



# The Quill



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Palm Harbor, FL

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TROOP 475 MONTHLY COMMUNICATION

## Up Coming Events

### October

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE Oct 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
	● 7pm Troop Elections – At regular Mc				6pm OA Fall Weekend 6pm Aqua Academy	
6 6pm OA Fall Weekend 6pm Aqua Academy	7 ● 7pm PLC Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 ● 7pm Troop Semi-Annual Court of Ho	15	16	17	18	19 ● 11am Lance William's Eagle Court of
20	21 ● 7pm Troop Meeting – Knot-master	22	23	24	25	26 ● 9am Jackson Boltz Rain Garden wor
27	28 ● 7pm Troop Meeting – Packing	29	30	31	Nov 1	2 ● 8am 2019 Fall Merit Badge Academy

## November

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Nov 1	SAT 2
	● 7pm Troop Meeting – Packing					● 8am 2019 Fall Merit Badge Academy
3	● 7pm Troop Meeting – Fingerprinting	5	6	7	8	● 10am JR Kenda COH
10	● 7pm Troop Meeting – Pioneering	12	● 7pm Miccosukee District Roundtable	● 7pm Troop Adult Committee Meeting	● 6pm Mutual Mine Campout- November	
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● 1pm Scouting For Food	● 7pm Troop Meeting – ?	26	27	28	29	30



**Future dates to add to your calendars.**

Dec 27-31 <sup>st</sup> . Winte camp - Shands	Jan 17-19 <sup>th</sup> , 20202 Brooksville Raid camp - Sandhill
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> Crossover camp – Brorein	Mar 27-29 <sup>th</sup> Crooked River camp
April 24-26 <sup>th</sup> Wekiwa Springs camp	

## Serving Scouts

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, several scouts worked giving back to our charter organization, Lutheran Church-Resurrection (LCR). As the Troop has committed to 4 service days per year at LCR. The boys worked extremely hard, steam cleaning and repair the bottom pieces of the chairs in the fellowship hall that we use weekly.

As these young men always do with a service project that they accept. They went all out to ensure the job was done and maintained the reputation of Troop 475 by doing an excellent job. Thank you Scouts!



Please know that there is a closed group on Facebook, where ASM typically post new pictures and updates during camp outs. News articles and anything that could be good information related to scouting. Find us on Facebook searching for Troop 475-Palm Harbor FL. Like us and ask to join the group.

## Eagle Scout Event:



OCT 26 Lake Tarpon Planting- Eagle Scout Event: Troop 475

Come out to help Jackson Boltz with his eagle scout project. We will be planting in pre-dug holes. Please wear clothes that can get dirty or wet, wear a hat, and sunscreen. We will be having music, snow cones and food provided.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CA5AD29A3F85-jackson>

## Aqua Academy

Members of the Troop went to the Aqua Acedamy camp at Flaming Arrow during the first part of Oct. Some the boys earned their Kayaking, Canoing, Swimming, Lifesavings and other merit badges during this event. It was a fun filled



weekend.

## Adult Training



It is that time of the year again to concentrate on our Adult training. The triangle for a successful Troop program depends on the trained leaders. Get informed today!



Stay current with Hazardous Weather Training, the new course (SCO\_800). New changes with the course, it now has a limited life span just like the YPT and will have to be taken every 2 years. The course is available for you to take at any time but is a required course to achieve position trained status as a trained leader. It is recommended that you take the course before an outdoor activity. Visit [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org) for the test.

**YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING... is MANDATORY for all BSA Registered and Non-Registered Adult Leaders... REQUIRED for all Adult Volunteers and Parents directly participating, in any capacity, with youth members of the scouting unit... and STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for all others involved directly or indirectly within the BSA Program... Please contact Paul Hess – Troop Adult Trainer**



# Thank you Mr. Harry Betz!



I don't know if Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell had Harry Betz in mind when he imagined what a Scoutmaster should be. I'm pretty sure Baden-Powell's first rule of Scouting was nothing like our Harry's. But that's exactly what I admire in Harry Betz. He leads like no other I have ever known. He gives our boys room to make mistakes, to learn, and to grow into young men. He knows how to nudge them in the right direction, and when to kick them in the pants. Few leaders have his amazing calm in the face of much chaos that only teenage boys can create.

If you've ever been camping with Troop 475, you know how Harry commands the campfire with both wisdom and wit. Sitting up late around the fire listening to Harry stories will be one the things I will miss most as this chapter in Scouting closes.

I am forever proud to say my sons experienced Scouting under his watch. I will repeat these words to them for years to come: "Remember Rule No. 1." And I don't have to remind them what that means; Harry Betz has done that for me. - Rich Kenda



We all have abundant reasons to be proud of our Troop. From the parents and families, to the leadership, to the boys, Troop 475 excels in many ways that others do not.

For over a decade, that success is due to the leadership of Scoutmaster Harry Betz. He has reset the standard within our charter for what a Scoutmaster is and should be. The

amount of his sacrifice on our behalf is unmeasurable whether it be: vacation days, training days, personal treasure, dad/uncle by proxy, or the favor of Tina.

His competence and passion for Scouting are unparalleled as demonstrated at our unit, the district, and the council.

Unit Leader Award of Merit - 2nd Award 2019 (Scoutmaster)

Unit Leader Award of Merit - 1st Award 2014 (Cubmaster)

District Award of Merit - 2015

The Silver Beaver Award - 2019

Amongst many others... Along with the gratitude from his faithful Troop.

As announced at our Troop fall Court of Honor, Mr. Betz is moving into Scouting semi-retirement. He will continue to serve as Troop Eagle Mentor replacing Mr. Kenda, and always as Scoutmaster Emeritus, Troop 475.

Harry, on behalf of your ASM corps and the Troop Committee, kudos and congrats on a job well-done. – Scott Boltz



I was always one that believed in the scout program and wanted my son to be apart of it. When I met Mr. Betz during an open house listening to him talk about the scouting program. Okay he is a little deeper than I am with it, let's give this group a try. After the many years being around Mr. Betz, I know for a fact that he is a lot deeper than I am and it is turning out to be a good thing. Because Mr. Betz understands that it is about developing boys into productive and involved Men.

Mr. Betz keeps the learning activities fun and interesting for the boys (and the Adults). He is not only affecting the boys now, but for years to come. That is a legacy and Mr. Betz has certainly built a legacy with the pack and troop or anyone that he meets. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the Scouting program. Parents and Adult leaders extremely appreciate your service and care for our future leaders. – Bill Davis



I strongly believe in Scouting.... It's a  
source of great strength to us.

— *John F. Kennedy* —

## Newsletter comments

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