



# TROOP 146

## NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NOVEMBER 1 @ 9:30** - ZACH PHILLIPS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT- MEETING AT THE 29<sup>TH</sup> ST TRAILHEAD (WATERFALL CANYON TRAIL)
- **NOVEMBER 1** - JERKY SALES - SEE SIGN UP GENIUS FOR OPEN SLOTS
- **NOVEMBER 3 @ 6:30-8:00PM** - TROOP MTG\*
- **NOVEMBER 7-9** - ANTELOPE ISLAND CAMPOUT - AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT WITH MORE DETAILS
- **NOVEMBER 10 @ 6:30-8:00PM** - TROOP MTG\*
- **NOVEMBER 15** - WREATH SALES- SEE SIGN UP GENIUS FOR OPEN SLOTS
- **NOVEMBER 17 @ 6:30-8:00PM** - TROOP MTG\*
- **NOVEMBER 17 @ 6:30-8:00PM** - PARENT MEETING
- **NOVEMBER 22** - WREATH SALES- SEE SIGN UP GENIUS FOR OPEN SLOTS
- **NOVEMBER 24** - NO SCOUTS- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

\*PLEASE REFER TO THE TROOP WEBSITE FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON TROOP ACTIVITIES AND SCHEDULING [WHCTROOP146.ORG](http://WHCTROOP146.ORG)

### TROOP 146 PARENT MEETING: DON'T MISS OUT ON AN EPIC SUMMER FOR YOUR SCOUT

Fellow parents of Troop 146, get ready to come and plan with us! As the crisp fall air settles over Ogden, our troop is buzzing with anticipation for what's next. Mark your calendars for a can't-miss Parent Meeting on Monday, November 17, kicking off right alongside our regular troop gathering from 6:30-8:00 PM at Washington Heights Church.

We'll reveal details on a truly epic, once-in-a-lifetime high adventure opportunity for the boys next summer—one that's rare, transformative, and packed with challenges they'll conquer together. Spots are limited, and this isn't something that comes around often; it's the kind of experience Scouts dream about and remember forever. Your feedback will be invaluable in shaping it to ensure every boy can seize this extraordinary chance.

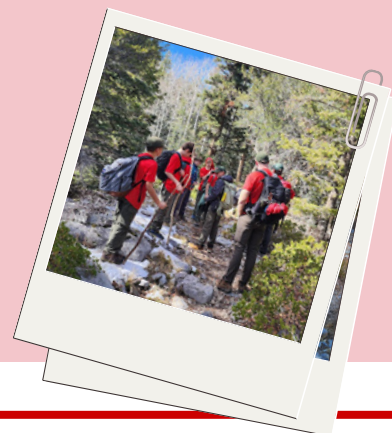
There will also be time for discussion on the 2026 activity schedule.

We value your insights and encourage you to attend!

Details at a Glance:

- **Date & Time:** Monday, November 17, 6:30-8:00 PM
- **Location:** Washington Heights Church, Ogden, Utah

We appreciate your involvement in unlocking these game-changing opportunities for Troop 146. Feel free to reach out with any questions.





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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Antelope Island Edition

ATTENTION ALL TRAIL BOSSES! ANTELOPE ISLAND IS YOUR TICKET TO BADGES, BEASTS, AND BLASTS. HERE'S THE SCOUT-SLIMMED SCOOP TO AMP UP YOUR CAMPOUT:

-  **Bison Herd Heroes:** From 12 starters in 1893 to 500+ roamers—spot 'em on hikes for Wildlife badge gold.
-  **Pronghorn Speedsters:** Fake "antelopes" that sprint 60 mph.; track 'em for that Tracking patch.
-  **Ancient Rock Quest:** Older than dino bones. Geology badge alert—hike Frary Peak (6,596 ft) for epic views and fossil hunts.
-  **Land Bridge Magic:** Lake drops? Island links to mainland like a puzzle piece. Causeway trek nails your 5-miler for Hiking merit.
-  **Bighorn Bounce-Back:** '90s reintro from Nevada—now cliff-jumping stars. This "nursery herd" is saving their species.
-  **Bird Invasion Party:** Millions migrate in spring—Bird Festival for Nature badge sketches and feathered frenzy fun.
-  **Starry Scout Sky:** Zero lights = Astronomy dream. Constellate from camp for Sky is the Limit adventures under the Milky Way.

## SADDLE UP FOR FUN: TROOP 146'S ANNUAL ANTELOPE ISLAND ADVENTURE!

Get ready for our beloved annual Antelope Island campout, firing up November 7-9, 2025! This Great Salt Lake island is a playground of roaming bison, killer sunsets, and trails that deliver big views and bigger thrills. It's our go-to spot to ditch the daily grind for campfire stories, scout skills, and unbreakable bonds.

First up: the boys take charge of plotting 2026's camping lineup. Dream big and share your ideas – epic spots, merit badge quests, and outings from backpack treks to fishing fests. Your wild ideas could lock in our next big wins!

The real fireworks? Our Annual Cook-Off! Scouts go all-in, crafting camp grub on stoves and Dutch ovens – think foil-pack fajitas, melty skillet pies, and desserts that steal the show. The "Old Goats" (our wisecracking adult crew) judge with flair and heaps of hilarious commentary. The ultimate prize? A deluxe trail dinner with the "Old Goats" – and trust us, you don't want to miss eating with the Goats, because those guys eat really well on campouts, rolling out sizzling steaks and gourmet trail treats that'll make your mouth water! Last year's cooking chaos was epic – ready to crank up the flavor and snag that seat at the feast?

Along with the planning and cooking, we'll hit the trails for hikes across grassy hills and salty shores, spotting pronghorn and soaking in the epic vistas. From new Tenderfoots to veteran Eagles, expect fellowship, new skills, and memories that'll last.

Pack your packs and rally the crew – Antelope Island is calling for Troop 146 magic!  
See you 'round the fire!







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## GREAT BASIN GLORY: TROOP 146'S LATEST CAMPOUT EPIC HITS THE TRAILBLAZERS' HALL OF FAME!

BY SCOUTMASTER AARON CLOUGH

Our troop just wrapped up an incredible three-night adventure at Great Basin National Park and I couldn't be prouder of our Scouts. The trip was a perfect mix of challenge, discovery, and the kind of camaraderie that reminds you why Scouting matters.

We camped beneath some of the most breathtaking stars. The boys worked efficiently, setting up tents, organizing the cooking area before settling in for a well-earned rest.

Friday's hike took us up the Bristlecone Pine Trail, where we encountered some of the oldest living trees on Earth. We were all fascinated by the twisted, timeworn trunks and the idea that these trees have stood for thousands of years. It sparked some great conversations about endurance, patience, and all the history that has passed during these trees' lifespan. We hiked more than 10 miles, several of them through fresh snow but the scouts and leaders persevered.

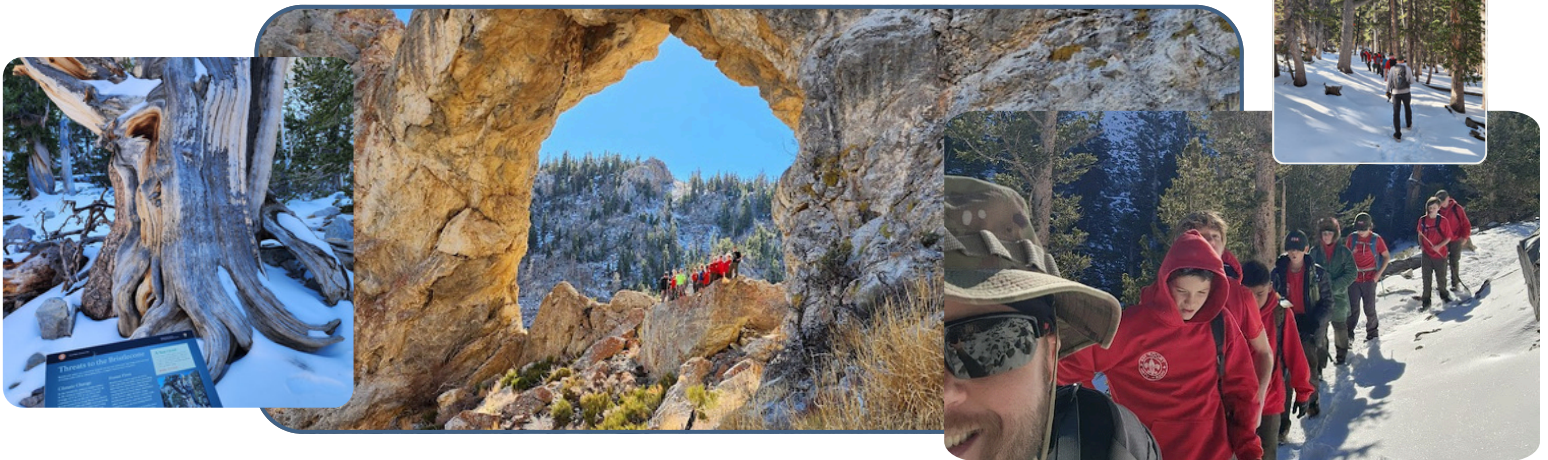
Saturday's trek was to Lexington Arch. The scouts were tired and sore from the day before but were all up for the challenge. The hike was shorter yet still challenging with several switchbacks and elevation gain but the payoff was worth every step. Standing beneath the massive stone arch, we were all in awe of nature's scale and beauty. We stopped and ate lunch under the arch, took time for photos, and admired the view of the valley we had hiked through before heading back.

Evenings were spent around campfires eating smores and taking in the stars. The patrols handled meals impressively, demonstrating solid planning and teamwork. Not a single complaint about sore feet, cooking or cleaning duty!

By Sunday morning, we packed up camp tired but fulfilled. The Scouts left the site cleaner than we found it, and we headed home with a renewed respect for the natural world and for one another.

Overall, this trip to Great Basin was one of the most impressive outings we've had in recent years — challenging, beautiful, and deeply rewarding. The Scouts grew in confidence and leadership, and we all came home reminded that adventure and growth often happen on the same trail.

- Scoutmaster Aaron Clough





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## THORNS & ROSES: HIKING TRAILS, ARCHES AWE, AND EPIC MISHAPS AT GREAT BASIN

Capping off our Great Basin getaway, Troop 146 scouts huddled for the time-honored "Thorns and Roses" debrief. This classic scout ritual invites everyone to dish a "rose" (their standout thrill or fave flashback) and a "thorn" (that gritty challenge or bumpy bit). It's the perfect patrol powwow to cheer the wins, unpack the stumbles, and forge even stronger bonds! Here's the straight scoop from our squad...

Hiking  
Parker's farts

-Mack

Everything  
Socks getting wet &  
Parker's farts

-Josiah

Bristlecone Hike  
Everyone smelled

-Athan

Hikes & Food  
Hurt ankle & Parker's  
farts

-Elijah

Hiking, food, & the  
stars

-Mr. Ballard

Beautiful Scenery  
Parker's Farts

-Henry

Off-roading with  
Hunter and Josiah in  
the back of the van

-Parker

Food, seeing all the stars,  
& off-roading  
Gained 3lbs & the smell in  
the van

-Mr Clough

Bristlecone Pines  
Cold

-Mr. Kirkland

Hikes, Food, & Van Ride  
Hurting my hip &  
Josiah's bad luck charm

-Gavin

Hiking to the arch &  
Henry eating eggs

-Mr. Leonard

■ Rose

■ Thorn





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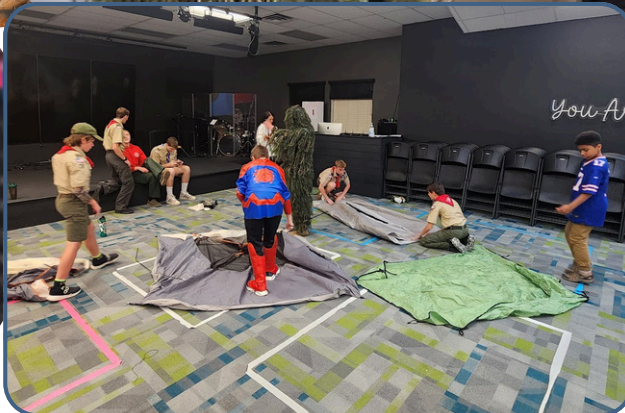
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## Fall Fun and Badge Blast: Troop 146's Party Packs a Punch!

Who says camping skills can't go Halloween? Our Fall party was a smash, fusing Camping Merit Badge work with grin-inducing games!

Boys in mixed teams raced to pitch tents, crushed camping Jeopardy trivia, practiced fire-starting with safe minis (no real flames), and tackled compass quests like pros.

Goopy pizza, cupcakes, and cookies powered a night of laughs, lessons, and teamwork!







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## Step Up and Vote: Troop 146's November Leadership Elections!

November brings our annual Troop Leadership Elections. This is your chance to pick leaders who'll guide our 2026 adventures – from campouts to badge hunts.

We're electing key roles like:

Senior Patrol Leader: Leads the troop and plans the fun.

Patrol Leaders: Leads individual patrols.

Webmaster: Manages and updates the website.

Quartermaster: Manages our gear like a pro.

Scribe: Keeps the stories and records straight.

Troop Guide: Mentors the new scouts.

(Plus more – see below)

Voting is done by secret ballot, fair and fun.

Serving in a scout leadership role takes real time and heart – think weekly troop meetings, planning patrols, and pitching in on campouts to keep the troop's adventures rolling strong. It's not always easy, with prep work and stepping up when things get tough, but that's what builds your grit and turns challenges into triumphs. If you're ready to invest that dedication, you'll not only lead our crew but grow into a scout who inspires everyone around you!

From wide-eyed Tenderfoots to battle-tested Eagles, **this is your troop – own it!** Let's elect rockstars for an epic next term.

## Troop 146 Elected Positions

Please see Mr. Clough, Mr. Ballard, or any of your assistant scoutmasters with any questions before election night.

**Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)**– The troop's top leader! You run meetings, help the Patrol Leaders plan stuff, pick other leaders, and team up with the Scoutmaster for cool trips. Get everyone pumped and live the Scout Oath – like being the captain of our adventure team!

**Patrol Leader**– Your patrol's team captain! Lead your group's meetings, hand out jobs, speak up at big leader talks, and keep everyone excited. Use what your patrol's good at, share news, and tackle tough spots – help your buddies win together!

**Chaplain**– The friend who adds heart to our fun! Says prayers, give thanks at meals, and lead camp talks about faith. Share info on religious awards and special days. Make every meet-up feel like a cozy campfire with good vibes.

**Scribe**– The note-taker and story boss! Write down what happens at leader meetings, keep track of who's there, dues, and badge progress, and send emails. Save our fun memories – like being the detective who keeps all our cool stories safe!

**Webmaster**– The online adventure maker! Keep our troop website fresh with trip news, photos, and happy Scouting stuff. Team up with the Scribe to share updates. It's like our troop's big digital campfire – connect everyone, even if they're far away!

**Quartermaster**– The gear superhero! Check our tents and tools, fix what's broken, get back borrowed stuff, and suggest new gear. Keep everything organized and ready to grab. You're the secret helper who makes sure our campsites rock every time!

**Troop Guide**– The new scout buddy! Say hi to fresh Scouts, help their patrol leader, teach easy skills, and stop any mean jokes while they aim for First Class. Join leader talks, run practice sessions, and cheer them on – like being an awesome big brother on the trail!

**Librarian**– The book and info expert! Take care of our merit badge books, notebooks, and Scout guides; run a borrow system and find lost ones. Make it super easy to grab at meetings – you're the troop's smart helper for chasing those badges!

**Outdoor Ethics Guide**– The nature protector! Learn and teach Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! rules, check trip plans to keep things clean, and show Scouts how to make good choices (it helps with ranks!). Talk after trips to make our mark small – like a trail ranger keeping the wild super cool.

**Bugler**– The music starter! Play the bugle for wake-up (reveille), lights out (taps), and special events at camp. Practice at meetings. Add that fun Scouting sound to our gatherings – turn boring roll calls into exciting, magical moments!

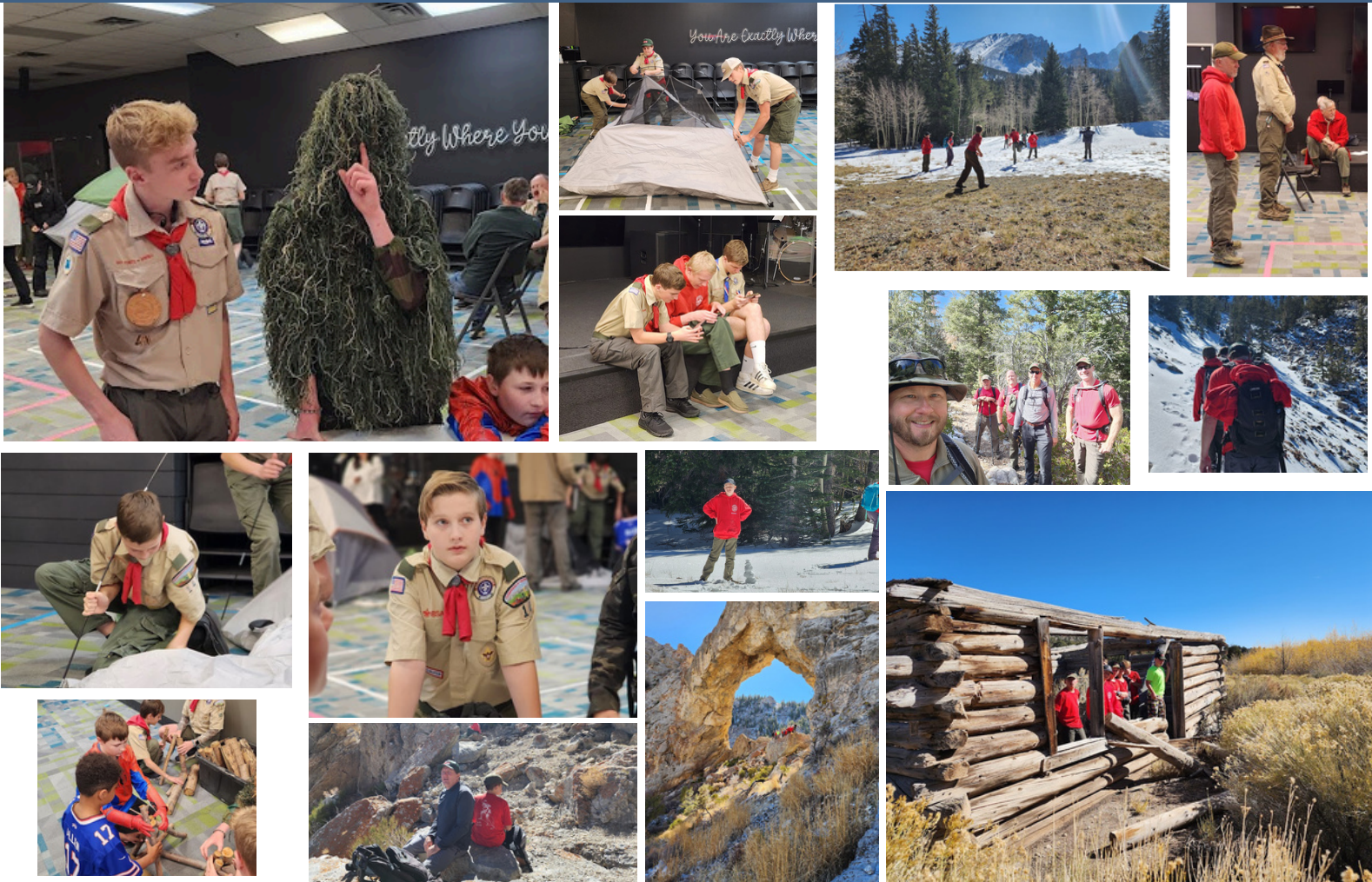






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## October Overload: Troop 146's Trailblazing Month of Mayhem and Merit!

October zipped by like a pronghorn sprint—blame our scout-packed schedule! We crammed in epic weekly meetings: menu dreaming, gear deep-cleans, leadership election prep, and 2026 camp brainstorming, all laced with high-fives and fun.

The Great Basin campout at Wheeler Peak was a trail-blazing triumph—patrols hiked rugged paths, summited for stunning views, and bonded over campfires, stargazing, and survival skills. Props to the fire masters who kept us warm under Nevada stars!

Our Halloween/Fall bash turned Camping Merit Badge practice into party mode: tent races, Jeopardy trivia, mini fire builds, compass challenges, and vanishing pizza feasts.

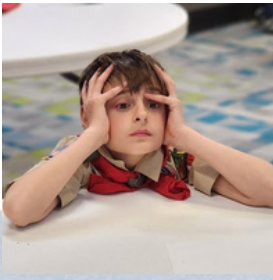
October: Total win for Troop 146's adventure spirit! November brings elections and Antelope Island—who's stepping up to lead?





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## October MEMORIES

