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AND MORE!!!



Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster

From the Scoutmaster

Gone By Spring *Troop 101 Searching for a New Home*

As we head toward our 40th anniversary as a Troop, we are facing one of our biggest challenges thus far.

About a year and a half ago the Elks sold their building and intended to build a smaller more efficient building at the other end of the parking lot. Part of that was to become our new home. Unfortunately their current plan won't really work for us. Their funds are limited and while they have the best intentions, should they get their new facility completed, there just isn't the meeting space we need.

Meanwhile the current building owners have allowed us to stay as a part of the agreement with the Elks for a transition time. That will soon come to an end.

We have had a group looking for a new partner in the Howland area. We feel it is important to stay in or very close to Howland. In all likelihood we would probably have shared space unlike today where we essentially have much of the basement all to ourselves to put up the Eagle Wall, leave computers out, hang wet tents, etc.

Meeting space is only half the battle. Storage for equipment is a big factor for us.

As a part of this ongoing search process we brainstormed even getting our own facility, but the costs and commitment are too great for a group who just volunteers their time. As of this writing we have a couple possibilities. Hopefully one will work out for us. I hesitate to share more until we see where these are going. It just happens to work out that way with the publication dates for this newsletter. Any additional options or ideas are most welcome.

One thing is for sure. It will be just a few weeks beyond 40 years and everything will change. So this should have everyone anticipating the next issue of our newsletter.

To be continued . . .

-Jim



Elks Lodge #295



Feature profile: Matt McCracken

Troop 101 Eagle Scout #93 - October 23, 2003

Editors note: In this issue of the Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly we insisted ASM Matt McCracken step out from behind-the-scenes and take a bow. Matt has played a leading role in the Troop's website, adding a voluminous photo and video gallery and devotes countless hours of work in laying out the Alumni Quarterly. Noted for his patient and unassuming manner, he shared a personal glimpse, which clearly illustrates his dedication and hard work on behalf of the Troop and the Scouting movement.

How/why did you get involved in Scouts? Was there a "driving force" - parents, friends?

Scouts was always "cool" where I grew up, at least, that's how I remembered it. The church my family attended, Kochenderfer United Methodist, had recently started a Cub Pack, Pack 439. I don't remember if my father introduced me into the program, or if it was one of those School Recruitment events that Packs often hold. Either way, I was hooked, and hanging out with my friends only made the program more exciting and fun. My parents were very involved with the program, and helped guide me through Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts. My dad even served as Pack Leader of 439, Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 439, and Committee member for Troop 101.

How did the move to Ohio play out with Merit Badges and the transition?

I was well on my way to Eagle when we moved to Ohio in August 2000. I was a Star Scout, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and had just been elected into the Order of the Arrow. I didn't have many merit badges. I probably had the minimum required for Star. Most of the badges I earned were from Summer Camp. I would go as far to say it was odd learning I could earn badges while not at Summer Camp. There was also the Troops "First Class Camp" requirement, which didn't exist in my old Troop. I remember my partner, Mike Young, and I working on lashings and projects to show we knew our stuff.

New town, new school and a new Troop - all a bit challenging, would you say?

I was a bit reserved when I entered the Troop. The biggest thing was the size and organization of the Troop. I was used to a smaller Troop, and we certainly didn't have all the equipment Troop 101 did, it was a bit overwhelming. We joined the Troop in 2000, right after the Bike Trip,

and that was what everyone seemed to be talking about. I was in the Bison Patrol and soon made a few friends. I remember waiting until January to camp for the first time at Winter Event. Matt Sanders was the Senior Patrol Leader, and I still remember him, and several others in his staff, checking in on me to make sure I was having a good time.

Why Troop 101? Is there a story there?

Actually, the company my dad works for is the same one that Jim Potjunas works for. One of the employees at the corporate office told Jim that my family was moving to the area and that there were 2 boys looking to get back into the program. We never even looked at another Troop.

What were your first impressions of the Troop?

It was busy. I remember people running around everywhere. I had never seen or heard about some of the equipment this Troop had. What's a Patrol Box? What's a Dutch oven? It sounds odd saying that after working with the equipment, but now I wouldn't camp any other way.

How was this different from your Troop back in PA.?

The Troop in Lebanon was still a young troop. It had only been around for a couple years, and kinks were still being worked out. There were only a few senior leaders in the Troop when I left, and I was one of them at age 14. Our camping equipment was mostly pots, pans, and aluminum foil. The Camp food certainly increased in quality when we joined 101.

The program was really interesting in 101. Most of our meetings in Troop 439 revolved around Scout Skills, but in 101, one of the first demos was web design...

now that I think about it, that might have been a reason I got so interested in web design.

Safe to say, since joining, you have probably been on as many camp outs as Jim, so there has got to be some really good stories to tell, right?

My first camping trip with Troop 101 was Winter Event at Chickagami, and my last Camping trip as a Youth was Winter Event at Chickagami. In the four years I spent as a youth in 101 there were many memorable camp outs, and there have been many more since I became an Assistant Scoutmaster. I doubt I come close to the number of trips Jim has, though.

The stories from camp are endless, between pranks that went well, and those that didn't work out as expected, I would say few of the adventures I had with 101 didn't have a good story to accompany.

I remember during one of my first themed trips with Troop 101 traveling back to World War II. It was a great trip as we stalked one of the adults through the woods, bombed the fortress, lashed bridges, and more. After the feast that evening, a storm rolled in that took out the campsite, almost literally. I remember struggling to keep the fly's and tents from blowing away in the wind. I think the Troop even lost one of the adult tents, full of gear as it flew into a nearby tree.



Scouts working on Matt's Eagle Project, 2003

One camping trip, I remember helping our Senior Quartermaster, Ed Byers. He was the lone QM, and there was a lot of stuff that needed loaded into the Trailer. I still remember the look of surprise when I picked up the patrol box by myself and passed it to him in the Trailer. It wasn't long after I became a Troop Quartermaster.

Recently we were camping at Camp McKinley. It was late, and most of the Troop had gone to bed. I remember sitting up with a couple Owls telling ghost stories. One of the Owls was a bit more frightened by the stories than the others, and when a leaf fell behind him, he jumped across the fire.

You do a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work for the Troop; the website, photos, videos, – and the Alumni Quarterly. What satisfaction do you get out of all of this?

Computers have always been one of my interests. I started a personal website for fun, and eventually that led to the Troop Photo Gallery. The Photo Gallery started because several moms on the 2004 bike trip wanted a place they could go and re-live the trip and see the hundreds of photos that had been taken. At some point I started managing the Troop Website for the Troop. Not long after that, Jim pulled his resources together and I ended up scanning all the 35mm slides he and Bill Aubuchon had amassed over the years. I think it was over twenty thousand. It took a few weeks, but I got to see some amazing photos, and then even better I got to share them with everyone else who visits the site.

After scanning all the photos, Jim shared the Patrol Movies he had on VHS, and I soon digitized them as well. I put them on DVD, but not everyone could view these old videos when they sat in a box, so I added a movie gallery to the website, and it's been steadily growing for some time. Bill Aubuchon used to do a slideshow for the Troop Christmas Party every year. I think I might have seen one of them before Todd Talstein took it over. After Todd turned 18 his brother Zack made a couple until 2006 when I took over and I've been making them ever since. They've even found a spot in the movie gallery.

I guess the satisfaction is when I hear people laughing at the slideshows, or talking about something they saw on the website. Sometimes I even see a photo I took on a camp out appear as a profile photo on Facebook. I enjoy knowing that



Canoeing in Algonquin 2014

people can look back on these photos and videos to joke and laugh at the things they did, whether it's been a few weeks, or a few years since the actual event. The Alumni Quarterly is the same way. I love to read the stories that come from Scouts in the past, and working on the newsletter gives me a firsthand look at all the action.

Who were some of your influences, role models, perhaps people who helped you attain the Eagle Rank?

My family was always supportive. Between my Parents and Grandparents, I was often encouraged to get my Eagle. In addition, the friends I made during my years as a youth were, at times, both role models and guides for the things I would aspire to be as a 101 Eagle. I also aspire to be like many of the adults I met during my years, and eagerly hope I can help be a role model to those that pass through the Troop today.

Was there ever any doubt you would get your Eagle? (Lot of guys who came close, but didn't, seem to regret it, no matter how old they are today.)

I don't remember worrying about it until after submitting everything to National. I still remember them coming back with no record of me earning up to Star. Turns out, they somehow lost my Council in PA. It was such a small council they had trouble finding it. I had enough time to get an Eagle Palm, but not if they had to work out where my Council was. Fortunately after a few phone calls...not sure who exactly made them, my Council was found and everything was back on track.

What did that mean to you back then?

Earning my Eagle is one accomplishment I'll always be proud of. There was a sense of relief when I finished my project, and a sense of pride knowing people would be able to see and enjoy my project for years to come. Thanks to the newspaper,

I even received congratulations from other people at school.

What significance does it have for you today?

My Eagle Certificate hangs directly over my computer. Though the sense of completion has left me, it reminds me of the things I learned in Scouting.

Any of your Scouting skills come in handy later in life?

It still surprises some of my friends that I can cook. Most of them have that one thing they can make, but I've been able to show them many other recipes. Recently I was over at a friend's house for a fire and I decided to throw together a quick Peach Cobbler. The entire thing was soon consumed.

Since I'm still involved in Scouting, I keep many of the skills fresh in my mind. Just the other weekend I lashed together a First Class Camp site to show the upcoming group of Scouts some of the cool things they can make.

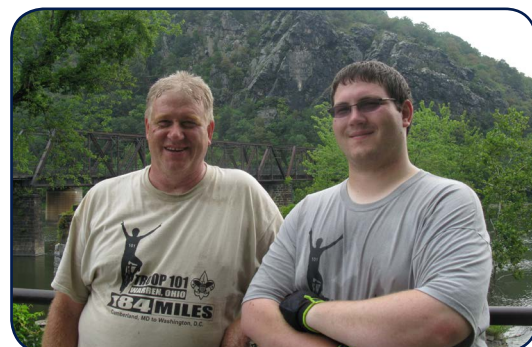
What are you up to today, career, family life, etc.? Goals?

After graduating college I got a job working for the same company my dad and Mr. P. work for. Actually, Mr. P is my boss. I develop internal web applications for the company.

Presently I commute to work with Jim, but have been looking for a house closer to work for a while now. I'm not trying to rush into anything, though.

Advice to future Eagles?

Keep with the program and do your best. The journey is just as important as the destination.



Matt with Father, Andy - Bike Trip 2012

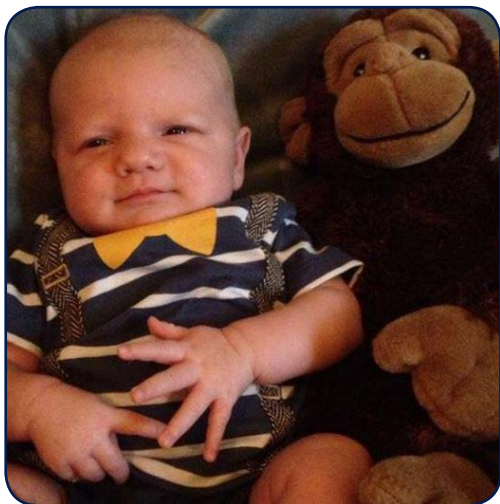


Greg Dew (Troop 101 Eagle #54) and wife Elise's newborn son came into this world with a heart defect. Little Milton Dew faced an untold number of struggles in the first several weeks of life and endured a series of touch-and-go surgeries to repair a major artery defect.

"At our 20 week check-up, Doctors discovered baby Milton had TGA, Transposition of the Great Arteries. Essentially, the blood vessels to his heart were switched, the heart was pumping blood to his body without ever getting cleansed by the lungs," said Greg. "As scary as that diagnosis was, we were fortunate because it enabled us prior knowledge of the situation, otherwise we never would have known. We were able to research, plan, and get to Philadelphia for the best care our son could possibly get."



Greg said wife Elise researched every small detail to make sure they made the best decisions. "Knowing we were leaving nothing to chance really helped us rest better. We also have a 3 year old little girl, so wallowing in self-pity was not an option," said Greg.



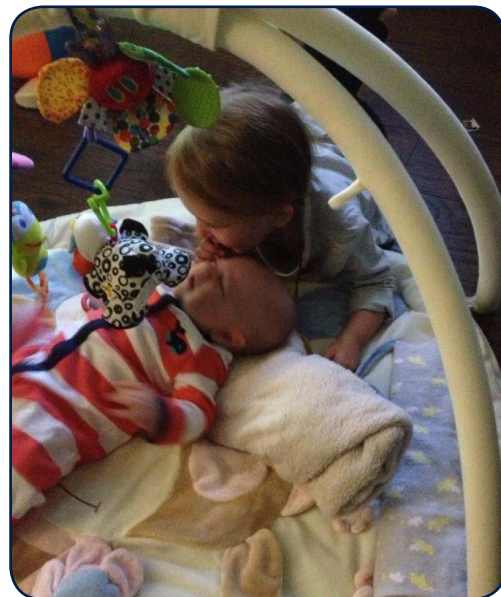
In the days after his birth, Milton underwent the first of several surgeries. "Things were very dicey with him for the first 48 hours, but as soon as he had his open heart surgery and they positioned

Baby Dew's Heart Fund

his arteries where they belonged, he started making dramatic improvement." Greg said.

The Doctors and nurses were encouraged by little Milton's resiliency and pronounced the procedures a success, but Greg said Milton still has a ways to go. "The surgery Milton had has only been a mainstream procedure for 30 years, so the long term prognosis isn't completely known, but the now-adults who first had the procedure are by and large doing well now in their 30s. He'll need at least one checkup per year for the rest of his life and he'll never be permitted to do highly stressful activities like weightlifting, but he should be a normal kid."

Never forgetting his Troop 101 roots, Greg said the support the family has received is remarkable. "We have received continuous support from my fellow 101 alumni Chad Bowman, Justin Aubuchon and Rob Sloan. My mom and aunt also came to Philadelphia to help and my sister-in-law hosted all of us while we were there. My mother-in-law has moved in to lend a hand. She and my brother-in-law set up a benevolent fund to help with the mounting medical bills and loss of income as my wife has been off work for quite a while."



Today, Greg, Mother Elise, and three year old sister Haddie, now find themselves awash in medical bills. Greg said a PayPal account has been set up for those who would like to help the family. If you have a PayPal account, you can make a donation directly and no fees will be deducted from your donation on the receiving side.

To Donate Directly:

1. Go to PayPal.com
2. Log into your account
3. Click the "Send Money to a Friend" button
4. Enter "baby.dew.heart.fund@gmail.com", and the amount you'd like to donate

Or, you can search "Baby Dew's Heart Fund" on Facebook, which will take you directly to the Facebook page to donate to the cause.

"We have been blown away by the love and support we've received and continue to receive," said Greg. "Our world was turned upside down, but we've never been more blessed."

What We've Been Up To

09/07/2014	September, 2014 McKinley Campout It might have rained a little, but that certainly didn't dampen the scout spirit this weekend. It was a fun trip with compass games and first class camping skills!
08/17/2014	Algonquin, Canada Base Camp Some stayed for the second week, and for many it was the first trip to Algonquin Park. Although it got a bit cold and wet, the trip up north was certainly a fun time. Be sure to check out photos from the trip in the Troop 101 Photo Gallery Sometimes great videos are created while camping. Those videos have a home on our Troop website... have you seen them? Head over to our Troop Video Gallery to check out some from this past week in Canada.
08/17/2014	Algonquin High Adventure Canoe Trip They traveled far, from lake to lake. It was a journey they will all remember! Photos from the Algonquin High Adventure Canoe Trip are now online. When you have a moment, ask someone who went on the trip about it. It sounds like they had a lot of fun!
07/12/2014	Summer Camp - To These Things We Shall Return Back from a week at Camp Manatoc, what a great week! Be sure to check out the photos in the Troop Photo Gallery. To all the scouts, Congratulations and well done on the requirements and Merit badges completed at camp. Next month is Algonquin. Look forward to it! Interested in seeing the marching? Well, you're in luck, Troop 101's got three videos of marching. These videos show all Troops at camp during the fourth week.



Trivia

1. What was the special event that took place during the 30th Reunion?
2. Who was the first Scout on Camp Manatoc's Staff for Summer Camp?
3. Why are uniforms worn while traveling on scout outings?
4. What can you do if you have both a merit badge sash and Order of the Arrow sash?
5. What is the minimum age to backpack with Boy Scouts?

Fun Facts

Over half a billion men and women have taken the Scout Promise.

In 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first Eagle Scout to be portrayed on a U.S. postage stamp—called "The Man on the Moon."

1. 101 Eagle Scout Court
2. Dan Young
3. There is no official rule, but it sure looks good!
4. Choose which one to wear at a time
5. No Minimum

Answers



Tim Ross
President

At last, I have some great news and I need to you help me tell it.

Our 40th reunion celebration is ready to roll – so mark your 2015 calendar for the weekend of June 12 through the 14th. If you attended our 35th, you know this is an event you will not want to miss.

Our reunion committee under the direction of Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Kuszmaul has been doing an incredible job of making this an event you will never forget.

As you all know, the Troop has a storied history of being blessed with the best adult volunteer leaders and it just happens that we have a two who have a wealth of experience in the food service business and they will be preparing some great chow.

Now is the time for you to begin helping us get

From the President

Greetings!

the word out. To help make it such a memorable event, we are asking you to help us spread the word and create some buzz, to anyone who has ever been involved in the Troop, in any way, shape or form, over the past 40 years.

After the successful 35th reunion, I heard from a lot of people who couldn't make it for one reason or another and were sorry they missed it, especially after they heard all about it from their friends. Well, this one promises to be bigger and better than the 35th reunion, if that's even possible.

Check Paul's reunion story on page 8, and look for his updates in upcoming issues of the Alumni Quarterly as we draw closer to the "Big 4-0."

In the meantime, you have the dates, June 12 through the 14th at Pymatuning State Park. Stay tuned for more updates next issue!

-Tim

National News

Coleman-Miller Service Center

As many of you know, our council has operated a Scout Shoppe in the Coleman-Miller Service Center for several years. Earlier this year the Council Executive Committee and Council Finance Committee decided to transition the council's management of the Scout Shoppe over to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Transition took place this fall, and the shop is now nationally run.



Zane Smith - Eagle 136

So what does this change mean?

It does not mean we have to change were we purchase badges, pins, and other Scouting Supplies... In fact, that happens to be one of the benefits. The variety and quantity of scouting merchandise has increased! A portion of sales still goes to support the local council as well. If that isn't enough, the shop will now have hours on Saturday.

The council members that work in the Coleman-Miller Service Center will work side by side with the national employees to support our Scouting families. That is where we can find another piece of good news. One of our Eagle Scouts, Eagle #136, Zane Smith, has been hired at the Scout Shop. You can see the gleam of pride in his eyes as he wears those gold colored shoulder loops.

Generations: Eagle Projects That Stand the Test of Time

Troop 101 Eagle Scout James Carnahan's project continues to serve Christ Episcopal Church in Warren. By James Carnahan Eagle Scout #49 (11-10-1992)

I believe it was Ed Baker, an architect who had a son the Troop, who helped me with the design of the altar in early 1992.

I submitted my project to the Eagle Board of Review in Winter/Spring 1992, and was approved, but did not begin work on it until Summer. I also had to speak with a Father Sitts, pastor of Christ Episcopal Church at the time, to get permission to build it and where he wanted it placed.

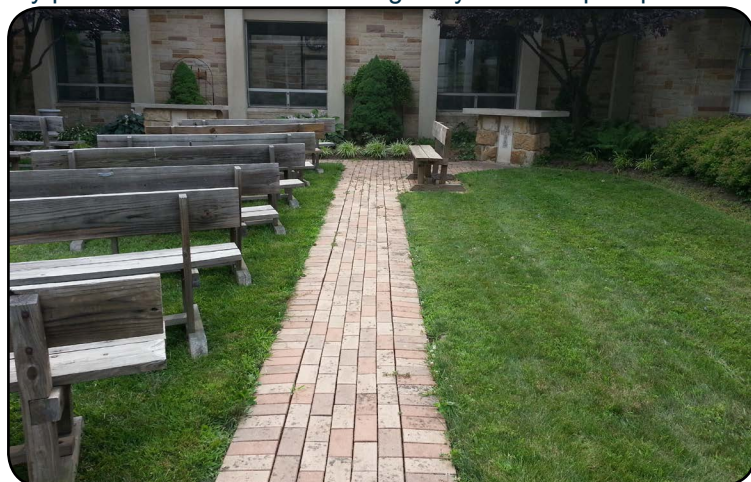
I think it was Ashok Ramalingham and Steve Gross or Justin Aubuchon who were just starting to break ground in preparing the hole and measuring the depth of the hole for the base altar's base. Also Ryan Criss helped lay the sod down after the altar was constructed.

I well remember that, once the construction began, my dad was present to help safety-supervise. We worked and completed the altar in July 1992 just before Summer Camp. We started early in July and it only took a few weeks to complete.

Members of the church, the maintenance staff and church office employees were on hand when the concrete was being poured into the hole for the base and also when the table top was being carried to the altar.

The cement, concrete blocks and stone block materials were all donated by Carter Lewis, who owns Lewis Construction Company in Warren and is also a member of the church. The altar top and frontal Celtic cross piece were provided by Crown Hill Memorial Cemetery in Vienna. The church donated the table top and front piece.

My parents attend the church regularly and are quite proud that the project endures to this day.



Looking for Help



Are you looking to help out Troop 101? Maybe you want to help, but don't want to take on too much? We are always on the lookout for those willing to help the Alumni Association. We will soon be in the market for someone to take over the job of framing Eagle Certificates awarded to Scouts.

This is a job that doesn't require a whole lot of time, but it is one of those small tasks the Alumni Association performs that makes a difference at each and every Eagle Court of honor.

If you might be interested in helping with framing certificates, or are interested in helping, but would prefer to help with something else, please contact Tim Ross.

Call 330.856.6901 or e-mail tross4@neo.rr.com

Cooking it up with Troop 101



Featured Recipe: Mustard Roast

Behold the Mustard Roast! This utensil-less meal is one of wonder and mystery... OK, so it's not that mysterious, but it's quite delicious. September was all about First Class Camp skills, so naturally there was a show of the many options a scout has to make a meal without utensils.

Somehow the Mustard Roast has risen to the top of everyone's "cool" list, and the Owl patrol even decided to do one for dinner. There would be a photo of the roast being sliced, but the photographer turned his head.

Mustard Roast

Mustard - (Get the Big one!)
Rolled Roast
Salt 1/2 lb
Aluminum Foil

Prepare a large can of charcoals. Coat large rolled roast completely with yellow mustard. You cannot use too much. Place a double square 18" x 18" of heavy-duty foil on the ground and stand the roast in the middle. Cover with salt, approx. 1/2 lb. Using hot pot tongs, stack the graying charcoals one by one upon the roast until it is completely covered. Cook for one hour. Skewer roast from the top with large fork. Break away mustard/salt crust, which will be hard and break off in chunks. Slice and serve roast.



40th Troop 101 Reunion Update

The Dates Are Set, So What's For Dinner?

Our Reunion Committee continues to meet and plan for the special occasion of our Troop's 40th Anniversary. The date has been set for the celebration to take place at Pymatuning State Park and the dates are June 12-14, 2015 so mark your calendars.

Utilizing some of the vast resources that our Troop is blessed to have, a couple of our adult leaders in the food service business have volunteered to put on our first ever Ox Roast, complete with a rotisserie spit and all the fixins an ox roast should have.

We hope to get as many Alumni out for this event and my goal as the committee chair is to make everyone that attends, feel welcomed and have a good time. We have some creative ideas on how to do this but certainly welcome any of yours. Let us know what you'd like to us to do or what it will take to get you to put this on your calendar as something you'd want to attend.

What a great way to see the faces of Scouting in 2015 and reunite with people that were so meaningful in your life as you were growing into an adult.

Hope to see you and your families all there,

Paul Kuszmaul
40th Anniversary Reunion Committee Chairman



<http://Troopphoto.Troop101.net>

The Troop 101 photo gallery now contains over **66,000** photos from 1975 to the present.



February - 1978



November - 2009



October - 2000



September - 1998



October - 1992



September - 2006

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• October

October 18 - 19 - Morrison Run Backpacking

October 27 - Troop Halloween Party

• November

November 7 - 8 - Tomlinson Run Campout

• December

December 7 - Troop Christmas Party

December 20 - Angel Gift Delivery

December - Alumni Holiday Gathering. Date pending, watch the website and Facebook for Details!

• 2015

March 29 - Spaghetti Dinner

June 12-14 - Troop 101's 40th Anniversary

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



"IT'S THE SPIRIT WITHIN, NOT THE VENEER WITHOUT, THAT MAKES A MAN."

- Lord Baden-Powell

Fall Fundraiser is Popping!

Troop 101 is selling Popcorn, and we are ready to take your order! If you live local, please email scoutmaster@troop101.net, and a scout will contact you with a catalog of gourmet popcorn flavors.

If you live out of town, order online at www.prpopcornstore.com. At checkout, enter Seller ID: 34JH270.

If you would like to credit a specific scout, forward your order confirmation to scoutmaster@troop101.net with the scout's name.

If you go shopping around, you might notice Scouts standing around the front doors of local stores. Just the other weekend we had Scouts selling popcorn in front of Wal-Mart. The Troop is planning more in the near future, so keep your eyes open.

Have a Facebook page? Keep your eyes open on the Troop Alumni Page for announcements on Show and Sell Dates.



\$10

Yellow Popping



\$10

Classic Caramel



\$18

Butter Microwave
18 Pack



\$18

Butter Light Microwave
18 Pack



\$22

Kettle Corn Microwave
18 Pack



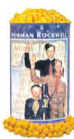
\$30

Double Butter Microwave
30 Pack



\$30

Classic Trio
Caramel Corn
Cheddar Cheese
Natural



\$20

Cheddar Cheese



\$20

Jalapeño Cheese



\$20

Sea Salt Splash



\$20

Mud Puddles



\$25

Caramel w/Sea Salt



\$40

Cheese Lovers
Cheddar
Jalapeño
Buffalo Ranch
White Cheddar



\$50

Chocolate Lovers
Pecan Clusters
Chocolate Truffles
White Ruby
English Magic
Coconut Rain

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