

BSA Troop 29
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Indiana, PA 15701

2009 Annual Report

January – Held regular troop/patrol meetings.

February – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Served coffee for Scout Sunday at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Held annual Troop-o-ree Dinner and Court of Honor. Put on a rope and basket making demonstration for the annual Scout Mall Show at the Indiana Mall. Participated in the Klondike Derby at Camp Seph Mack. Bridged 4 boys from Cub Scout Pack 25 in to Troop 29.

March – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Bridged 10 boys from Cub Scout Pack 29 in to Troop 29. Conducted annual New Scout Campout at Shelocta Sportsman's Club including boys from Troop 24 in Homer City.

April – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Conducted Youth Protection Training for both boys and adults. Conducted a target shooting practice at Camp Seph Mack in preparation of the 100th Anniversary Council Camporee. Had three adult leaders attend the Wood Badge advanced training course. Participated in the 100th Anniversary Council Camporee at Camp Seph Mack.

May – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Conducted annual swim test in preparation for summer camp. As a community service project, placed flags on veterans' graves at St. Bernard's Cemetery. Assisted in a Red Cross blood drive by making phone calls and providing volunteers on the day of the event.

June – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Twenty-four boys and six adults attended a weeklong summer camp at Camp Seph Mack. The boys earned a total of 85 merit badges.

July – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Conducted a scout/family weekend camping trip to Rickett's Glenn State Park with ten scouts attending.

August – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Held annual picnic and Court of Honor at Shelocta Sportsmen Club. Manned the dunk tank at the Indiana County Fair as one of the annual troop fundraisers. Held a combined campout with Troop 217, Johnstown, PA. Participated in the Boy Scout annual popcorn fundraiser.

September – Held regular troop/patrol meetings.

October – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Participated in the Chestnut Ridge District Fall Camporee at Camp Seph Mack.

November – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in Indiana. Participated in bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

December – Held regular troop/patrol meetings. Made phone calls and provided volunteers for the Red Cross Blood Drive held at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Boy Scout Troop 29 rechartered 31 boys and 34 adults with Calvary Presbyterian Church. This the 60th consecutive year that the church has sponsored the Troop's charter. The Troop received the Century Quality Unit Award for 2009.

2010 Goals.

- Maintain enrollment in the Boy Scout Program at or above current levels.
- Continue to work with and improve relationship with Cub Scout Pack 29.
- Earn the Century Quality Unit Award for 2010.
- Provide at least one outdoor activity per month.
- Assist the annual Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Calvary Presbyterian Church.
- Maintain the number of rank advancements at BSA National levels.
- Transition 90% of Webelos from Cub Scout Pack 29.
- Maintain the percentage of boys attending summer camp.
- 100% trained leaders.
- Add new and diverse activities for the scouts of Troop 29.

Two boys advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout in 2009 – Daniel Maharaj and Derek Shick. It has been another event-filled year for Troop 29 as we continue to provide an active and well rounded scouting program for the boys. At the end of 2009, Don Shick stepped down as Scoutmaster after five years in that position. He is staying on with the troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster as Rob Snyder begins his term as Scoutmaster. For 2010, we are planning to add more outdoor activities as well as educational and entertainment opportunities for the scouts. This is a special year for the troop as we are celebrating our 60th year of continuous rechartering and Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Along with numerous other activities planned for the year, the troop will be attending a regional camporee, Campaganza, to be held at Moraine State Park in September. This event is being held to mark the 100th anniversary of Scouting in America and will bring together scouts from across four states. It promises to be a highlight event for many scouts and leaders. Also, the troop will return to Gettysburg National Military Park in July for a weekend camping trip. Troop 29 would like to thank Calvary Presbyterian Church for its continued support and for providing us with such an exceptional place to meet.