

# TROOP 4045 NEWSLETTER

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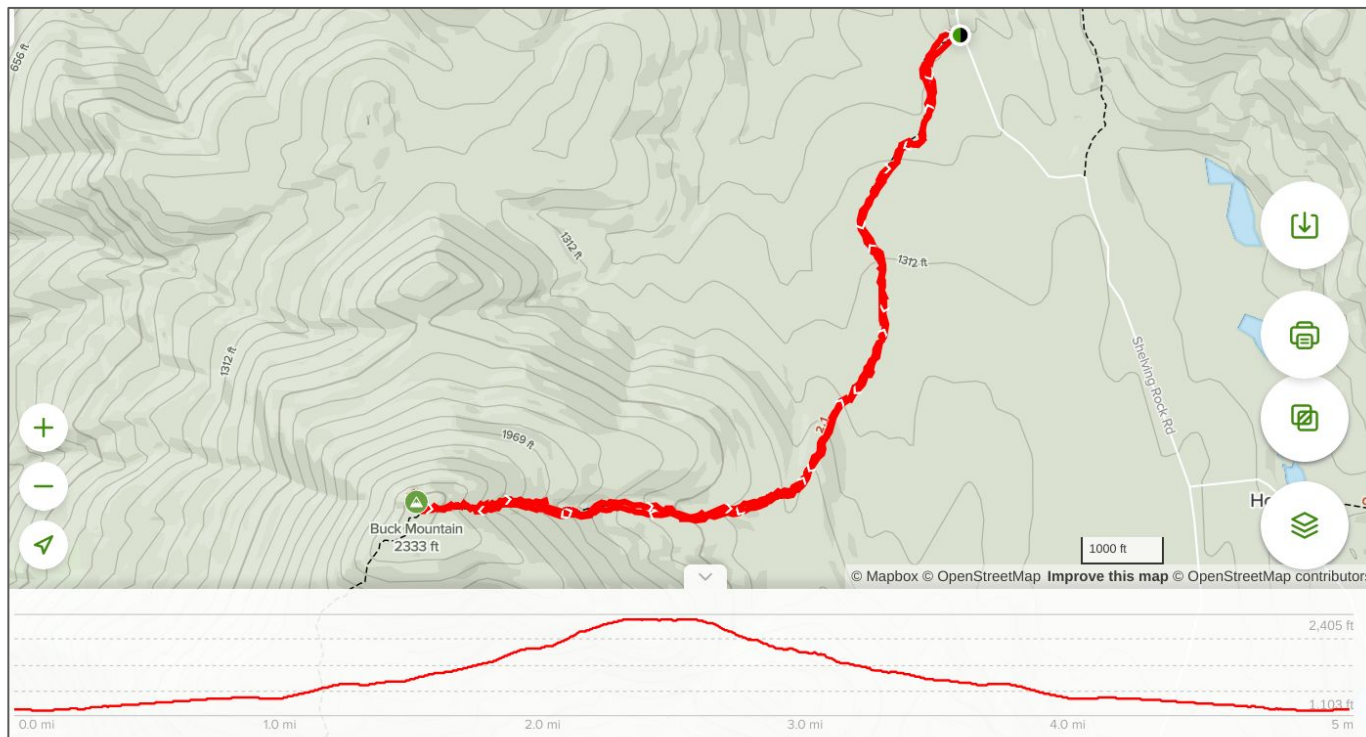
**Hello Troop 45!** The Troop 4045 newsletter is making a return after several years in hibernation! We will try to put this out on a regular basis.. To do that we will need to have many contributors (both scouts and adults), so please think of ways that you might add to it to make it useful and fun. As always, please stay tuned to periodic e-mails and [troop4045.org](http://troop4045.org) for ongoing updates and important information. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions. Thanks!

**April Campout** The weekend of April 23rd we will be staying at Camp Wakpominee. We will leave Friday night and return Sunday afternoon. On Saturday we will hike Buck Mountain from Shelving Rock Road. The hike is a moderate climb and 5.1 miles roundtrip. Do you need a hike with a 1000'+ elevation gain for Camping merit badge? This qualifies! The view from the top of Buck Mountain is beautiful and a great place to eat lunch. Be sure to wear broken-in hiking boots/shoes that fit well. The trail may be muddy in spots so be prepared. As always, this outing is a great opportunity to work on advancement. Here are a few requirements to consider:

**Tenderfoot** 1a-1c, 2a-2c

**Second Class** 1c, 2c-2d, 3b, 4

**First Class** 5a-5d



## Upcoming Events

Wed 3/31	Troop Meeting
Wed 4/7	Advancement Meeting (optional)
Sat 4/10	Lawnmower Tuneup and Shed Cleaning (Cemetery)
Sun 4/11	Pack 43 AOL Crossover (Leadership Scouts)
Wed 4/14	Troop Meeting
Sat 4/17	SUMC Spring Cleanup
Sun 4/18	PLC Meeting
Tue 4/20	Committee Meeting
Wed 4/21	Troop Meeting
Fri 4/23 - Sun 4/25	Buck Mt Hike and Campout
Wed 4/28	Troop Meeting
Go to <a href="http://troop4045.org">troop4045.org</a> for more info	
Class A Uniform Event	
Class B Uniform Event	

## Troop 45 Key Leaders

Senior Patrol Leader: Christian Blood  
Scoutmaster: Matt Baker  
Committee Chair: Paul Quail  
Charter Organization Rep: Andrew Casucci



## Scoutmaster Notes

**IT'S MOWING SEASON** Mr. Woodry would like to remind everyone that it's time to get ready to begin mowing SUMC's cemetery again. All scouts are allowed to operate mowers with parent permission and presence at our mowings. Watch for signup sheets in the coming weeks. First we need to tune up the mowers and clean up the shed on April 10th. See Mr. Woodry's email for the sign up link.

**MEDICAL FORMS UPDATE** E-mails were sent to all parents this past week with reminders to get your scout medical forms updated if they are more than a year old. Forms A and B1-B2 are needed for all activities, while Form C will be needed for summer camp. Form C requires a doctor's signature. Any adults attending camp will also need Forms A and B1-B2. If staying more than 72 hours then Form C will also be needed.

**COMMANDO ROPE KNOT-TYING AWARD** Our streak of no scout earning the Commando Rope Knot-Tying Award continues! It has been several years. Do you have what it takes? A checklist of the knots, lashings, or splices that you need to know can be found on the troop website. Ask Mr. Hodder for more info!

**SUMMER CAMP MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES** The summer camp planning guide (linked on troop4045.org) lists many of the badges that will probably be available at camp, some of which have prerequisites.. Make sure you arrive prepared!

## Committee Corner

**HELP WANTED** The need for additional parent volunteers has risen as the troop grows and as older scouts reach the age of 18 and leave the troop. We are currently in need of parents to join the Troop Committee. The Troop Committee is a cross between a board of directors and a parent support group. It sets troop policies and handles administrative functions, allowing the scoutmasters to focus on working directly with the scout. Please reach out to Paul Quail if you would like to have more of a voice in the troop, want to help improve the troop, or simply are able to give a little time to help with functions like fundraisers!

**SCOUT DROPOFF/PICKUP REMINDER** Per Troop and SUMC policy, please be sure to come inside SUMC for dropoff and pickup. Please be present for the last ten minutes of each meeting to listen for important announcements

## TREASURER TIME!

**Summer camp balances** are due no later than May 15th. Please bring your payment to the May 10th troop meeting or sooner.

**Would your scout like to raise funds for camp?** Discount Camp Cards are available from Twin Rivers Council. \$5 is earned towards camp tuition for each one sold.

**A reminder that campout fees are \$25 per scout.** Adults and adult leaders are no charge. Please bring the payment to the troop meeting prior to the campout along with your scout's permission slip.

## Eagle Nest

### Sea Base 2021

Max and Mr Szczesny are headed to Florida this week for Sea Base. Have fun guys!

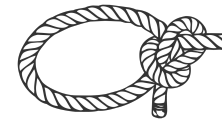
### Eagle Projects Underway

Three of our scouts have entered the planning stages of their Eagle service projects. Stay tuned for news from these scouts as they ask for your help to complete the work.

**Christian Blood** Hayes Nature Park Improvements

**Alex Quail** Coburg Village Gardening Area Improvements

**William Metzler** Building Picnic Tables for a Non-Profit Organization



**DID YOU KNOW?** Twelve people have walked on the moon. Eleven of them were scouts. The first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, was an Eagle Scout.

### CAMPING HACKS

**Prepare some of your camping food ahead of time** for less mess and to save time in camp! Having scrambled eggs or pancakes? Bring the pre-scrambled eggs or pancake batter in a squeezable plastic bottle.

**Save pack space** by using a sleeping bag sack or a pillowcase filled with your clothes as a pillow.

**Doritos, Fritos, and potato chips** can be used as firestarters if necessary. The oils and fats in these chips will cause them to burn if you are desperate and having trouble starting your fire.

**Carry a small pencil sharpener** with your firestarters. Use it on small pencil-sized sticks. The shavings make great tinder!