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Erin, Sean, Lynn and Jack Norton

Alumni Feature: The Norton Eagles A Family Tradition

Jack and Lynne Norton's family reunions aren't cookouts, they are camp-outs. The dress is "Class B."

For several generations in Troop 101 Assistant Scoutmaster Jack Norton's clan, the Eagle rank might seem like a "rite of passage" to adulthood.

successful Peterson nut sale each autumn.

Naturally, Jack is proud to talk about his family's long and storied involvement in Scouting and especially the benefits of attaining the Eagle rank.

AQ: Jack, you're an Eagle, son Chris is an Eagle and now you have son Sean getting very, very close, right?

Jack: Yes, Sean is Life Rank right now with 5 merit badges to finish. His Eagle project is done and has been approved by the benefitting agency. Sean turns 18 in October and I should also mention that there will be another Norton besides Sean to add to the Norton family Eagle roster. My nephew Joseph, John's brother, just submitted his paperwork to get his project started.

AQ: This is certainly an exceptional story of one family's commitment to Scouting. Why do you think the rank has been so important and so significant to your family?

Jack: Well, it started with my oldest brother getting his in the early 70s. He set the bar for Jerry and me. We saw the value in the program and the fun and learning that could occur, so we followed his lead. Also, we didn't want to disappoint our parents. They knew what the Eagle rank could do for us and wanted us to do the best that we could.

AQ: Personally speaking, what did you get out of the program?

Jack: What I got out of the program as a youth was a lot of education that I wouldn't have gotten in school. I got a sense of pride in belonging to a very valuable organization.

Most assuredly, it is a way of life.

Their family has eight Eagle Scouts, and two more on the way! That's quite a feat. There aren't many families out there that can top that.

Heck, the Nortons' could form their own NESA chapter. In this case, NESA could be changed to read: "Norton Eagle Scout Association"

Get a load of the Norton family's Eagle roster:

- Jeff Norton (brother) Troop 2, Warren
- Jerald Norton (brother) Troop 2, Warren
- Jack Norton (Troop 2) ASM, Troop 101
- Jeff Koncki (Lynne's brother) Troop 101 Eagle #45
- Chris Norton (Jack and Lynne's son) Troop 101 Eagle # 86
- Mark Hummell (Jack's sister's son) Troop 9, Warren.
- Jeremy Norton (Jack's nephew- brother Jeff's son) Troop 102, Morrisville, Pa.
- John Norton (Jack's nephew –brother Jerald's son) Orlando, Florida.

In addition, Lynne spearheads Troop 101's highly

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AQ: Yes, but this was the turbulent Anti-Vietnam War mid-70s, when the Scouting program was not popular.

Jack: Right. Vietnam was anything but a distant memory at that time, and anything that was organized and in any way appeared “military” was not looked upon by most youth as something that they wanted to be involved in. But, because of my involvement in Scouting, I learned a lot of stuff that benefitted me later in life. I learned first aid at the Red Cross, which has absolutely helped me in my career. I learned some of the leadership skills that I use today. I met some very good friends through the program that are still friends today. That’s a lot to say about one organization.

AQ: So you went on to get your Eagle, did a stint with another Troop as a Leader and, eventually, transferred into Troop 101. How did all that come down?

Jack: When I met my wife Lynne, her brother, Jeff Koncki, was in Troop 101 and was almost finished with his Eagle. At that time, I was an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 75 in Bristol, which was the Troop that the nephew of a friend of mine was in. I switched my membership to Troop 101 because I had known Jim Potjunas from past summer camp staffs when I was a young scout.

AQ: Wait a minute. When you were a “young” scout?

Jack: (Jack is smiling) Yes, you see, Jim is *MUCH* older than I am. I had gone to Philmont with Jim and several members of Troop 101 in the summer of 1979. Again, not to tell any tales out of school, but Jim was one of the adults on the trek and I was the youngest Scout there (Jack is still smiling). Anyhow, I switched to 101 because of the way that the program is run there.

AQ: You’ve been with it for quite a few years. What is it you get out of “giving back” as an adult Leader?

Jack: Number one – FUN! I also have found that my skills are valuable and most of the youth respect what I do. I also get to hopefully have a positive influence on someone just like Dale Palfrey (my Scoutmaster from Troop 2) had on me. If I hadn’t joined Scouting, I don’t think I would be where I am today.

AQ: So when Sean gets his Eagle, you are through?

Jack: No, I plan on staying on as an Assistant Scoutmaster even after Sean finishes. I might not be as involved as I am now, but I will still be there to help out.



Jerald Norton, John Norton, Joseph Norton, Elaine Norton



Jeff Norton, Jack Norton, Jerald Norton at Jack's Eagle Court (1982)

AQ: What do you see as the challenges of the adult leadership?

Jack: Letting the boys make mistakes. The temptation to step in and try to do stuff for them was really something that I had to learn not to do when I first became involved in Troop 101. It has gotten easier as the years have gone on. Also, letting my own sons screw up, I think, is one of the hardest things to do. Sean is currently the SPL for the Troop. It's tough to sit back and not give advice or nag him about his job. I do nag him about his merit badges, but I don't “helicopter parent” his job.

AQ: Do you think your sons will follow you into adult leadership?

Jack: Well, Chris is a newlywed, so it will be a little while before he can get back to an active involvement. He has helped the Troop out with some of the campouts, but he's a pretty busy person right now. I hope that Sean will stay involved as well. He will be graduating from high school next year, so it will be off to school, or whatever he decides to do after that. He is planning on staying on as an Assistant Scoutmaster until graduation at least.

AQ: Good for Sean!

Jack: Yes, and he has already given Jim his steak order for the steak and egg breakfast for Winter Event.

AQ: Now, that's really being prepared!

Jack: That's exactly what being an Eagle is all about!



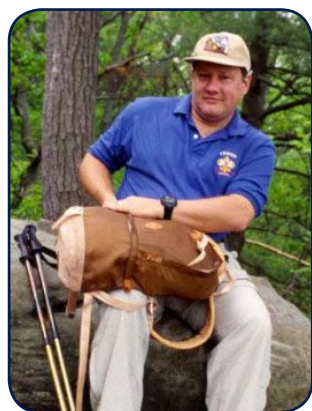
*Front Row, Left to Right - Mark Hummell, Jeremy Norton, Chris Norton
Back Row, Left to Right- Jack Norton, Jeff Norton, Jeff Koncki
Missing From Photo Who Was Eagle at That Time: Jerald Norton*



Back Row, Left to Right; Jerald Norton, Jeff Norton, Jack Norton, Mark Hummell, and Mike Hummell. Seated, Karl Hummell and Jennifer Hummell.



Mark Hummell's Eagle Court. Back Row Left to Right; Mike Hummell, Jeremy Norton and Chris Norton. Middle Row Left to Right; Jeff Norton, Me, Jerald Norton. Front Row Left to Right; Christopher Hummell, Jennifer Hummell, Mark Hummell, Karl Hummell and Earl Hummell



Tim Ross
President

I spend a fair amount of time on the road and I listen to a lot of radio. Listening to some of the old songs on the radio take me back.

It happened the other day when I heard a Beach Boys' song, a nifty little time capsule called, "When I Grow Up to Be a Man."

Somehow, the lyrics resonated with me, more so today than when I first heard it long ago when I was "a kid."

The opening verse goes like this:

"When I grow up to be a man.

Will I dig the same things that turn me on as a kid?

Will I look back and say that I wish I hadn't done what I did?

Will I joke around - and still dig those sounds

When I grow up to be a man?"

The song fast-forwards to the future:

"Will my kids be proud or think their old man is really a square?

When they're out having fun, yeah, will I still wanna have my share?

Will I love my wife for the rest of my life

When I grow up to be a man?"

The song made me think about my own carefree youth and I got to thinking about our Eagle Scouts who are now husbands and fathers. I thought about how the 12 points of the Scout Law have impacted their lives. Did they have a clue way back then what life was going to throw at them? Did we do a good job in preparing them to be leaders? Did we?

It suddenly appeared to me, reading comments from past issue of this newsletter from our Eagles, now in their 30's and 40's, now fathers and husbands, that the answer was obvious.

"Scouting played a major role in creating my sense of independence, self-reliance, and self-confidence, as well as developing the leadership and organizational abilities that I continue to rely on to this day. I am very thankful those memorable experiences that will last us the rest of our lives." – Greg Joseph

From the President

"When I Grow Up to Be a Man"

"Scouting definitely helped me prepare for a medical career. I was very proud to earn my Eagle Scout rank. It was not all easy or fun, but there were goals throughout my years with Troop 101 that I wanted to achieve. Scouting taught me to adapt, to be flexible, and to lead with a caring heart." – Jim Villareal

"Scouting instilled in me the confidence to lead. Now that is something that has truly shaped my life." – Rob Sloan

"Being an Eagle has helped me with leading people, helping them to improve their own skills and working as a team, as well as learning from my team members too, so that I can improve my own skills. Getting my Eagle is in the top three best things I've done in my life. - Damien Guarnieri

"One of the things about being an Eagle was the leadership opportunities. Scouts taught me confidence, communication and the ability to stick to something until it's done." – Mike Kunz

"My years in Troop 101 instilled in me the skills I have needed in life. Those early leadership lessons help me to lead my students everyday and the values of hard work and self-responsibility. I am happy to pass on the lessons Scouting taught me to the next generation." – Todd Linke

"You learn how to act, not just as an adult but also how to act and work with other people. You learn to solve problems together. I have found that aspect paramount in the field I have chosen." – Doug Hawley

The Scout Law is quite evident in these testimonials from today's men who were yesterday's Troop 101 Scouts and, as today's boys become men, I can only hope that today's Troop 101 Scouts, equally, will look back upon all that we, and the Scout Law have taught them,

*"Now I'm young and free, but how will it be?
When I grow up to be a man?"*

So, how will it be? Have today's boys done and have they dared, everything to be prepared, like our Eagles before them? When they grow up to be a man?

With your support, we continue do our best to make sure.

-Tim

Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas Honored By the Greater Western Reserve Council



On June 4th, 2012 the Greater Western Reserve Council presented our scoutmaster, Mr. James Potjunas, with the Distinguish Scouter Award at the Annual Arrowhead District Friends of Scouting Breakfast held at Leo's restaurant in Howland.

Jim's significant contributions and involvement with the Scouts at the Troop, District and Council levels were the major factors which contributed to his award. Dr. Ken LaPolla, Troop 101 Eagle #3, presented the award and read Jim's accomplishment to the 75 plus attendees who raised over \$44,000 dollars that morning for the Council. The key note speaker for the morning was boxing champion, Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, who shared a few stories about his boxing career and the importance of developing young men to be champions in everything they do.

On behalf of the Troop and Alumni, we would all like to congratulate Jim on this great distinction as he is our champion and Scouting role model.

BSA Announces New Merit Badges Coming Soon to Troop 101!

In keeping up with the times, the BSA national announces creation of several new Merit Badges. Here are the newest of the new, their projected release dates and a brief description:



Search and Rescue

Estimated release: Early summer 2012.

Requirements: Coming soon!

Description: Scouts won't fly helicopters, but they'll get practice in finding and rescuing people in case a real emergency ever happens.



Programming

Requirements: TBD.

Description: A tech-focused merit badge for the 21st Century.



Game Design

Estimated release: 2013

Requirements: TBD.

Description: Slated to include both traditional games and video games, this sure-to-be-popular merit badge will test Scouts' creativity, computer skills, and planning abilities.

Related Post: First look at Game Design merit badge, including details on how to help launch the badge at the 2013 jamboree



Animation

Estimated release: 2013-2014?

Requirements: TBD

Description: Computer or traditional animation tasks that will test a Scout's creativity, artistic skills, and storytelling abilities.

Andrew Baker Becomes TROOP 101 Eagle Scout #119



On Saturday, May 12, 2012, fellow Scouts, Leaders, friends and family gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of Andrew Baker, Troop 101's newest Eagle Scout and Eagle #119.

David Young lead the group in the Invocation, followed by the lighting of the "Trail to Eagle" with Jeff Beadle. Andy McCracken, who also led the court, read "100 Scouts." Jason Paisley led the group in "The Significance of the Eagle Rank," followed by Andrews Scouting history with Mr. Potjunas. Dr. Terry Puet led the charge, to affirm Andrews's acceptance to the ideals and principals of being an Eagle Scout.

After pinning the Eagle to both his mother's ribbon, and his father's coat, Andrew received the Eagle Ribbon, pinned by his mother.

As Mr. Potjunas announced him as Troop 101's 119th Eagle Scout, Andrew smiled proudly to a thunderous round of applause. Following his thankful and appreciative speech, a slideshow was displayed allowing everyone present to relive the past six years of Andrews Scouting career. A copy of the slideshow is available for viewing on the Troop 101 website: <http://movies.troop101.net/>.

Scouting Promotes Safety Online

cyberCHIP



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"With BSA's new Cyber Chip, online safety's the point"

Take a look around, technology is all around us. It is estimated that kids spend more than 7.5 hours a day using it!

Between cell phones, computers, and video game consoles teens are exposed to technology more so today than ever before. That's one of the reasons the Boy Scouts of America decided to create the new Cyber Chip. Similar to Totin' Chip and Fireman's Chip, the Cyber Chip is a recognition that a scout knows how to remain safe while using today's technology.

The BSA teamed up with NetSmartz, an online organization that promotes safety online for children. The Patch is designed to resemble a smart phone and looks really cool.

Troop 101 will be starting this program in June, which is also National Internet Safety Month.

Trivia

1. When was the first World Scout Jamboree?
2. What do 3, 14, 16, 93, 105, 115 have in common?
3. We just awarded Andrew Baker the award of Eagle Scout. What number is Andrew?
4. What year was the first Bike trip T-Shirt?
5. Walt Disney was presented with what Adult award?

Fun Facts

Mike Rowe, star of "Dirty Jobs" is an Eagle Scout and gave a speech at the last Jamboree.

The Disney Film "Follow Me Boys" starred Fred Macmurray and Kurt Russell, and remains the best Boy Scout Movie to date.

1. 1920 in Olympia, London
2. They are the 101 Eagle Scouts that attended Family Camp. (3 - Ken LaPolla, 14 - Ken MacPherson, 16 - Bill VanHuffel, 93 Matt McCracken, 105 - Ben Gump, 115 - Mike Fenstermaker)
3. 119
4. 1988
5. The Silver Buffalo Award

Answers

Scoutmaster's Column

Things That Change / Things That Don't

Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster



I was reflecting on our 2012 calendar as I sat down to write this and as I flipped through the events, I wanted things to fall into one of two categories, but they kept ending up in both. Winter Event –

We took second overall this year, but three patrols placed in the top ten. Not too bad.

We've been doing these at Camp Stambaugh for a few years now and I must confess, it's logistically much easier than Chickagami was. Speaking of Chickagami, we hiked there from Nelson Ledges in March (and then went for pancakes on Sunday.) I walked the fancy paved trail all the way around the camp this time. I don't think I will ever get used to it. Just this last month we put canoes in at Newton Falls and paddled down the Mahoning River. I looked it up – it was 1987 when we did that the last time. That was 25 years ago! That time we hacked campsites out of the brush and brambles on the point where Eagle Creek meets the Mahoning and looked longingly across the river at the nice pavilion and grassy area at the conservation club. This time, we stayed in that nice grassy area and the pavilion. What a really nice weekend! We only paddled another 30-40 minutes on Sunday to Canoe City Metropark. Maybe next time we will go all the way in to Packard Park, like we did 25 years ago. I understand there are no dams or obstructions the whole rest of the way now.

As I write this, the coming weekend is Family Camp at Pymatuning. 1998 was the last time we camped someplace other than Pymatuning for family camp. Pymatuning is so perfect – I can't bring myself to propose a change.

Next month will be our 12th year for summer

camp at Manatoc. The new Scouts attending this year weren't even born when we started going there. No wonder I have to now provide directions so people can find Chickagami!

And this year is the bike trip. Our 7th run down the C&O Canal Towpath. Every 4 years since 1988. It has become my favorite trip, even replacing Algonquin. The mix of history, trail camping, biking, etc. seems like just the right mix. This fall will bring some rappelling and some backpacking.

There are a lot of new faces in the troop these days. We are hovering around 70 Scouts and that brings on many new parents. Yet Mike McClearn took time from his break at the Air Force Academy to hike with us in March. It was one of the former Camp Rangers at Chickagami that let us use the Conservation Club in May. Zach Talstein came home from Columbus to help with swim checks that we can now pre-certify for summer camp. Bill VanHuffel is bringing his scout son to family camp this weekend. Mike Fenstermaker is back from college along with Mark Sember, Ken Young, and Ben Gump all helping out with parts of the summer program. BJ Godiciu is coming back to bike with us in August. Vic Dasbach will oversee our rappelling this fall and Ken LaPolla is as active as ever as a Scout dad, Assistant Scoutmaster, and coordinating High Adventure trips for us.

There are more of you alumni as well – some coming back to enjoy a bit of camping. Some drop in for a short visit while others are looking for a way to help out a bit whether here locally or from afar.

From my perspective, this is a good place to be. Plenty of eager young Scouts and families looking for that special experience and an ever-growing pool of alumni that seem to show up at the most convenient times to lend some support.

-Jim



Mahoning Canoe Trip - May 2012



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Troop 101 Family Camp - Another Success!

By Matt McCracken, Assistant Scoutmaster

Eighty-one Scouters and family members camped last month at Pymatuning for the annual Troop 101 Family camp. The weather was perfect! A cool breeze stayed with the troop the entire weekend, making it perfect sailing weather for the Troop catamaran, which made the trip thanks to work from Steve Ochman and his son Andrew.

Some of the Scouts took the morning to work on their Totin' Chip, while others learned how to make Turks-head neckerchief slides with ASM Jack Norton. Canoes and kayaks could be seen cruising across the water until the inevitable swamping occurred. Several volleyball games also took place and some of the Scouts even broke out the Bocce set.



They Bury a Scout in the Sand



Scouts Playing Football in the Lake



A Canoe Flips During Canoe Wars



A Little Bit of Volleyball

After lunch, many of the boys and family members traveled just down the road to the beach where they swam, played football in the water, and sunbathed. Some of the Scouts could also be found half-buried, or more, in the sand.

Family members and Scouts who were unable to spend the entire weekend arrived for dinner Saturday and in total, between patrols and Skunks, we probably fed close to 100 people. There actually may have been 101 had we taken a closer look! Among the family and friends in attendance were six Troop 101 Eagle Scouts.

Overall we can call this camp outing a success, and look forward to doing again next year in August.



Cast Iron Chefs

Rick Ramos 1958-2012

Father of Adam, Eagle Scout #78



Richard J. "Rick" Ramos of Warren died May 24 in Trumbull Memorial Hospital after a long battle with cancer. He was 53.

Rick was the father of Troop 101 Eagle Scout #78, Adam Ramos. He was member of the Elks Lodge BPOE 295 and St. James Church. Rick enjoyed fishing, golfing, bowling, riding his motorcycle and entertaining with family and friends and was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

In addition to Adam and his fiancée, Anitra Leek, Rick is survived by wife, Betty Booth Ramos, whom he married Nov. 4, 1983; and daughter Tina (Brian) Wilson of Champion; three grandchildren; a sister, Linda S. Raub of Howland; and a nephew, Michael Raub.

The family requests contributions be made to the Hope Center for Cancer Care, 1745 Niles Cortland Road, Warren, 44484.

Our condolences go out to Adam, Betty and the entire Ramos family.

The Troop Historians are asking for Help!

Can you identify the years of these Three photos?

Can you identify the people in the photo? Maybe you can help figure out the mystery behind some of the unknown photos in the Troop Photo Gallery.

If you have any information on the unknown photos please email Matt McCracken (MrMatt2@gmail.com)



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<http://troopphoto.troop101.net>

The Troop 101 photo gallery now contains over **49,000** photos from 1975 to the present.



Family Camp at Atwood - June 1982



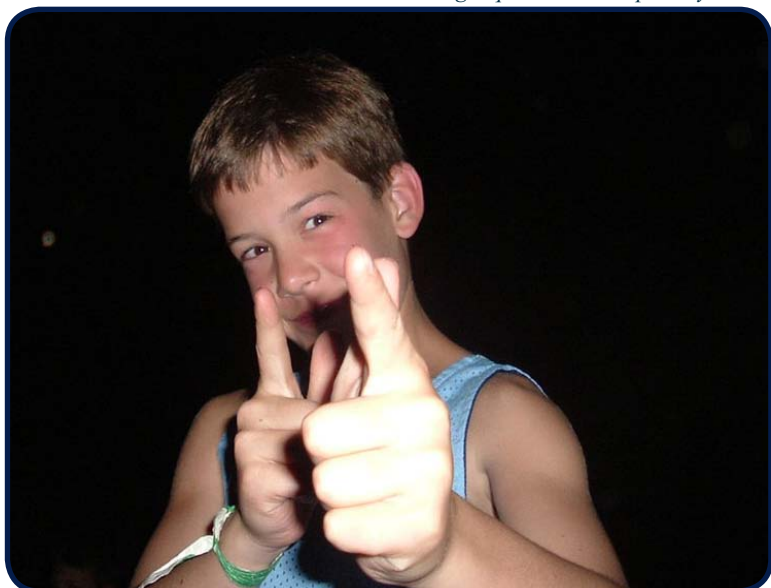
Family Camp at Berlin - June 1992



Algonquin Canoe Trip - July 1999



Moraine State Park - September 2002



Summer Camp - July 2004



Summer Camp - July 2005

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **July**

July 8-14, 2012 - Summer Camp at Manatoc Scout Reservation.

- **August**

August 11-19, 2012 - C&O Canal Bike Trip, Cumberland, M.D. to Washington, D.C.

- **September**

September 7-9, 2012 - McKinley Scout Reservation. Patrol Elections, Rappelling, and Archery!

- **October**

October 6-7, 2012 - Kennerdell Backpacking Trip to a Campground Along the Allegheny River.

FOR MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE TROOP CALENDAR AT
<http://troop101.net/calendar.asp>

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

From: Todd Linke

Another GREAT newsletter. So professional, interesting and informative. I know how much time and effort these things take, so I appreciate it!

And thanks for the photos and words about the bike trip. Even though my bike trip wasn't shown in the newsletter, I'm sure there are some on the web site. Someday I'll squeeze out some time to go down memory lane.

I was on that original 1988 bike trip, and I still have great memories from it. One of the best is that it was event that I shared with my father, who served as a "roadie". We lost my father tragically seven years ago, but it means so much to me to remember all the precious times that I spent with him.

Thanks again, and keep up the great work!

Todd Linke



C&O Bike Trip 1988



Todd Relaxes Algonquin 1988