

Scouting America Troop 1345 May 2026 Update

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Troop 1345 has had a blast jumping into May! Scouts worked to earn their Communication Merit Badge, had a great time caving in Laurel Caverns and demonstrated leadership during the Spring election.

Eagle, Here We Come!

To become an Eagle Scout, scouts have to earn at least 21 merit badges. Seven of the badges you get to choose while the other 14 are Scouting and Life Skills like cooking, camping, and first aid. In the month of May, Troop 1345 decided to work on the Communication Merit Badge. This is arguably one of the hardest merit badges a scout has to complete in order to get Eagle. Scouts have to present a 5-minute speech, attend a public meeting, and serve as master of ceremonies for a campout or court of honor. Even though the badge may seem tiring and daunting it is a very important skill needed for school, work, and life.

Going Underground

Every month our troop does a unique campout that fits a different theme. For the month of May this year our troop decided to go to Laurel Caverns in Pennsylvania. The trip was split into two different groups. Group one, did the tour and crawl excursion where they crawled through the sandy cave and passages of Cale's Canyon. Group two, the older and more experienced scouts did the introduction to caving where they climbed down steep passages and faced many challenges. No matter what course they chose, all scouts had fun and came home with a smile.



Elections



Elections are a very important aspect to scouting. Here we elect scouts who will lead and guide the younger scouts through the next six months. One of these important roles is Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The SPL is the scout who plans, leads, and guides the entire troop with his assistant and cabinet until his term is done. After being elected, like the president the SPL gets to choose who is in their cabinet which consists of roles like: outdoor ethics guide, scribe, historian, bugler, etc. So as you can see elections can be very important especially for later ranks where leadership positions are required.

Overall, Troop 1345 had a great month of May weather that was learning how to effectively communicate, exploring caves, or electing new leaders, May was filled with fun. Thank you for reading this article! Have a great summer!

Burke Troop 1345 is three troops in one: Boys Troop, Girls Troop, and Venture Crew.

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