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Troop 101 TV Commercial Hits the Air!

"What Adventures Will You Find In Scouting?"

A brand new, high-energy, action-packed Troop 101 TV commercial is being aired at random by WFMJ TV-21, (and sister station WBCB) Youngstown, thanks to the efforts of ASM Matt McCracken who put the piece together for broadcast TV.

The idea for a Troop TV spot got its start back in July when was decided the Troop needed to focus a bit more on recruiting. Committee Member Ginny Patchen suggested a poster would be a great way to start. She asked Matt McCracken to come up with something the Troop could distribute around the area.

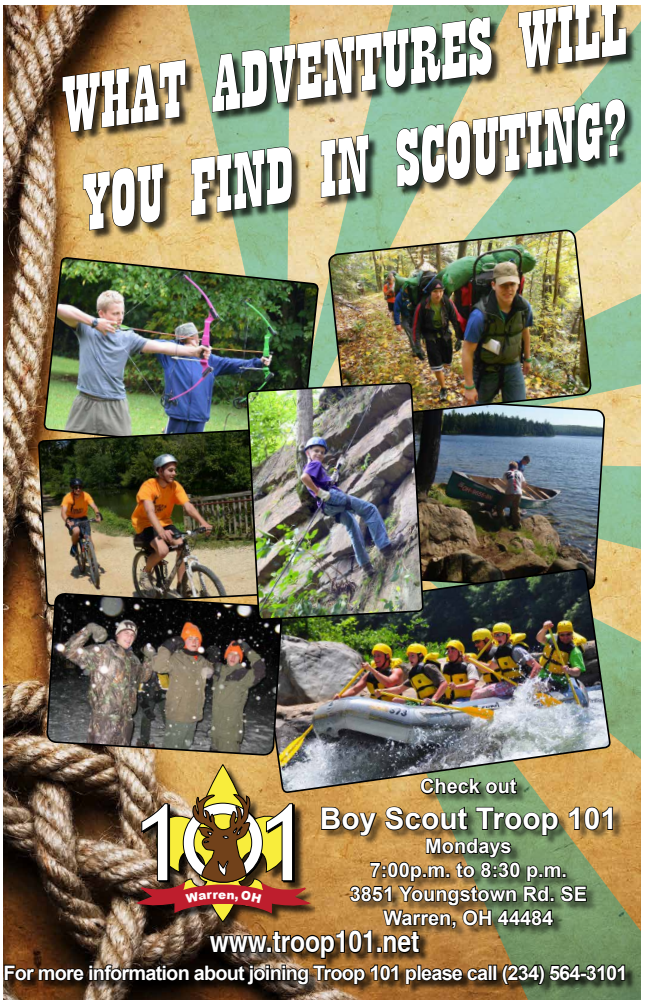
Matt went through many photos and came up with the slogan "What Adventures Will You Find in Scouting?"

After putting everything together, Ginny ensured the posters were put up everywhere she could think of, but it didn't end there. It was decided the Troop had to reach out to the digital media. That's when Matt began sorting through old video files from the past three years. Looking only for HD footage, Matt soon had a decent start on a Troop TV commercial.

Over the next few months, additional footage was captured to fill in a few gaps, and together with a catchy beat, the commercial was born. The spot was sent directly to the Valley's top-rated TV station, WFMJ TV 21.

WFMJ-TV's Community Outreach department readily accepted the Troop TV spot and praised it, saying the spot's "professionalism and high-energy" made for an enjoyable 30 seconds of viewing. The spot will air at random during WFMJ's regular broadcast schedule. At press time, the spot was also being delivered to WKBN TV 27 and WYTV, Channel 33.

To check out the Commercial, head over to YouTube:
http://youtu.be/Tktt9KM8RNM



Troop Poster - 2013

Troop 101 Eagle Scouts Szewczyk and Jones Honored with 20 under Twenty Award

Warren – Red glass flames representing passion for service glowed on display at the inaugural 20 Under Twenty awards banquet last month as two Troop 101 Eagle Scouts were honored for their community service and leadership at DiVieste Banquet Hall.

Eagles Zachary Szewczyk and Kyle Jones were among the twenty presented with the special red glass flame awards.

"The 20 Under Twenty Award was designed to represent a flame. The winners of this award obviously have a burning desire to help others and to be an asset to their community and to provide leadership in a productive, ethical, honorable and inspirational way," said Charles Jarvis, Tribune Chronicle publisher and event co-sponsor.

"It is the hope of the Tribune Chronicle and (co-sponsor) the Akron Children's Hospital that the award will always encourage these remarkable young people to keep the flame burning in their hearts to provide leadership and service to benefit others," Jarvis said.

Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas was effusive in his praise for Zak and Kyle, not only for their leadership skills within the Troop, but additionally, as part of mission trips and other extracurricular activities.

"Kyle went to Ecuador one year and Kenya the next. Zac has been on two mission trips to help build and remodel homes in rural Kentucky as well as spending five months in South Africa where he donated time to the children in the local orphanages," explained Jim. "To me, this seems very much in line with both of their personalities if you ever ask them to help with a task where they won't really get anything tangible in return. They check their busy schedules and if available, neither one has ever said no."

Potjunas hailed the event as the beginning of what, hopefully, will be a very good and long tradition. "With over a decade of doing the Community Stars to recognize outstanding adult volunteers (Jim is a past recipient) everyone sat around wondering why we never thought of this before," said Jim, who also lamented the fact that so many Troop 101 Eagle Scouts over the years would have been excellent candidates for such an award had it existed.

Toward the end of the evening, five students were selected for top honors. Zac and four other students were revealed as recipients and presented with checks for their chosen charities. They were also given the opportunity to thank family and friends for their progress.

The Troop 101Alumni Association congratulates Zac and Kyle upon receiving these prestigious awards and salutes them for their service.

The Tribune Chronicle contributed to this article.

Zac(left) Kyle (right)

Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner - Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!

While you have that new 2014 calendar out in front of you, be sure to circle Palm Sunday, April 13.

It's the 36th annual Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner at Blessed Sacrament Church, Noon to 6PM.

Come enjoy a great meal. You can buy a ticket from a Scout, get one at the door, or even stop in for carry-out! Pre-order 12 or more dinners and get free delivery! But if you show up, you can also bid on some really awesome gift baskets! Eagle's Wings holds their Basket Sale at the same time!

Don't miss out!

From the President
"Happy New Year!"

Tim Ross
President

The fun time of the year when festivities moved full-throttle is now over. The lights and decorations are down and put away. The mad shopping rush for that perfect gift is now a faint memory along with the nonstop parties, as we all ran around at lightning speeds.

Now that Christmas is over, ask yourself, what is the best gift I could have given this Holiday season - and the perfect gift that will continue giving all year long? Here's a hint: it doesn't cost a cent.

The gift is: Random Acts of Kindness.

This gift is a moment of your time, just like in Scouting, when we reach out to lend a helping hand, open the door for someone, or help a total stranger in some small way.

When you stop and think about it, this involves so many points of scout law; Kind, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous and Cheerful are a few, which come to mind.
It all makes for a great New Year's resolution - and it's never too late to start.

In 2014, try giving a moment of your time, a kind word, or even just say hello to a person you happen to meet. It could be a stranger in line at the store, a person waiting on the bus or even the new person at the office. It doesn't matter if they are young or old, just stop and say hello and be polite. You will see the results of your efforts in their smiles and hopefully they will see your kindness down the line. The new term for this is, "paying it forward." Keep making these kind "deposits" and you will be amazed at how the "interest" can grow.

In looking forward to the exciting Alumni Association activities being planned for 2014 and beyond, I must stop and reflect on what has happened in 2013. What an exciting year it has been to work with the board and committee members of the Alumni Association, as well as the membership that has turned out at so many of our great Troop events.

Thank you all for giving your time, energy and your financial commitments to our cause.
Mrs. Ross and I wish every one of you a safe and Happy New Year!

-Tim

Troop 101 Alumni Holiday Party Declared a Huge Success

Another fun-filled Troop 101 Alumni Party is history and it was great to see so many familiar faces. The date, Saturday December 28, and where Christmas fell in 2013, had a lot to do with a great turnout.

Indeed, it is a busy time of the year when people come into town for just a few days and sometimes that provides a golden opportunity for more people to attend. "For the people I speak with, it is always about the logistics and where they are on that given day," said Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas. "Two other things that I do think helped were the decent weather and now that we have Erik Hoover providing the food, I know that brings out the hungry college guys who are home for the Holidays!"

Additional notes, 12 of the 38 are our Eagle Scouts, ranging from #1 – Dr. Jim LaPolla Jr., who coordinates the facility for us, to Eagles #120 & 123, who were home from college and enjoying Mr. Hoover's spread. Furthest person attending this year was probably Todd Talstein #98 who was in from San Diego visiting family.

Trivia

1. The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self. When was the first Honor Medal awarded?

2. What kind of wood is used to start a fire?

3. Which hand do you use for the Scout handshake and why?

Fun Facts

181 NASA astronauts were involved in Scouting (57.4% of astronauts). 39 are Eagle Scouts.

The first national jamboree was in 1937. It was held in Washington, DC, at the invitation of President Roosevelt. 27,232 attended, representing 536 councils.

Answers

1. 1923
2. Tinder
3. Left hand, because it is closest to your heart

Monday Demo Goes Skin Deep

Imagine, it's just another Monday night Troop meeting. The Demo portion of the meeting is supposed to be all about sled building, after all Winter Event is only a month away. The Patrols are busy talking about the upcoming holiday season, when Mr. Hoover walks in carrying a big blue tarp. That's when you realize, this isn't sled building anymore and this is not going to be your ordinary Troop Meeting.

Over the years, there have been many interesting meetings, with a wide array of demo topics, but this is one we doubt the Scouts have ever seen.

Erik Hoover, Assistant Scoutmaster, processes meat on the side. In fact, he has brought venison jerky on one or two camping trips and tells the boys if they tag a deer, he will process it into jerky for them. Erik received a deer for processing and thought it would be really interesting to show the Scouts of Troop 101 how to field-dress it. He was right!

After getting approval from his customer, Erik contacted SPL Danny Young to see if he was interested. Danny agreed it would be an awesome demo and soon sled building was pushed aside. Any worries or fears of Scouts not wanting to watch the demo were quickly put aside as all but three chose to watch. The other three, assisted the adult leaders working in the back of the Troop room on a few of the new Patrol Boxes.

Those that chose to watch were mesmerized as Erik walked through the steps needed to get to the meat. A few even pulled out their cellphones to take pictures. Overall, it was a demo that many will never forget.

Saying Goodbye to Friends and Family

Charles B. Crouse Jr. *Former Troop 101 Committee Member*

Charles "Charlie" Crouse Jr., 91, passed away Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, at his Cortland home surrounded by his family.

Charlie had two sons active in Troop 101, Robert and Henry, and he served on the Troop Committee. Charlie also served on the Council Executive Board as Camp Properties Chairman for several years, helping maintain Camp Chickagami.

Serving his country as a sergeant during World War II in the 11th armored division under General Patton as a tank commander, Charlie participated in the European Theater at the Battle of the Bulge.

Charlie struck out on his own and started Crouse Insurance Agency in 1955. In 1960, he merged with Paige and Byrnes Insurance, becoming a partner. Known as "The Man with the Plan" until his retirement in 1986.

Charlie gave tirelessly to Warren through early membership in the Jaycees and Warren Community Forum, and was a founding member of the Red Cross Bloodmobile program. His volunteerism led him to become Red Cross chapter chairman and chairman of the United Way Professional Division. Throughout his professional life and well into retirement, Charlie was a volunteer and successful fundraiser for St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, the Red Cross and the Boy Scouts.

The Crouse family requests any contributions in lieu of flowers to be made to the Trumbull Chapter of the American Red Cross, 661 Mahoning Ave. N.W., Warren, OH 44483; St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, 667 Eastland Ave. S.E., Warren, OH 44484; or The Boy Scouts Greater Western Reserve Council, 4930 Enterprise Blvd. N.W., Warren, OH 44481.

Edward Franklin Byers *Father/Grandfather Troop Alumni*

Edward Franklin Byers, 88, of Edinburg (Portage County) passed away peacefully in his sleep at the Cleveland Clinic on Oct. 16, 2013.

He was the father of Edward R. Byers, Troop 101 Assistant Scoutmaster and Alumni Quarterly Newsletter editor, and the grandfather of Edward F. Byers II, Troop 101 Eagle Scout #91, and Jimmy Byers, (Troop 101alumnus) Eagle Scout, Troop 16, Canton.

Born Oct. 6, 1925 in Racine, Ohio, Byers was a 1943 graduate of Newton Falls High School and enlisted in the U.S. Navy just shy of his 18th birthday in 1943. He was a decorated WWII Veteran serving in the South Pacific Theatre aboard the destroyer USS Fletcher.

A member of Pipefitters Local 225 in Warren, OH, he served on the union Executive Board for many years, retiring in 1987 after 46 years in the trade.

An avid fly-fisherman and outdoorsman, he enjoyed spending time with his family at their summer home in the Allegheny National Forest, Forest County, PA. He also enjoyed his winter home in West Palm Beach, FL where he met his second wife Donna Dillon, whom he married on July 24, 1996.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, his sister Thelma, wife Eleanor, daughter Victoria and his step-grandson Army Ranger Cpl. Benjamin Dillon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Edinburg, Ohio United Church.

Mary A. Marton *Wife of Late Troop 101 Committee Chairman Bill Marton*

Mary Ann Catton Marton, 82, passed away Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013, at her Howland home with her family surrounding her.

Mary Ann was involved in Cub Scouting way back with Pack 11 in the 1960's when her own boys were in the program. With Troop 101, she was the understanding wife, who graciously allowed her late husband Bill Marton, take on the role of Troop 101 Committee Chairman and hold countless organizational meetings at their house. She was always supportive of the Troop program. Her husband Bill, whom she married June 27, 1951, passed away June 9, 2001.

Mary Ann was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Warren and served often as a reader.

Mary Ann retired from 2 North Park as an intervention specialist, where she was known as ''the Puppet Lady" while visiting many local elementary schools. Prior to that, she worked as the director of the Fine Arts Council Trumbull County (FACT).

In Mary Ann's free time, she was an avid reader with her Widows' of Quarry Lane Book Club, collected cookbooks and enjoyed gardening and bird watching. Mary Ann was a member of the Trumbull County Historical Society, TNT's Woman's Committee and also the AAUW, First Book and many other organizations.

The Marton family would like to thank all of Mary Ann's caretakers whom provided the best of care for her the last two years.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Care Hospice, 5401 Ashley Circle, Austintown, OH 44515 in Mary Ann's name.

Cooking it up with Troop 101

Featured Recipe: Cinnamon French Toast Bake

Dust off those cast iron ovens, have we got a recipe for you! In November, the Liberty Patrol joined the Skunk patrol for breakfast. Why? Well every month the Scouts participate in a competition for Honor Patrol. The winner typically eats breakfast with the adult patrol, The Skunks, for Sunday Breakfast. This is a coveted prize since it means they can clean up all their own cooking equipment Saturday night and do not have to worry about cooking or cleaning that morning.

Well, in November, Honor Patrol was Liberty, and they got to sit down to a breakfast of Sugary delight, Cinnamon French Toast Bake!

Cinnamon French Toast Bake

½ stick margarine
6 eggs
2 tsp cinnamon
1 cup chopped pecans
Glaze Icing from cinnamon rolls
2 pkgs cinnamon rolls with icing
½ cup heavy whipping cream
2 tsp vanilla
1 cup maple syrup
Powdered sugar

Place oven on burner and melt butter. Cut each roll into 8 pieces and place pieces over butter in Dutch oven. In a medium bowl, beat eggs. Beat in cream, cinnamon and vanilla until well blended. Pour over rolls. Sprinkle with pecans and drizzle with 1 cup syrup. Bake about 30 minutes or until golden brown. Open and allow to cool. Meanwhile, remove covers from icing and place in shallow pan of warm water to heat until drizzling consistency. Drizzle over top after it has cooled a bit. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

It can be served with additional syrup.

New Boy Scout Handbook, other Boy Scout program tweaks due in 2016

By Bryan Wendell
(Special to the Alumni Quarterly newsletter)

The saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" could be used to describe some tweaks coming to the Boy Scouts program in 2016.

The merit badge program has been getting stronger with the release of each new merit badge, and the trail to Eagle Scout continues to produce terrific young men. Neither will change.

We are getting a new Boy Scout Handbook, but the 13th edition, due out in January 2016, will keep most of its content from the 12th edition (released in 2010). The design and images inside will be updated, but much of the text will be unchanged.

I already previewed changes to Cub Scouting coming in 2015 and Venturing coming this year. Compared to the makeovers for those two programs, what's happening in Boy Scouting is more of a slight modification than a complete overhaul.

Find out what's changing (and what isn't) and when after the jump.

What isn't changing

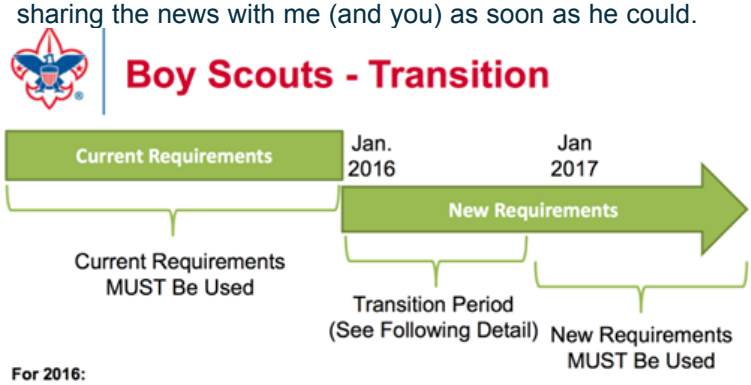
- Current ranks and approach (Tenderfoot to First Class earned concurrently; Star to Eagle Scout earned sequentially)
- Use of merit badge program

Bryan Wendell, an Eagle Scout, is the senior editor of Scouting and Eagles' Call magazines.

What is changing

- Scout will become a rank
- Additions:
  - Service at all ranks (conservation-related at Life)
  - Health eating/habits requirements
  - Some reordering in Tenderfoot to First Class
  - Physical fitness at each rank, Tenderfoot to First Class
  - Outdoor ethics – Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly
  - Weather safety, risk assessment and mitigation
  - Duty to God incorporated in requirement to show Scout Spirit

Many more details to come as I get them. Thanks to Bob Scott for sharing the news with me (and you) as soon as he could.



For 2016:

- Boys joining on/after 1/1/2016 **MUST** use the new requirements.
- Boys who have joined prior to 1/1/2016:
  - Who are working on Tenderfoot thru First Class **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon attaining First Class.
  - Who have completed First Class **MAY** complete the rank they are currently working on in the current requirements but then **MUST** convert to the new requirements for subsequent ranks.

For 2017: All Scouts **MUST** use the new requirements regardless of rank.

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The Troop 101 photo gallery now contains over ***60,000*** photos from 1975 to the present.

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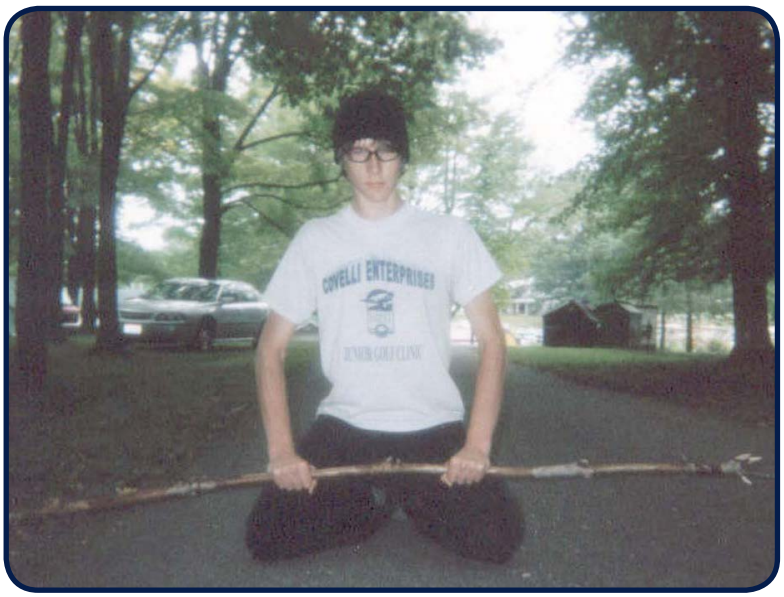
July 2008

June 1998

November 2008

March 2002



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **January**

  January 12 - Kyle Jones, Eagle 133 Court of Honor

  January 17 - 19 - Winter Event

- **February**

  February 21-23 - Beaumont Campout

- **March**

  March 8-9 - Nelson Ledges to Chickagami

- **April**

  April 4-6 - Camping Trip

  April 13 - Spaghetti Dinner

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

Pack 101 Website Updated

Many of you have probably visited the Troop website recently. If you haven't, you might want to take a look. While working on the Troop website, Matt McCracken, Assistant Scoutmaster and Web Guru for the Troop, noticed that the Pack website had fallen a bit out of date.

"A few adults had commented that the site wasn't easy to navigate, and the content wasn't right… I think I saw Ed Byers and Vic Dasbach on there a few times." –Matt

So the site was rebuilt from the ground up. Taking hints from other Pack websites, Matt developed a fun and energetic looking site that's bursting with up to date information.

Check it out at http://pack101.net.