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Troop 246 was busy over the summer! A large number of camping awards and merit badges were awarded during the Court of Honor. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Austin Clark on being awarded his Eagle Scout rank! As you all know, Eagle Scout is the highest rank a Scout can earn. Through his hard work, leadership, and dedication, Austin has earned himself a place among an elite group. Be sure to congratulate Austin and his family!

Troop registration was due on Oct. 1st. Please complete your registration ASAP if you haven't already. Registration is online this year - <http://www.troop246bsa.org/join-troop-246/scout-registration> for scouts and <http://www.troop246bsa.org/join-troop-246/adult-registration> for adults. Registration fees are \$50 for scouts and \$20 for adults. If a Boys Life subscription is desired, the cost for that is \$6. Troop 246 will re-charter this month and only those scouts and adults who have submitted forms and payment will be included. Scouts who have not yet registered will not be eligible to attend campouts/activities from this point forward. Checks should be made payable to Troop 246.

All adult leaders must be up to date with Youth Protection Training in order to be included on the Troop charter. Training is valid for 2 years. We have a number of adult leaders who have expired training, or training that will expire before the end of the year. Please be sure to take the online training and hand in a copy of your completed training with your registration.

Youth Protective Training is available online and free of charge for all adults. You do not need to be registered with the troop. The Committee strongly recommends that all parents take the training so that they are familiar with Boy Scout policies and procedures in place to keep all Scouts safe. To take Youth Protection training go to [MyScouting.org](http://MyScouting.org) and create an account. Note that Troop 246 will be requiring this training of all adults who wish to attend a camping event.

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## This weekend we have three events available for participation and service opportunities -

- **Saturday Nov 10** - Community service for bag drop off for the Scouting for Food. Final details are upcoming, but typically we meet up around 9 AM to get maps, divide up and distribute bags. This is usually able to be completed by 1030 at the latest. This is a very important food drive for our local food pantries with the Holiday season coming up. Many local families in need count on our efforts from this food drive to be able to put meals on the tables for the holidays, so our support for this effort is critical for our community. **Details on time and location to meet pending. Scouts should wear Class Bs.**

- **Saturday Nov 10 from 8:30 to 1 PM** - Community service for assisting with the Elks Basketball Hoops Shoot. **Scouts are also eligible and encouraged to participate in the shoot as well.** The Elks will need 5 or 6 Scouts available to be at the Southern Saratoga County YMCA (near the Clifton Park Mall by Hannaford) to assist with set up and will then be assisting with the shoot starting at 9 AM. Other Scouts who assist with the food drive bag drop off are encouraged to come to the YMCA when you are done and you can assist with the Hoop Shoot, and also are encouraged to shoot yourselves. The winner of the Lodge shoot in each age category are eligible to participate in future District, /state and Regional tournaments as you advance, and continue to participate in the National tournament at the Basketball Hall of Fame if you advance that far. Winners at the National finals get their names inscribed on a plaque at the Basketball hall of fame, with the top shooter being invited to the Elks National Convention in Reno, Nevada next summer. **Scouts should wear Class Bs.**

- **Sunday Nov 11 from 2 to 3 PM** - The town of Clifton Park has requested our Troop to participate in dedication ceremony for the new Veteran's Memorial which is being put in at the Garnsey Park (where Nathan Laing did his Eagle Project). The town is going to have the American Legion present as they are donating flag poles to the memorial, and want our troop to participate in the flag dedication ceremony. A good turnout for this dedication would be great, and tremendously appreciated by the town on behalf of our Veteran's. **Class As should be worn for this dedication ceremony. Plan to be at the Garnsey Park entrance no later than 1:45 PM so we can get ready for the ceremony.**

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- **Friday Nov 16 - 17** - Overnight camping at the Elks Lodge. The troop will be camping overnight at the Lodge Friday night for our November outing. Have dinner before coming over to set up, and we'll have cracker barrel, campfire and other activities Friday night, have breakfast in the morning Saturday, after which we'll go out to collect the food bags for the Jonesville Food Pantry Scouting for Food drive.

- **Saturday Nov 17** - Scouting for Food pick up and food sorting at the Jonesville Food Pantry. After breakfast and clean-up on Saturday AM from the overnight, we'll be leaving from the Elks to go pick up food for delivery to the Jonesville Food Pantry and assist with sorting and stocking shelves. Scouts that have prior commitments and can't stay overnight Friday, should plan to be at the Elks about 9 AM as we will be wrapping up from breakfast and getting ready to head out and collect the food for the pantry.

**Monday, Nov. 19** will be the Holiday Ethnic Dinner for Scouts and leaders. Scouts are asked to bring a dish to share that identifies the Scout's heritage. Main dishes, appetizers, side dishes, and desserts are all welcome. Drinks will be provided. **Scouts should arrive by 6:30 pm.** Prior to dinner, Scouts will participate in a community service activity by signing holiday cards for military personnel overseas.

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** will be our Holiday Bingo and Elections. Please bring a Bingo prize to donate. Prizes can be gift cards to fast food establishments, mini- flashlights, camping gear, toys etc. They are usually in the \$5-\$10 range. Stay tuned for more details regarding this FUN event.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>DECEMBER</b>
5 <sup>TH</sup> IMPORTANT meeting for all scouts and their parents	<b>NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup></b> MEETING @ Elk's 7 P.M.
10 <sup>TH</sup> Scouting for Food Bag Drop Elk's Hoop Shoot at 8:30 - 1:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> MEETING @ ELK'S 7 P.M.
11 <sup>th</sup> Veteran's Memorial Dedication Garnsey Park 1:45-3	10 <sup>TH</sup> MEETING @ Elk's 7 p.m.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> NO MEETING</b> <b>HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY!!!!</b>	17 <sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY BINGO 6:30 P.M. @ Elk's
16-17 <sup>th</sup> Scout Overnight at Elk's Lodge	<b>24-31 HOLIDAY BREAK</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Scouting For Food Pick Up 9:00 Elk's	<b>JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup></b> MEETING @ Elk's 7 p.m.
19 <sup>th</sup> Ethnic Dinner and Military card signing 6:30	

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PLEASE check the troop website [www.troop246bsa.org](http://www.troop246bsa.org) for more detailed information.

Meetings take place at the Clifton Park Elk's Lodge #2466  
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