to come share their experiences with us.

event at RVYC. And in July, one of our Scouts volunteered as a Den Chief for the Cub Scout Camp at Round Valley Youth Center, running the Field Games station.

our meetings to share his Pearl Harbor experiences with us. Amazing.

A Scout is Kind. We participated in the annual 'Scouting for Food' drive in support of the Open Cupboard food pantry. We had great turn-out from our troop and worked alongside local Packs to make a difference.

A Scout is Thrifty. A former Troop 200 Scout family moved out of the area contacted us to donate lots of great equipment and items that our current scouts can use. As they say, 'once a scout, always a scout!'



A Scout is Friendly. One of our Scouts has become friends with a local [WWII Veteran](#) and checks in on him and his wife on a regular basis. The Scout invited the Vet to one of

A Scout is Reverent. Scouts from our troop and local Cubs and Webelos participated in the Scout Sunday service at Immaculate Conception Church in February. We also hosted our [annual flag retirement ceremony](#) in May.

Get to Know Our New SPL, Ethan Lutz

Every June, our troop members vote for who their choice of Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The SPL runs the troop, with guidance from our Scoutmaster. He takes charge of troop meetings, of the patrol leaders' council, of all troop activities, and more.

Ethan Lutz, a sophomore at North Hunterdon is our new SPL. He has been scouting for nine years, joining us from Pack 118.

Here are 10 fun facts about Ethan:



- He joined Troop 200 because of the fun campouts he attended as a Webelo
- He's held a num-

I'm really looking forward to recruiting more Webelos so our troop can continue to grow and make a difference in the community.

ber of leadership roles within the troop including: Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Librarian, Assistant SPL and now SPL. He works at summer camp and is a Order of the Arrow (OA) member

- Favorite merit badge: Climbing
- Favorite Troop 200 event: our Movie Campout held every October because we always have so much fun making movies
- Favorite vacation: Disney World
- Favorite sports team: the Atlanta Falcons
- Favorite movie: Bourne Legacy

- Favorite summer camp: Resica Falls, not only because he worked there over the summer, but the program is great and the staff are even better!
- Scouting goals: to achieve Eagle Scout and become Vigil in the OA
- He is a member of North's varsity track team and the German Club and plays rec soccer in the Spring.



At the end of a typical meeting, the Troop circles up and the SPL leads the Scouts in the closing ceremony.

Adventure is Waiting, Join Us!

It's never too early to start researching Troops to find out which is the best fit for you. Many of our Scouts come from area schools—both public and private—but not all do, some are home schooled. We have Scouts from Annandale, Clinton, Glen Gardner, Hampton, High Bridge, Lebanon and Pittstown as well as the Townships of Clinton, Franklin, Readington and Union.

This year, we have a lot of great things planned. So, if you're looking for a Troop, come check us out! You're welcome to come to any meeting, but there are a few events that are geared towards those looking to learn more about Troop 200. Visit our Facebook page for the most up-to-date info.

Troop 200 2019-2020 Upcoming Events

Sept 23 * Manhunt Monday!

Oct 5-6 * Movie Campout @ Round Valley Youth Center

Oct 7 * Fall Court of Honor

Oct 28 * Reptile Night

Nov 18 * Turkey Bowl 2019

Dec 9 * Roller Skating

Jan 13 * Minute to Win It & indoor snowball fight

Visit our web site and follow us on

social media for more info on events and activities! (see page 1 for details) Click the image below to [view a short Troop 200 video!](#)



What Do You Like About Troop 200?

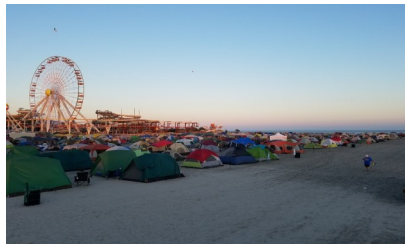
On a recent Merit Badge Monday, the Scouts worked on requirements for the **Communications Merit Badge**, including sharing what they like most about Troop 200:

I really like going to summer camp. Last summer we went to **Resica Falls** in Pennsylvania. I learned a lot, like how to make a campfire and flag etiquette. - Jack

I like the camping trips we go on like **Beach Jam** where we went on roller coasters and the Movie Campout in October when we make our own movies. - John M.

My favorite trip is **By Boot or By Boat** where we either hike or boat to our camp site. BBOBB is a Troop 200 tradition! - Owen

I like our **Iron Chef competition**, you never know what to expect. Last year's secret ingredient was chocolate and this year it was Pringles.



A Troop 200 tradition: we head down to Wildwood for Beach Jam

- John S.

Something I like about Troop 200 is how we have the ability to earn **Merit Badges** every month. A few that we've worked on this year are: Dog Care, Personal Fitness, Kayaking, Camping and Engineering. - Cameron

I like all of the fun and exciting campouts like **Beach Jam**...there are a lot of fun rides and we get to camp on the beach. - Andrew

What was my favorite activity? I liked going to the **Intrepid**...we got to sleep on the ship. - Nick

What I like most about Troop 200 is that it's not very strict. I know some troops have very strict leaders. Our troop is pretty laid back, but the leaders help us **reach our goals**. It's more fun that way, and we still get a lot done! - Ryan S.

As a Webelo I went to the Troop 200 **Movie Campout**. Now, as a Troop 200 Scout, it is still my favorite trip. We went on a hike and made movies. It was really fun and my favorite camping trip yet! - Ian



Troop 200 Scouts playing a life-size game of Foosball at summer camp.