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AND MORE!!!

Building for the Future The Troop Moves on to Blessed Sacrament



Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster

This new building stuff isn't easy! There's the money raising, which has been going great. There are the plans, which have to meet with Blessed Sacrament church approval. There's the lease

agreement and getting everyone else's agreement. And on it goes.

We are looking to get final plans off to obtain permits. This will be followed by final bids from the subcontractors and we still may have a chance of getting something done before the snow flies. The changes that the church and others wanted added to the cost. We don't know how much yet. The folks at the former Elks building are in need of space in the back. So we still have our storage for a little while longer, but no place to hang our wet tents.

So, will we have something yet this year? Will there be enough money with the new changes? Will we have to move our equipment before we are ready? Where will we dry our tents? The excitement continues. This new



building stuff isn't easy!

Meanwhile, we continue our meetings at the church. We had a great week at Summer Camp and a great bike trip in August. We did some rappelling and other program at camp in September and we will be backpacking in October. We have had our first Eagle Court of Honor at the church and I have since signed one more Eagle application. I expect to sign a few more in the coming months. So the program continues. The Scouts are having fun and learning.

I spent some time with the leaders from Pack 101 and we are discussing ways to help each other in the coming months. That is very exciting. Our upcoming PLC training should help determine where we will camp in the coming months. We expect to have closer ties with the Pack's Webelos on some of those activities.

If this article feels a bit disjointed and bounces from topic to topic, that's kind of the way I feel we are now. We are getting it done, but it is anything but smooth. Hopefully it will all settle down in the coming months.

We have some great leaders and parents. So if we need to scramble to make something happen, I am sure they will step up.

Let's see what the next edition of this newsletter brings . . .

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Feature profile: Mike Mundell

Troop 101 Eagle Scout #8 - November 11, 1982

where he finished 3rd in silver and 4th in the AIRRACE1 world championship.

(There are links to some video of race series)

As a young Scout with Troop 101, Mike and his brother Jeff embraced go-carts and mini-bikes, which later in life, developed into working on a 1964 MG Midget for autocross competitions. While Mike took off to for the skies, Jeff continues with auto racing, driving in the economy modified class.

was the result of any sort of Merit Badge with Troop 101?

MM: I don't think there was a counselor available when in was in scouting, but I would have loved to have taken it.

AQ: Your aviation expertise has been written up in the Warren Tribune-Chronicle and we just read a great piece in the Youngstown Business Journal on Ernie Hall's Museum off North River Road in Howland, just

Mike Mundell (Eagle #8) is a Troop 101 Eagle still flying high.

Literally.

Mike is a certified flight instructor having logged more than 2,000 hours. He is also a Cassut air race enthusiast. Mike began racing airplanes in the Formula 1 class two years ago, purchasing his first Cassut in 2013.

The Cassut is built from a steel-tube frame, wood, fiberglass and fabric. His little reddish-orange and white plane, christened "Second Wind," has a 100-horsepower engine and can hit speeds of up to 250 mph.

Mike has raced this plane all over the country and the world. He just returned from The Reno National Championship air races

Mike's day job involves working as a quality assurance manager for a food company in northeast Ohio. He is married and a father of five and lives with wife Michelle in the Canton area.

He took a few minutes to talk to the Alumni Quarterly about his passion for flying and a look back at his Scouting days with Troop 101.

AQ: Tell us about how all that aviation interest happened for you?

MM: I can't remember when I developed a passion for aviation. It was with me long before kindergarten, but I remember twirling a plane around my head on a string that my dad got for me at the dime store.

AQ: So, we cannot assume the inspiration for your aviation interests



Flying High

down the road from the Troop's new digs. Have you been there or flown out of there?

MM: As a matter of fact, I have. I have been there several times and one of my airplanes was at the Wings and Wheels Fly-In and Car Show in August.

AQ: You go way back to the Troop's early days. You were among the Troop's very first Eagle Scouts – what sort of memories do you have?

MM: I guess the one that stands out most was my wilderness survival badge. I guess I had not read the book, and didn't know I was not allowed to bring a Cornish game hen along. When they came to



Preparing to take flight

check on me, I had one roasting on a spit!

AQ: Any particular Summer Camp or Winter Event memories that stick out?

MM: My last summer camp was working hard toward Eagle, because I was running out of time before I turned 18, so I signed up for everything I could get.

AQ: Everybody has a worst campout story. Does anything of that sort stand out in your memory?

MM: Yes. Not having a warm sleeping bag. We didn't have a lot of money in those days and we had an old one that was probably rated for 50 degrees, so I froze on the winter campouts.

AQ: Being "a man of a certain age," what is the reaction when people learn you are an Eagle Scout?

MM: To me it seems like the ones who have had family involved appreciate the commitment. The rest just don't seem to understand.

AQ: Is there any one thing you learned on the trail to Eagle that has stuck with you over the years?

MM: Yes, unlike what I do for a hobby now, (aviation racing) "Slow and steady wins the race." Just keep going when you have a big project and don't procrastinate.



Mike making some adjustments



Mike with some of his race competitors.

Reno National Championship Air Race

Mike sent us this link to the Reno National Championship Air Race. Mike finished 3rd in silver and 4th in the AIRRACE1 world championship

Check it out on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-qtXseLRlg



Family Camp and the Troop's 40th Reunion

Troop marks 40 Years!

True to 101 camping, it rained that weekend in June, but it didn't dampen our spirits as we celebrated and had fun. A lot of history and stories were shared between generations, near and far. One of our Eagles even flew in from Alaska to visit!

The day started like most family camp trips, canoeing around Pymatuning, but took a turn after lunch when each patrol was handed a frozen t-shirt, and was told the first one to put it on would win a special treat. Competition was fierce, but the Owl Patrol took the lead and secured victory.

The group spent the remainder of the afternoon over at the lake swimming and playing with a Frisbee. Meanwhile, back in camp, dinner slowly turned over coals and guests began arriving from near and far.

Dinner was excellent, from sides to the main dish, an Ox Roast, all 100 pounds of it! Special thanks go to Erik Hoover of Cockeye BBQ and Matt Kassos of Premium Meats! Both dad's have Scouts in the Troop.

After dinner we had a great campfire led by Dr. Ken LaPolla. Songs and skits, followed by a short slideshow highlighting our last 40 years.

Photos from the event can be found in the Troop Photo Gallery. If you took photos, please send a disk to Mr. Matt or Jim Potjunas with your photos so we can add them to our collection. Please print your name on the disk so we know who to thank.

Also, check out the Tribune article below.



Photos special to the Tribune Chronicle

Members of Boy Scout Troop 101 in Warren celebrated troop's 40-year anniversary with a gathering at Pymatuning State Park in Jamestown, Pa. The troop has produced 139 Eagle Scouts. Eagle Scouts at the event, from left, from most recent, are Cole Kuszmaul, Zane Smith, Sebastian Szwedzyk, Kyle Jones, Bryce Kuszmaul, Mike McClearn, Ben Gump, Matt McCracken, Scott Dobos, Adam Ramos, George Burin III, Jason Paisley, Greg Rossi and Ken LaPolla.



Scout troop marks 40 years

Troop 101 has produced 139 Eagle Scouts

By BOB COUPLAND
Tribune Chronicle

JAMESTOWN, Pa. — Boy Scout Troop 101 of Warren, which in its 40 years has produced 139 Eagle Scouts, had past Scouts and leaders gather for an anniversary celebration held at Pymatuning State Park.

The two-day reunion at the park was attended by 175 people.

Champion resident Paul Kuszmaul, assistant scoutmaster and reunion committee chair, said the reunion was a way that all former alumni, Scouts and leaders could get together for a weekend celebration noting the many achievements of the troop.

Kuszmaul said the reunion included an ox roast, games including unthawing a frozen T-shirt and putting it on, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, campfire and a historical



Those attending the recent 40-year reunion of Boy Scout Troop 101 in Warren took part in various activities, including canoeing and kayaking on Pymatuning State Park's lake.

slide show.

Kuszmaul said Troop 101's first scoutmaster served for one year, the next covered 1976 to 1980, and Jim Potjunas has been master the last 35 years.

"The event let us reflect on the achievements of the scouts. This let everyone reunite and share stories," Kuszmaul said.

Eagle Scout is the top award a Scout can earn, showcasing leadership, merit badges and a project

in which the scout leads and instructs other scouts and volunteers on a community project. Having 139 Eagle Scouts over its 40 years is the most noteworthy aspect of the troop, Kuszmaul said.

Kuszmaul said what he liked about the event was the ox roast which was prepared by two scoutmasters.

Gregg Hillman of Dayton, a charter member of the troop, is the only one of the originals to still be part

of the troop.

Kristine Kuszmaul, who helped her family at the reunion, said she was amazed how many attended, including a former Eagle Scout and scoutmaster who flew from Alaska.

Troop 101 plans to build a new troop building by Blessed Sacrament Parish in Warren, where the Scouts currently meet and hold fundraisers, such as an annual spaghetti dinner.

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Troop 101 40th Anniversary Reunion Chairman

Thanks His Staff for a Job Well Done

Thank you all for serving on the 40th reunion committee. I believe that with everyone's input and help that we planned and delivered a memorable weekend to match the quality program the Troop 101 provides.

The sporadically foul weather did not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of those that attended and wanted to spend special time with their personal and scouting families. I received several compliments on the program from both our overnight and Ox roast guests and it seems they all enjoyed themselves.

Dedicated people like yourselves, and those that have come before you, have made it possible to provide a great scouting program in Warren Ohio for more than 40 years. The highlight for myself was when all of the Troop 101 Eagle Scouts in attendance lined up in order for their group photo at the lake's edge. It was nice to reflect about what impact that each one is making on society in their own way. Your dedication has played a role in their success and the success of those currently on the Eagle trail.

Grooming boys to men while having fun and making memories is what the program is all about and what Troop 101 has delivered year after year. Here's to many more.

Paul Kuszmaul
40th Reunion Committee Chair

- Paul

See a Slideshow celebrating our 40 years on the Troop Website:

<http://movies.troop101.net/PlayVideo.aspx?vid=251>

and check out the photos in the Troop Photo Gallery:

<http://troopphoto.troop101.net/Default.aspx?alb=405>



Trivia

1. Who traveled the furthest to make the 40th Reunion?
2. How many Merit badges were presented at the most recent Court of Honor?
3. How many years has Troop 101 attended Summer Camp at Manatoc?
4. What is the significance of the phrase "Be prepared"?
5. What merit badge has been awarded more than any other?

Fun Facts

181 NASA astronauts were involved in Scouting (57.4 percent of astronauts).

The Distinguished Eagle Scout Award was established in 1969 to acknowledge Eagle Scouts who have distinguished themselves on a national level,

1. Ben Gump, Eagle 108 - Flew in from Alaska
2. 128
3. This was year 16
4. It's the Scout motto
5. First Aid

Answers

TROOP 101 IS TAKING YOUR ORDER

Fall Popcorn Fundraiser now in full swing

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, or would like to customize a 2 gallon or 3 gallon tin, order online at www.ppopcornstore.com. At checkout, enter Seller ID: 71017. If you would like to credit a specific scout, forward your order confirmation to scoutmaster@troop101.net with the scout's name.

Thank you for supporting Troop 101!

Be on the lookout for our Show & Sell days! Keep an eye on the Troop Calendar, and our Facebook page for more dates and times to come.

Current dates include

October 10 - Howland Giant Eagle from 9 am - 4 pm
October 11 - Howland Giant Eagle from 9 am - 4 pm
October 17 - Cortland WalMart from 9 am - 4 pm

Just look for those friendly Scouting faces!



Ordering something for the Holidays?

Don't Forget to Support Us with a "Smile"

It's almost time for the holidays, and if you shop on Amazon.com, be sure to shop with AmazonSmile. When you set the Troop 101 Alumni Association as your charitable organization on AmazonSmile, 0.5% of your eligible purchase is donated to us.

Amazon Prime members still get free second day shipping as well.

To set the Alumni Association as your charitable organization, [Just click here and start shopping!](#)





The Liberty Patrol Takes Flight!

A Patrol Name is Gone, But Never Forgotten

If you need a quick refresher on the Patrol names of Troop 101, there are the Bison, Bobcat, Eagle, Beaver, Hawk, Owl and Liberty Patrols.

Well, at least up until a few weeks ago.

The Liberty Patrol is no more. This will certainly come as some not-so-good news to the legions of Troop 101 Liberty Patrol alumni.

Please understand, doing away with Liberty wasn't the Troop's call. Not at all. Earlier this year, the BSA National decided to discontinue the Liberty Patrol patch.

This presented an opportunity for the Liberty Patrol to choose a new name. After several patrol meetings, looking over the various patches the BSA offers, Liberty chose its new name: the Falcon Patrol.

On Monday, September 21, the Falcon Patrol officially unveiled its new Patrol flag. They are still working on the patrol cheer, but have a few ideas. Stay tuned.



The Falcon Patrol unveils its new flag.

Packing up *By Matt McCracken - Eagle #93*

It was the last Saturday of September and the Troop was holding its last PLC training at the former Elks lodge, soon to be our "old home."

I can say that I am glad the organization that bought the building is doing well, but with that, even more changes occur for the Troop.

This organization that purchased the Elks runs a store called "It's All Fine Consignment & Gift Shop" on the upper floor, and houses many items in the lower area, which was home to the Troop for decades.

During the transition from the Elks to Blessed Sacrament, the Troop continued to use the back half of the building to store equipment and hang tents, but with the store's growth, they asked if we could consolidate our gear so they could start to use the large area.

So while the Patrol leaders absorbed the knowledge that will help guide them during the upcoming months, we began clearing the back room for the new owner, consolidating our years of demos, equipment, posters, and more, into one room.

The sorting, packing and cleaning took the duration of PLC training. Eagles Wings members came to help clear their cabinet in the back and several Assistant Scoutmasters pitched in to take down things that were hanging up. During the breaks, PLC members helped by moving large boxes and furniture to be stacked for the eventual move.

There was so much stuff to move and we had to decide what was going with us to the new building. Things that were broken

or rusted-through were thrown away and historic memorabilia was placed in boxes to await our move to the new building.

I will admit, some of the things we found in the room downstairs brought out many questions from the Quartermasters, such as, what was the "Black Hand?" - And you did that with pencil and paper?

In the end, we had to give up the area where we used to hang the tents, but we still have access to the equipment room in the back. A plan is already in the works for a place to hang tents until the new building is completed and for the time being, we can still access the gear we need in the back. I know the Quartermasters are excited for the move to the new building, and we'll be sure to post the dates for that move once we have them!

If you're curious what the back room looks like now, take a look. I snapped a photo before leaving at the end of the day.



Bike Trip T-Shirt Contest

A new design enters the collection

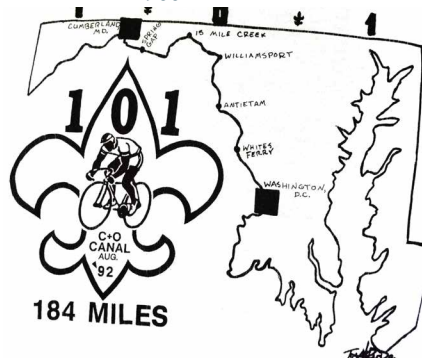


184 MILES
1988

This August, the Troop finished the C&O Canal Bike trip for the 8th time. That also means a new Bike trip T-Shirt desing joins our collection of awesome shirts! We thought it would be nice to show the designs in case you haven't seen them.

This year, four scouts submitted designs for the coveted t-shirt design contest. The winning design was imagined by our Senior Patrol Leader, Cole, and brought to life with the help of his father.

The shirts were printed in Warren by a former 101 Scout. If you're looking to have something made, consider checking out Artistics Silk Screen & Design. www.artisticsonline.com

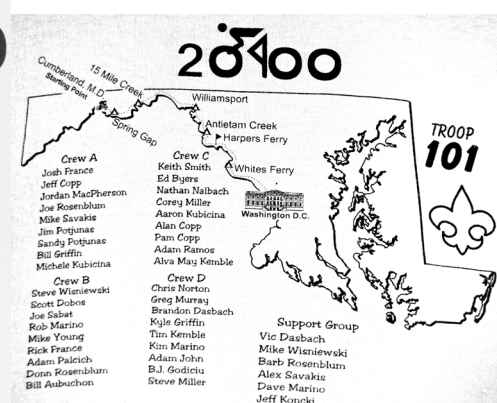
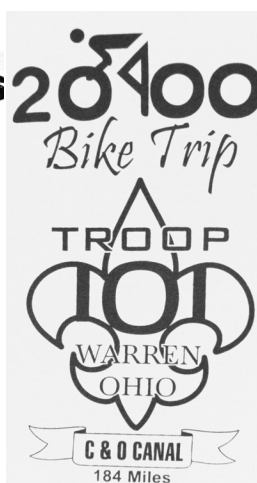


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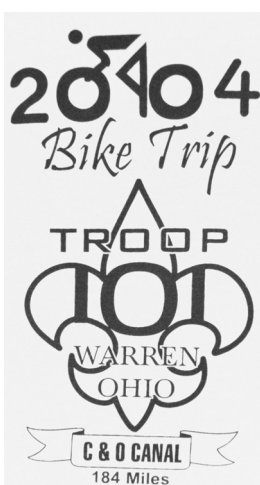
BIKE TRIP '96
TROOP 101
WARREN, OHIO



184 MILES
Cumberland, MD to Washington, D.C.
1996 Front



2000 Front (left) Back (above)



2004 Front



2004 Back



2008 Front



2008 Back



2012 Front



2012 Back



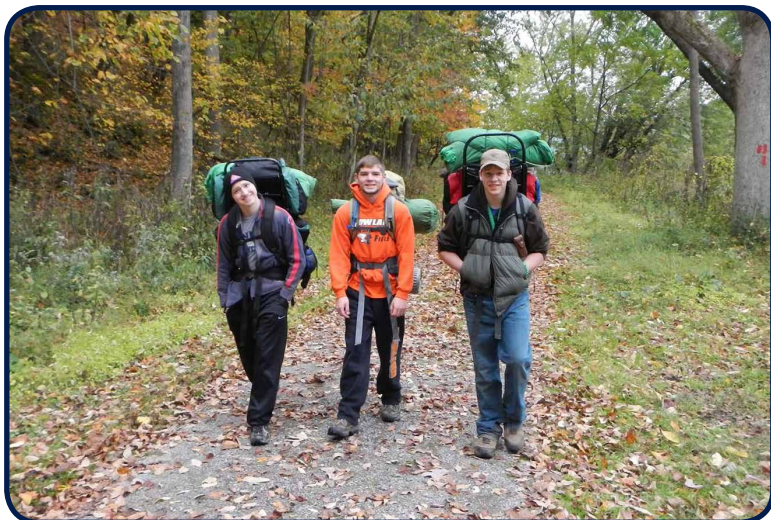
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2015 Back

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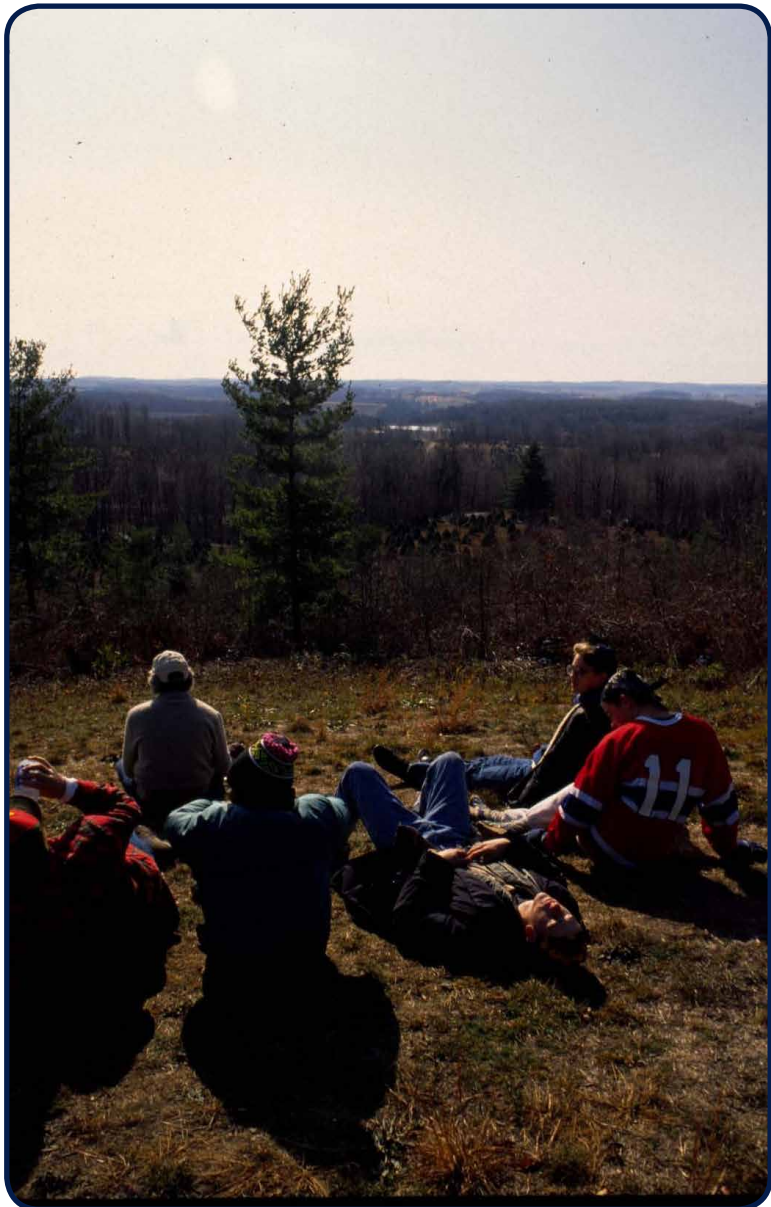
The Troop 101 photo gallery now contains over **68,000** photos from 1975 to the present.



Kennerdell - October 2012



Beaumont - November 2009



Beaver Creek - 1992



Beaver Creek - October 2002

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• October

October 23 - 25 - Oil Creek Backpacking

• November

November 2 - Troop Halloween Party

November 13 - 15 - Seven Ranges

• December

December 6 - Troop Christmas Party

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

What the Troop has been up to since our last issue



April 26, 2015

Butler bike trip, kicks off a year of biking

In April, the Troop kicked off our year of biking. We took a nice ride along the Cuyahoga Valley Towpath. Five crews set out along the towpath, and everyone completed it with little trouble. This trek is aimed at helping everyone get ready for the big trip in August. We also kicked off the T-Shirt design contest for the Bike Trip this August. Voting on the designs will take place at Summer camp.



May 10, 2015

Hiking at Mill Creek Park

It was a warm weekend, with some nice hiking along the trail at Mill Creek Park, some service hours at Camp Stambaugh, and all around good time! The Scouts came home just in time to celebrate Mother's Day.

June 14, 2015

Family Camp & 40th Reunion

You've read about the event in this issue, page 8, take a look at the photos on the Troop Website!



July 18, 2015

Summer Camp at Manatoc

Another exciting year at Camp Manatoc! Many scouts earned a new rank, and there are some cool merit badges to be presented at the next court of honor. Out time here at Manatoc has come to an end this year, but do not fear, for to these things, we shall return!

August 17, 2015

C&O Canal Bike Trip & Gettysburg Tour

Six days of biking, 184 miles of fun! The Troop travelled along the C&O Canal Towpath. On the sixth day, the Troop then drove to Gettysburg to tour for the remainder of the Trip. As always, special thanks go out to the Support Crew for making this trip possible! You're the best!!!



September 13, 2015

Camp McKinley Campout

A wet weekend, but a fun one! There were many great activities, including Rappelling, Tomahawk Throwing, and a Scavenger hunt.