

Scouts BSA Troop 31: Highlights from Oct. 2021 through Nov. 2022

Membership: 18 youth and 8 adult leaders and committee members

Year in Review:

The scouts of Troop 31 have continued to prosper over the past year. While a few scouts have chosen to move on from the troop, we gained four more throughout the year.

Ben Ruyak has served as the Troop 31 Senior Patrol Leader since January 1st and his term will end on December 31, 2022. He has worked with the youth and adult leadership of the Troop to ensure that the scouts are staying active and working towards their advancements.

Three scouts were chosen by the scouts of the troop to be inducted into the Boy Scouts of America's Honor Society, officially called the Order of the Arrow (OA). They participated in a service weekend to complete their membership and will continue to be involved in their 'Lodge' for years to come.

The troop went on a couple of challenging hikes, went to summer camp, had several campouts, and participated in many hours of community service throughout the year. Thirteen scouts attended summer camp at Camp Trexler where they collectively earned about 75 merit badges.

The Troop continues to improve the Quartermaster's Bay in the basement and looks forward to installing shelves into the Troop's trailer so that more gear can be permanently stored on the trailer freeing up room in the basement.

Summary of Activity from October 2021-November 2022:

- Scouting for Food - the troop participated in the annual food drive supporting the Zionsville Area Food Pantry
 - 2021 Collection of about 5,500 pounds of food
 - 2022 Collection of about 3,500 pounds of food
- Continued hosting of the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Kospia Farms
- Various service projects, including:
 - Camp work projects
 - All Things Free Pantry
 - Earth Day events
 - Flight 93 tree work
- 162 hours of community service
- 13 nights of camping
- 12 rank advancements
- 88 merit badges earned

Respectfully submitted,
David Ruyak
Troop 31 Committee Chair