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Boy Scout Troop 32

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Boy Scout Troop 32 was founded in 1924 and is still going strong today some, 85+ years later. There are not many other troops in the country that can make that claim!

The troop meets every Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Temple Beth El auditorium. The temple is located at: 979 Dickinson Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

The weekly meetings are scout led. That means the Senior Patrol Leader plans the events for each week. Some activities are: merit badge classes, planning campouts, planning the menu for campouts, playing games, listening to a guest speaker and other fun things.

Each scout works on advancement, starting as a Scout and working towards Eagle, which is everyone's goal. Thru merit badge classes, weekly meeting studies, and more, advancement takes place. During the year special merit badge classes are held. It is always fun learning about photography, aviation, fishing, radio, weather and many, many other subjects. Some of the merit badges are for fun and some go as credit towards becoming an Eagle scout.

During the year, the scouts go on many camping trips. Some of the recent trips and activities are:

- White water rafting
- Historic Gettysburg
- Philadelphia, PA & Haunted Fort Mifflin
- Cross Country & Downhill Skiing
- Placed flags on Veterans Graves
- Newport Mansions, Cliff Walk and Fort Adams
- Hiking the Freedom Trail & Bunker Hill in Boston
- Walden Pond & Battle Trail in Concord
- Battenkill Campout & 13 mile canoe trip
- Annual Klondike Derby

One of the most anticipated events that happens every year is Destination Unknown. DU as it is also called was originated in this troop and continues to be a tradition. DU is planned by the Troop 32 leaders and the scouts are kept in secret. They just are told it's camping and fun, but not where. Scouts show up on the day of the trip, load their stuff into the troop trailer and off they go—Destination Unknown.

Some past DU trips:

- Fort Stanwix & the Erie Canal Bike trail (biking)
- Gettysburg
- Niagara Falls
- Ithaca & Watkins Glen Gorge in NY
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- Cape Cod & the Rail Trail biking
- Historic Forts of Southern CT

During April school vacation, it is common for the troop to take a 4 day to week long trip somewhere. Just last year the troop went to Cape Cod. They started earning their cycling merit badge by biking the Cape Cod Rail Trail & Canal Bike Path, earned their 50-Miler Patch, a whale watch, a Haunted tour of Old Barnstable Village, had a guided hike of Truro, played beach football, hiked around the salt pond, Visit our web site for more information and lots of pictures.

The goal of every scout is to earn the rank of Eagle. Troop 32 has become the Troop of choice for scouts wanting to become Eagle. In the past 3 years, 18 troop members have become Eagle. We are all very proud of them!

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