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AND MORE!!!

Josh France and Wife Land on Top of Mount Kilimanjaro Lends a Whole New Meaning to the Term "High Adventure"



Josh France (Eagle #82)

I was once told a hike is a walk with a purpose and on this walk my purpose was to make it to the top of Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro.

My wife Mandy and I set out planning this trip for just the two of us, but ended up with a complete patrol. Our

friends Ed, Able, and Sergio joined us on our trek. This was going to be an adventure of a lifetime.

Our adventure started with a 13-hour flight to Ethiopia and then a short two-hour flight to Kilimanjaro airport. We arrived in Tanzania to hot and humid weather and the bureaucracy of entering a foreign country. Pole, Pole was the phrase of the trip, slowly, slowly both in climbing and in the pace of life in Tanzania.

Making it to the top of Africa requires you to pass through all five cultivated zones. The beginning is in the rain forest and, in true Troop 101 spirit, it began to lightly rain as we got out of the van.

We choose the Lemosho route, which has the highest percent of success and takes seven days to reach the top. However, Mandy and I knew that making it to the top would require more than just being physically fit and mentally strong. The summit is 19,380 feet above mean sea level and altitude sickness can start setting in at 10,000 feet, or lower, depending on your body. To make sure we had the best chance of making it to the top we took diamox, a medicine, which increases your red blood cell count, but it also increases your trips to the bathroom.

Due to all of the trekkers, seeing wildlife is rare. We did

get to see several Colobus monkeys and they happen to look like skunks. They also make the typical jungle noise you hear in movies.

I have to admit, up front, this was not a backpacking trip. Our crew was supported by twenty porters and three guides for a total of twenty-eight people at camp each night. Arriving at the campsite, everything is already set up. They also cook every meal and serve you in a dining tent with table and chairs. I was not at Chickagami anymore.

The second day was a big challenge for the group. It was the first full day on the trail and the first day that we got to experience how quickly the weather on a mountain changes. Once again, the luck of Troop 101 followed me and as we started to eat lunch, the rain began. Not just a sprinkling, but a torrential downpour. We left our lunch spot in the open area in a hurry and started our climb up to the top of the ridge.

Well, if it is raining and you are climbing up a well-worn path, you can bet it is also the easiest way for water to get down. The path became a waterfall, and it was the



The Crater Rim of Kilimanjaro



Feature profile: Todd Talstein

Troop 101 Eagle Scout #98 - December 16, 2004

Editor's note: Todd Talstein is a Division officer with the United States Navy serving aboard the submarine U.S.S. Chicago, at last report, somewhere in the vastness of the South Pacific.

AQ: Exactly what IS life like aboard a submarine? How do you describe it?

Todd: Life on board a sub... well, there are really two aspects. First is the inport period; this is filled mostly with paperwork, administrative items, and maintenance, as well as a number of inspections. Days and number of hours at the boat vary, dependent upon what exactly is going on at the time.

When I worked in the Engineering department, I would routinely spend 12-14 hours a day making sure that all of the requisite maintenance and training was occurring, in addition to conducting my own qualifications. Once I moved up to the "Forward Compartment" as we call it, the hours definitely reduced, although from time to time there are moments when longer days are both required and desired. Underway the schedule is much more routine, with very little changing from day to day.

Our day is effectively 18 hours long. We spend 6 hours "on watch." These are the people actually awake driving, navigating, and ensuring the continuity of power from the propulsion plant. After these six hours, we conduct a debriefing of the watch, identify lessons learned, and determine our focus areas for the next watch. After this debrief, comes a devoted time for all of the maintenance and paperwork required in order to keep

a nuclear powered submarine functional at sea. Finally the rest period comes, with anywhere between 3-5 hours of downtime before the next six hour watch. Three sections of personnel operate the ship on this continually rotating basis.

AQ: In an earlier email you told us, "So far, I've crossed the Pacific from Hawaii to Alaska, back to Hawaii, to Guam and have made two trips to the Japanese Island chain." It almost sounds like life right out of a Tom Clancy novel.

Todd: It has definitely been an exciting experience. Taking our boat out of the shipyard for the first time in over two years was, well, scary to say the least. I was the officer in charge of the Engine Room when we conducted our first dive and all I could think about was flooding, flooding, flooding. Needless to say, everything went off just fine with no leakage whatsoever.

By far the coolest thing I have gotten to do is drive the submarine on the surface at night. It seems silly, a submarine on the surface, but something about sitting high in the bridge with the salt in the breeze, the moon in the night sky, and the absence of all the control room lights and sounds makes for a serene experience.

Alaska was fun because they suspended our boat from cables and connected a phone cord enabling me to call home from 400 feet beneath the surface of the ocean. We've conducted a few tracking exercises and done some workup training, but the real experience is yet to come when we take our sub and do all those things that Clancy wrote about. If you want a taste for what submarines have done from WWII to the end of the Cold War I recommend a book called "Blind Man's Bluff" by Sherry Sontag, Christopher Drew, and Annette Lawrence Drew. Some of the things towards the end of the novel offer a pretty detailed look

into what today's submarine force is doing.

AQ: At what point did you decide you wanted to join the Navy - and did your Troop experience play any part in that?

Todd: The thought of going to the Naval Academy surfaced (no pun intended) somewhere around the seventh grade. After watching Top Gun and, every holiday, JAG marathons, I thought being a Naval Aviator would certainly be a great career move; obviously pilots are the coolest people in the world. The Troop itself was a great opportunity to experience a ranking structure and work your way towards success, much as the military.



Todd in 2001

AQ: What did the Troop and Scouting play in preparing you for Navy life?

Todd: Scouting taught me how to be adaptable and to overcome. A little rain, sleet, or snow here and there always helped to make things just a little challenging. In addition, learning to lead a patrol and eventually a Troop was a great experience and one that I seem to replay over as I lead my division on the boat and my watch team at sea. Really one of the best lessons I've finally learned over the years is to not procrastinate. Is the sign still up in the Troop Room that says: "Proper prior planning prevents poor performance?"

AQ: Just how huge is the Eagle rank upon entering the military? We hear all these stories.

Todd: With regards to getting into the Service Academies, it is definitely a



Todd, (fourth from left), with fellow crewmen



Todd and Mr. P at Summer Camp 2007

huge boost for your application. They have all kinds of statistics showing high percentages of graduates were Eagle Scouts. A number of people who I work with have achieved the rank, both from the Officer and Enlisted side. I think the importance of the Eagle Scout is more than being a line on the resume. The experience required to gain the rank develops a certain confidence and attitude that gives clear direction in any situation, and those are the ones that people turn to when a leader is needed.

AQ: Speaking of the Troop. Share some of your favorite Troop memories with us, good and bad.

Todd: Let's start this one with the bad. It was April of 2000. The campout was a Bike prep trip, but more importantly for Kyle Beca and myself, our First Class Camp. There was rain. The rain turned to sleet. The sleet turned to snow. There was a brief period of sunshine, about 15 minutes if I recall. Then there was more

rain. This, by far, the worst weather I had ever experienced.

The image I recall most vividly was the powerful if not fake smile on Kyle's face the entire time. I mean, there was no possible way that the smile was real. Once we got our fire started, I remember finding all the tinder we could and heating it up in our pot so that it would at least be dry when we had to attempt a fire again at the next meal.

My favorite campout has always been the Algonquin Base Camp. Something about the Canadian wilderness up in the rural portion of Ontario is just mesmerizing. If you haven't picked up on it yet, I'm not much for the city nightlife when I can have a quiet night sky filled with tons of stars.

AQ: Let's talk about the future. What's next?

Todd: By the end of the year, I will be detaching from the USS CHICAGO and headed somewhere for a shore-tour. Ideally, I will end up somewhere east of the Mississippi River in an instructor billet teaching Seamanship and Navigation for a university. Wow, now that I look at that, it seems very specific.

Honestly, anything that has more access to our families will be better than living on a remote island on the other side of the dateline. Additionally, it's going to be time to start that family now that I have found the woman of my dreams. I haven't decided if we are going to stay in

the navy past the shore-tour, a lot of that is based on how I feel after conducting some mission operations. In any case, I have always wanted to teach high school chemistry, so finding an area where I can do that and support all of our family goals will be part of my exit strategy.

AQ: Best advice you can offer the young Scouts?

Todd: Do everything. Every campout, every trip, every opportunity you have to do something new. Boy Scouts is the chance to try out new things and learn something that otherwise you may never have the chance, and do it with a bunch of guys your age. The number of times in my life that something has come up that I learned as a Boy Scout is truly amazing. I can honestly say that 90 percent of the challenges that arise in my job are identical to ones I faced while growing up in the Troop.



Todd and his fiancé

Mail brings a Solemn task to Troop Color Guard



Mr. P.

I hope all is well with you. I am back from my trip to Afghanistan . . . Here are 4 flags that need to be retired. I know they are in good hands with the troop. All 4 flags flew over our living quarters and workshop for the Silverfox UAV in eastern Afghanistan. These all hold a special place for me as men fought under them daily and a few died. . . . I will always be grateful to Troop 101 for teaching me many of life's lessons. Take care and hope to see you soon.

Joe Sabat

PS Would you be interested in a memorial flag in a case or for you to fly from our unit? I can make it happen, just let me know if you have room for it.



only way up. At the end of the day we had no sight of the peak due to the heavy rain, but we all still had dry feet for the most part.

Each day our goal was to climb higher than the day before and then descend again to sleep lower. This is a common practice for acclimatization. Our third day was very memorable because it was a very easy day with just a few hours of hiking to the Shira cathedral, a rock formation in the middle of the shira plateau. (Those are both worth a quick Google!) The best part was finally being able to

summit from. The time from camp to camp became shorter each day in order to help us to conserve energy for the summit climb and to help us acclimatize. As we wrapped around the mountain, the view of the peak kept changing. Each day our excitement grew.

On the sixth day of trekking, we reached our final camp before we would begin our summit quest. We camped at 15,000 feet at Barfu camp, the wind was constant and strong.



Mandy and I at the Kanga Valley Camp on the 6th day

decision with my wife to become Vegan and stopped eating animal products and I believe this helped me be more physically strong. My typical Troop 101 experiences prepared me for the difficult mental challenge of trekking all



The first look at our goal

see the peak if only for a few hours.

On the third night, my Troop 101 luck returned due to an all-night thunderstorm that showed little interest in finishing before morning. Now one thing that trekkers do that is very clever is use a "pee bottle" in the tent to keep from having to go out into the cold, or in this case, the cold and the rain. As I used this most wonderful invention, I had to wonder why this was never suggested to us at the Troop Winter Event. A note of caution, you need to determine just how much your bladder holds in terms of volume.

Well, the rain did stop and on the fourth day we were headed up to 15,000 feet to the Lava tower. (15,021 feet is the highest peak in Western Europe.) This side of the mountain is just covered with rocks and more rocks, with no vegetation other than moss and lichen. A nice hot lunch waited for us at the Lava tower. We headed back downhill to reach the Barranco Camp at 13,077 feet. We soon found that, while going down was a good change, we were not very quick at doing so. We arrived at camp very hungry and tired.

The next morning we tackled what is called the great Barranco Wall, or the breakfast wall, a vertical 800-foot cliff. It wasn't impossible to climb it, but it did require a bit of nerves and good balance. We were now headed around to the eastern side of the mountain from which we would attempt to

As night set in, the temperature dropped quickly and the wind grew stronger. I was too excited about the challenge ahead to catch much sleep. Our night passed quickly and it was 11 PM before we knew it. All of us looked like the kid from "A Christmas Story" with a headlamp as we started up the mountain. Every time we thought we could see the top, where the last light in front of us disappeared, it only reappeared in a few minutes.

The sun rose, allowing us to see the edge of the crater. Two more hours passed before we made it to the crater's rim at 9 AM! We celebrated, but could still see the actual highest point on the crater in the distance. The rest of our group except for my wife and I turned back. We had a mission and it was to make it to peak.

This final stretch was much easier to traverse and in only 30 minutes we made it to the Uhuru peak, which means "Freedom." After all of the work we paused to take a few pictures before heading down. Ecstatic, as we were to have reached the top at 19,380 feet, our bodies needed more oxygen.

Heading down was not much easier. The slope we had climbed all morning and night was covered with gravel. Hiking down was more like sliding down. At the bottom, one of our porters met us with a pitcher of tang. It was better than any Troop 101 camp tang I ever made.

Looking back on the trek, it was an amazing experience from start to finish. I am very lucky to have a wife who not only wanted to go on this trip, but can't wait to summit all of the six summits we have left. Four years ago I made the



The full crew at Stella Point From left to right Able, Sergio, Ed, Josh and Mandy

night in the dark to reach the top. To hear more about this journey from Mandy's point of view visit our blog: www.vegan-family.com.



Mandy and I at the Summit

Editor's note: Josh France is the Mobile Laser Scanning Segment manager for Riegl USA, based in Orlando, Florida. His wife Mandy is the art director for the Walt Disney Research Group and is a children's book illustrator. You can find her work on Meegenius.



Tim Ross
President

I realize the ball dropped on Times Square about the time our last issue of the Alumni Quarterly came out New Year's Day, but to me, April is the true beginning of the New Year.

Let me explain.

Every year as April approaches, it seems as though our Troop's program really begins to take off. There are a lot of reasons for this. There is the prospect of a good crop of Webelos crossing over into the Troop, fresh faces, full of wonder and adventure. I get such a kick out of watching a new Scout or Tenderfoot learn the campout routine.

April is also the beginning of the warm weather camping season, which suits me perfectly because I love this time of year. Aside from early autumn, there is no better time to get out in the woods.

Mother Nature is waking up from her long cold winter's sleep. Everything outdoors is fresh and new. The air is crisp and clean. All of this has a cleansing effect on the soul. Another bonus: there are relatively few – or no – bugs! We really don't begin to get into insect season for another month or so.

From the President

"It's April! Happy New Year!"

Adding adventure and excitement to the month of April, this month (April 12-14) the Troop heads to Raccoon Creek State Park, located between East Liverpool, and Pittsburgh. This is a place we have never been. With 44 miles of hiking trails and hundreds of acres of forests, our Scouts will be right at home.

The Troop canoes come out of hibernation full-force in May as we travel just a bit north of Raccoon State Park to Moraine State Park. Then, summer goes full-tilt. June is our week-long Allegheny Reservoir/River canoe excursion. July is Summer Camp at Manatoc and August we are excited to host our annual Family Camp at Pymatuning State Park. So, what's not to love about warm weather camping? Please feel free to join us. Just let Jim know that you're coming and he'll fill you in on all the details. I promise you this: you will not be disappointed.

Finally, I need to take some space here to say "thank you" to the Troop's Spaghetti Dinner Committee that did such a nice job again this year. Wow! So many people come together so successfully in this endeavor and a big "thank you" to all of you, too, who showed up for the annual fundraising dinner at Blessed Sacrament to support what I believe is the finest youth organization on the planet.

Let's go camping!

-Tim

Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner

Second highest number of dinners served!



This was our 35th Spaghetti Dinner and our third one at Blessed Sacrament this past Palm Sunday. It has become apparent that we do better at this location as we served just under 1000 meals, (996 to be exact).

You may recall last year we hit exactly 1000 when one of our Scouts could not stand the 999 tally and bought another meal right at 6 PM. Our current dinner committee has been doing this all three years at Blessed Sacrament and they are getting pretty good at it.

This was also the first time I ever recall where every patrol leader had reported that every single Scout would be present and helping. Turns out we missed about three, but they were legitimately sick.

I also did a quick tally against our Eagle Scouts and of the current 128 Eagles, 44 were either present or had family members present. And for those of you who actually are registered on the alumni website – 50 showed up to eat or get take-out meals.

Those annoying snowstorms that just don't seem to want to yield to Spring this year occurred on the Friday and Monday so we had good weather, which helped our cause, and for only the second time in nearly two decades, a certain Scoutmaster actually won one of the Eagle's Wings baskets. Despite all of that, I am glad we don't have to think about this again until next year!



Trivia

1. What kind of wood is used to start a fire?
2. Name four poisonous snakes found in the United States.
3. What does it mean when someone says a tree is deciduous?
4. What part of a fire is the best to cook with?
5. Who brought Scouting to America?

Fun Facts

The Summit is now home to the largest man-made outdoor climbing facility on Earth.

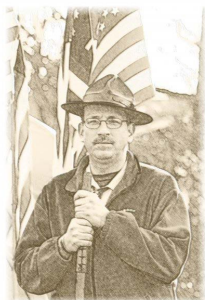
The Jamboree for 2013 will take place at the Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, the new permanent home of the jamboree.

1. Tinder
2. Rattlesnake, Copperhead, Cottonmouth Moccasin, Coral
3. It loses its leaves every year
4. The Coals
5. William D. Boyce

Answers

From the Scoutmaster

The Scoutmaster's Corner



Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster

I am starting to selfishly realize that this Alumni Quarterly is probably as much for me as it is for you folks.

Usually I am very prompt at turning my column into Ed for the newsletter as we wait on my good friend, Mr. Ross. This time I am sitting here reading his column and remembering I need to get this turned in. He's talking about spring and camping and it's snowing like mad outside my window!

I have been tied up with my Committee Chairman sharing my frustration about the things not getting done in the troop right now. With so many of our senior scouts turning 18 we are really noticing the gap as those families who have supported the troop so well for so long are transitioning out and leaving some very big holes to fill. I am even 'stealing' some of the agenda time tonight at the Alumni Committee meeting to try and address this stuff.

Every day it seems there is something else that needs done to keep this program moving. And if that wasn't enough, I have to get stuff ready for the Alumni Association as well! But then Ed and Matt send me the draft of the newsletter, minus my column and I start reading about Josh's big climb half way around the world and Todd's adventures also half way around the world and under the water! And Tim is right. There are a bunch of new Scouts who recently crossed over and even more exciting is the new crop of parents who seem eager and willing to help! I can't help but share his excitement about spring, the next couple campouts, canoes, summer camp, and a bunch of excited young Scouts and parents experiencing this for the very first time.

So what about the rest of you out there? Do you have a story to share? A son you may have started out along the Scouting trail? Here's the deal: you send in your stories and we will try to keep making the basis for a few more new ones back here at the troop. And like Tim said, the good weather is on its way, just in case you had any thoughts of joining us for a campout . . .

-Jim

Troop 101 Supports Newtown Cub Families

When it was discovered that two of the youth killed in the Connecticut shootings were Tiger Cub Scouts, Assistant Scoutmaster Van Padula obtained a shoulder patch from their Scout Council and auctioned it off among the leaders and committee of the troop. This resulted in accumulated donations of \$300 which were sent to the fund to directly support those families. A copy of the letter we received is below:

Dear Scouting Family,

On behalf of the leadership of Cub Scout Pack 170 and the entire Connecticut Yankee Council Scouting family, I would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Pack 170 Memorial Fund.

Your gift of \$300 will help bring comfort to the families directly impacted by the tragedy in Newtown on December 14, 2012, by helping pay bills or providing for their direct needs and services. There are no overhead or administrative costs associated with this fund. Your contribution is fully tax deductible.

In the wake of this tragedy, it is incredibly heartwarming to see our Scouting community from all around the country and across the world coming together to remember the lives of Chase Kowalski and Benjamin Wheeler, two Tiger Cubs lost at Sandy Hook Elementary School, along with three other Scout families who lost children.

Thank you once again for your thoughts, prayers and generosity.

Sincerely yours in Scouting,

Jonathan Pleva
Director of Field Service



Saying Goodybye to Friends and Family

Dr. Donald J. Mills 1944-2013



The Troop 101 Scouting family is mourning the loss of Dr. Donald J. Mills, 69 who died at home in his sleep March 19, 2013, after a short illness.

An avid supporter of the Scouting movement, Don was past district chairperson of the Shawnee District of the Boy Scouts of America and past council vice-president of Greater Western Reserve Council. He was the father of Craig Mills, Troop 101 Eagle Scout # 75.

Troop 101 Alumni Association Board Member Alan Copp said there were three words to describe his longtime friend - dignity, grace and adaptability.

Don was born Jan. 23, 1944, in Youngstown. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor of science in business administration and from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas, with a master's in business administration. Don was a U.S. Air Force veteran and served as an instruction programmer for the Medical Service School in Wichita, Texas.

He earned his chiropractic degree from Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Mo., where he received the Outstanding Student Award.

Don was director of Associated Chiropractic Center, Inc., in Warren, which opened in 1977. Dr. Mills was a member of the American Chiropractic Association, Eastern Ohio Chiropractic Society and the

Ohio Chiropractic Association.

Involved in numerous community groups, Don was commander of Mosquito Lake Power Squadron, a division of the United States Power Squadron. He also was a longtime patron of Trumbull New Theater and Trumbull Art Guild.

Both Don and his wife, Jackie, were both dedicated to the Scouting movement, enjoyed taking dancing lessons and were members of the Dance Club at Youngstown Country Club.

Despite being on a feeding tube for more than five years after surviving stage-four tongue cancer, Dr. Mills baked bread and pies for his family whether it was a special occasion or not. His apple pie was everyone's absolute favorite.

Don is survived by his wife of 33 years, Jackie Hampton Mills; two children, Craig of Warren and Charissa (Allen) Mills Pack of Columbus; a sister, Patricia Ventling of Poland; and three precious grandchildren, Ava Mills, Adelle Pack and Noah Pack.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Howland United Methodist Church, 730 Howland Wilson Road N.E., Warren, OH 44484.

The Troop 101 family sends it deepest sympathies to the Mills family.

Newest Merit Badges — Coming Soon



Sustainability

Estimated release: 2013 Jamboree.

Note: This merit badge will be Eagle-required. Scouts must earn either this or Environmental Science.

Description: A badge to teach Scouts to use resources responsibly.



Programming

Estimated release: 2013 Jamboree.

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



Digital Technology

Estimated release: 2013 (after Jamboree)

Note: This merit badge will replace Computers

Description: Technology has come a long way since Computers merit badge was introduced in 1967. This badge will teach Scouts about technology in the digital age.



Mining in Society

Estimated release: February 2014

Description: Mining has been an important part of the United States since the 19th century. Today, the U.S. mining industry employs 3 million people, directly and indirectly and is a major contributor to the global mining landscape. This merit badge will cover the history of mining, explore the status of mining in the 21st century, and introduce Scouts to modern mining careers.



Animation

Estimated release: 2014

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



Signs, Signals, and Codes

Estimated release: 2014

Description: The Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge will cover Morse code, ASL, Braille, signaling, trail markings, and other nonverbal communications.



Multi-Media

Estimated release: 2014

Description: TBD



Computer-Aided Design

Estimated release: 2014-2015

Description: Teaching boys to use computer systems to assist in the creation, modification, analysis, or optimization of a design.



Advanced Computing

Estimated release: 2014-2015

Description: The next generation of computing.

Cooking it up with Troop 101

Featured Recipe: Cheesy Steak Casserole



Ever have the urge to dust off that cast iron Dutch oven, and make something good? Well, we have just the thing! This quarter we feature a recipe from the Hawk Patrol. Cole Kuszmaul, Hawk Patrol leader, discovered this gem while looking for a meal to awe judges during a Cast Iron Chef competition. He Calls it "Cheesy Steak Casserole." We like to think of it as a Philly Cheesesteak Casserole.

To prepare this meal, start by gathering the ingredients, and follow the instructions below:

Cheesy Steak Casserole (a.k.a. Philly Cheesesteak Casserole) - (Serves 9-12)

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| 1 tbs. Olive Oil | 3 cups Mozzarella cheese, shredded |
| 1 1/2 Lb. Sirloin Steak | 3 cans Evaporated milk |
| 1 medium Onion, chopped | 6 large eggs |
| 1 Green bell pepper, chopped | 1/2 tsp. Salt |
| 1 1/2 loaf Italian bread in 1" cubes | 1/2 tsp. Ground black pepper |

Slice the sirloin steak into thin 1/8" slices. In a skillet, brown the sirloin and vegetables in the olive oil and set off to the side. In a separate bowl combine evaporated milk, eggs and spices. Line the Dutch oven with parchment paper and place the bread cubes into the Dutch oven. Evenly spread the meat and vegetables over the bread. Pour egg mixture over the meat, vegetable and bread in the Dutch oven, pressing the bread with the back of a spoon to help the bread absorb the liquid. Top with mozzarella cheese.

Cover and bake at 350° for about 1/2 hour or until mixture has set then serve. Use 24 charcoal briquettes for the outdoor cooking of this recipe with charcoal as your fuel. Place 15 lit briquettes on top and 9 underneath your Dutch oven. You may need more coals in windy or cold weather.



Impress the Judges: Bacon Wrapped Duck



There are many delicious recipes in the Troop Cook Book, and many more yet to be added. This March, patrols were asked to awe the judges by showing off their dinners in a Cast Iron Chef competition. The competition was a hot one and, in the end, everyone had an excellent dinner.

One meal however stood out as an interesting treat. Bison Patrol, led by Kyle Jones, decided to have bacon wrapped duck and wild boar sausages!

Bacon Wrapped Duck - (Serves 9)

- 9 Slices Bacon
- 9 Duck Breasts

Slightly cook the bacon to collect the bacon grease. After allowing the bacon to cool, wrap the duck breasts, and use a toothpick to hold it in place. Cook on griddle, as you would steak, with desired seasonings. Use the bacon grease by drizzling it over the breasts as they cook. Put sausages into Dutch oven with water and cook. Roughly 45 minutes.

One patrol member, Dillon, was quoted saying: "It's Heaven, Wrapped in Heaven, with a side of Heaven"



<http://Troopphoto.Troop101.net>

The Troop 101 photo gallery now contains over **55,000** photos from 1975 to the present.



Algonquin 1993



June 1982



November 2004



August 2005



June 2009



June 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **April**

April 12-14, 2013 - Raccoon Creek Campout

April 26-28, 2013 - High Adventure - Wilderness Survival

- **May**

May 17-19, 2013 - Moraine Campout

May 25, 2013 - Memorial Day Service Project at Oakwood Cemetery

- **June**

June 16-21, 2013 - Allegheny Canoe Trip

- **July**

July 7-13, 2013 - Summer Camp at Camp Manatoc

July 15-24, 2013 - National Boy Scout Jamboree - Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve

**FOR MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE TROOP CALENDAR AT
<http://Troop101.net/calendar.asp>**

We get email...

Jim and Newsletter staff,

Great newsletter! Many ideas that I can use with my troop in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. I enjoy reading your newsletter as it brings back many memories of my troop in Toronto, 119th, working together, also travels through Algonquin Park, being local hosts for your trips to Toronto, Order of the Arrow and summer camp at Chickagami.

All the best and thank you,

Justin Barker, General Manager
Comfort Inn
Leamington, Ontario, Canada

Troop 101's Allegheny Canoe Trip Needs Support!



We want to keep the Alumni in the loop about the big canoe trip the Troop is planning Sunday June 16 through Friday, June 21. As a matter of fact, we would love to have your assistance on this trip.

In previous years our big trips were in August, but river levels and other factors make this canoe trip work better in the month of June. We will be camping for a day on the Allegheny Reservoir then paddling and moving campsites down the Allegheny River each day throughout the week.

We have a few leaders committed to paddle and are waiting to hear back from more. What we do NOT have are adults to help on the Support Crew. These folks would be moving the cars and trailers from campsite to campsite, purchasing groceries, etc.

If you have any interest or availability for this, please contact Jim Potjunas as soon as possible. Without proper adult support and leadership we will not be able to do this trip.

