



Troop 61 Newsletter

February 2013



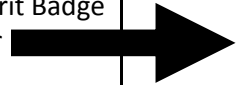
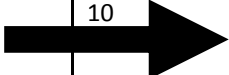
**HOW DID SHE TURN
THE SPOON**



INTO AN AIRPLANE?

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3 PLC Meeting Super Bowl	4 Meeting	5	6	7	8	9 Merit Badge Fair
10	11 Meeting	12 Mardi Gras	13 Ash Wednesday	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents Day Meeting	19	20 Committee Meeting	21	22	23
24 Purim	25 Meeting	26	27	28		



March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 PLC Meeting	4 Meeting	5	6	7	8 International Women's Day	9
10 Day Light Savings Time Begins	11 Meeting	12	13	14 World Kidney Day	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Meeting	19	20 Spring Begins Committee Meeting	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26 Passover	27	28	29	30
31 Easter	No School (Spring Break)			Holy Thursday	Good Friday	National Doctors' Day



Citizenship in the Community merit badge requirements

By: Evan B.

Discuss with your counselor what citizenship in the community means and what it takes to be a good citizen in your community. Discuss the rights, duties, and obligations of citizenship, and explain how you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, Scouting unit, place of worship or school.

Do the following:

a. On a map of your community, locate and point out the following:

1. Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works/services facility
2. Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home
3. Historical or other interesting points

b. Chart the organization of your local or state government. Show the top offices and tell whether they are elected or appointed.

Do the following:

a. Attend a city or town council or school board meeting, or a municipal; county, or state court session.

b. Choose one of the issues discussed at the meeting where a difference of opinions was expressed, and explain to your counselor why you agree with one opinion more than you do another one.

Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community; then do the following:

a. Find out which branch of local government is responsible for this issue.

b. With your counselor's and a parent's approval, interview one person from the branch of government you identified in requirement 4a. Ask what is being done about this issue and how young people can help.

c. Share what you have learned with your counselor.

With the approval of your counselor and a parent, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. Discuss with your counselor what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community.

List some of the services (such as the library, recreation center, public transportation, and public safety) your community provides that are funded by taxpayers. Tell your counselor why these services are important to your community.

Do the following:

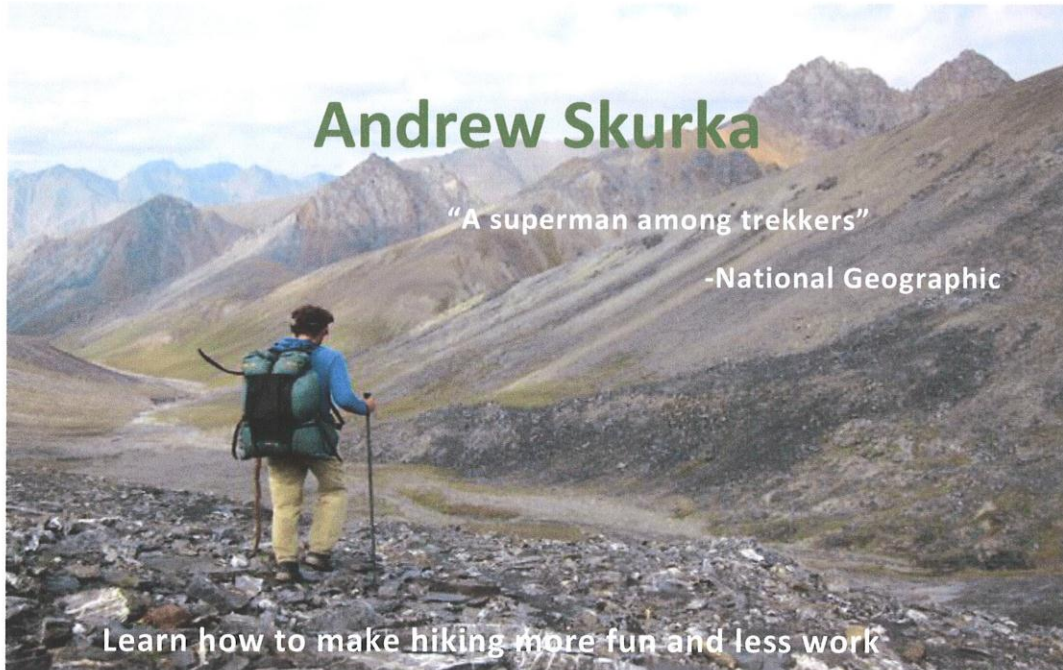
a. Choose a charitable organization outside of Scouting that interests you and brings people in your community together to work for the good of your community.

b. Using a variety of resources (including newspapers, fliers and other literature, the Internet, volunteers, and employees of the organization), find out more about this organization.

c. With your counselor's and your parent's approval, contact the organization and find out what young people can do to help. While working on this merit badge, volunteer at least eight hours of your time for the organization. After your volunteer experience is over, discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

Develop a public presentation (such as a video, slide show, speech, digital presentation, or photo exhibit) about important and unique aspects of your community. Include information about the history, cultures, and ethnic groups of your community; its best features and popular places where people gather; and the challenges it faces. Stage your presentation in front of your merit badge counselor or a group, such as your patrol or a class at school.

Ultimate Hiker's Gear and Skills Clinic



Presented by Boy Scout Troop 1776, Titusville NJ

Come join us for an informative and entertaining presentation by renowned adventure athlete, writer, guide, and speaker Andrew Skurka

Location: Stony Brook Elementary School
20 Stephenson Rd. Pennington NJ 08534

Time: Friday, March 22, 2013

Doors open at 6:30pm, presentation begins at 7:00pm

Ticket Pricing: \$5.00 pp. advance purchase, \$8.00 pp. at the door

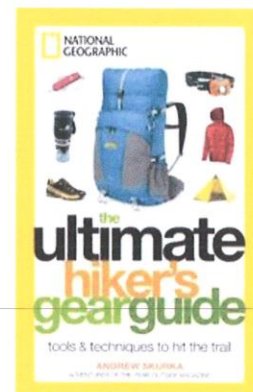
Advance purchase tickets can be ordered by mail with check made payable to "Troop 1776" at:

V. Lauricella, 67A Poor Farm Rd, Pennington NJ 08534

Advance purchase orders must be received by 3/8

For event information contact Vince Lauricella @ vpauricella@aol.com

Learn more about Andrew Skurka at: <http://andrewskurka.com/about-andrew-skurka/>



TROOP WEB SITE

If you forgot our calendar of outings, or if you want to see pictures of recent camping trips or even Eagle Projects, you should go to

<http://www.pack61eastbrunswick.org/Troop61/troop61.html>

The Troop Newsletters are also posted there. -Mr. Weibel