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Troop 101 Breaks Ground on New Equipment Building

From back to front, left to right: Tyler Elwood, Zach Hudson, Tommy Constantine, Anthony Steines, Carmine Delliquadri, Ryan Dancison, Christopher Soplata, Austin Watson, Lorenzo Szewczyk, Aidan McManus, Carmine Delliquadri Sr., Abhishek Shah, Gage Kuszmaul, Ken LaPolla, Ottavio Musumeci, Christian Padula, Alan Copp, Jacob Taylor, Marty Nelder, Kris Kuszmaul, Tyler Champlin, Martin Nelder, Nathaniel James, Jim Potjunas, Bud McManus, Niko Mastorides, Tim Ross, Dan Wasko Jr., Evan Wolf, Judy LaPolla, Stavan Shah, Bryce Kuszmaul, Miles Wagner, Paul Kuszmaul, Xavier Morgan, Nick Kassos, Colin Price, D.J. Wasko, Ben Hoover, Cole Kuszmaul

We took time at a recent Troop meeting for a groundbreaking photo with four of the Alumni Board members, Alan Copp, Kris Kuszmaul, Jim Potjunas, and Tim Ross along with our Blessed Sacrament Chartered Org Rep, Ken LaPolla, Fundraising Chair, Judi LaPolla, and Assistant Scoutmaster and builder, Paul Kuszmaul. We surrounded ourselves with a few of Troop 101's finest scouts and leaders, who just happened to know to bring a shovel to that meeting. You will see lots of smiles because everyone is very excited to see this project underway. The sign in the background is our architect's rendering of how it will look when completed and it contains a QR code that takes you to the building fundraising page.

It is exciting to stop by each Monday night and see the progress. It is equally fun to sit and figure out how we do shelves, the infrastructure to hang the tents, and all the other possibilities that this new building will allow. We have included plans for a conference room where the Troop committee, assistant scoutmasters, alumni board, PLC, etc. can meet. It is getting easier each Monday to imagine how that might work for us. We are also working on an ever-growing list of stuff we will need inside the building to make that all happen. Little by little the frustration of all the equipment logistics we go through this past year are starting

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to give way to excitement about what is to come.

So for now, it was just a photo to mark the start, but when it is done, expect a bit more of a celebration. And you are all invited! We would like to tell you to mark your calendars, but that's not how construction works. So in the meantime, we will keep dreaming of what is to come. You are welcome to drop by and check out the progress if you are in the area. You are still more than welcome to contribute toward that big list of things we are going to need once the building is done. And sometime hopefully not too very long from now we will all get together for a really nice dedication ceremony.

Alumni Board, Building Committee & Builder

Troop plans Time Capsule with Building Project

We are planning to establish a time capsule with our new building. This would be opened by the Patrol Leader's Council 20 or 25 years from now. Our questions to you current members and alumni: what should we place in this time capsule for Scouts of a future generation to discover? Is there something you would donate to be included? We are looking for ideas as much as anything here. When the youth of 2036 or 2041 open it, what will they find?

Feel free to send ideas to Scoutmaster@Troop101.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

Times are Changing

As times change, we may have to change also.

The familiar blue neckerchief has always been a 'home grown' product with parents cutting and hemming the material that was then sent out to the printer. But it seems that in modern times people don't have the time to sew, nor do they even own a sewing machine.

A couple parents cut out about 90 earlier this spring. We have been reaching out to our Troop families for several months now with no real success. We have even looked at paying to have them hemmed, but as skills become more scarce, the price of those skills goes up.

We continue to seek alternatives as we are down to our last 5 in stock. There have been many great changes over time for Scouts and the Troop, unfortunately this isn't one of them.

Troop has fun in the Sun

Weather we would have liked last year…

The annual family camp at Pymatuning State Park took place just a few weeks ago, and the weather couldn't have been nicer. It was noted by a few that last year's 40th reunion would have liked the weather, and a few shared stories of the rain that hit just after campfire ended.

Scouts awoke to a beautiful sunrise over the lake… yes, some were up early enough to see it. One Patrol, Eagle, even had a fire going before the bugler woke to announce the day. With breakfast completed, the water safety and proper canoe demo began. It wasn't too long before canoes were flipping and cruising across the shimmering waters of the Pymatuning Reservoir.

From the shore, many adults and guests enjoyed the show, watching as one canoe flipped after the next. One such canoe barely made it 30 feet from shore before being tipped by the bowman leaning too far.

After lunch the Troop traveled the short distance to the swimming area to enjoy the swimming and sand. A few scouts were buried to the neck and others built sandcastles. The tossed the football and Frisbee and enjoyed the cool water.

Alumni Quarterly wants to hear from you

We hope you enjoy reading the Alumni Quarterly.

Perhaps you have a scouting memory you want to share? Maybe let your Troop know what you've been up to for the past couple years?

We love hearing from our alumni, and want to continue providing updates on our past, present, and future with Troop 101.

It doesn't take much time to send us a quick email to let us know how you are, and what you've been up to. Maybe share a fun story from Scouting. Just send us an email at newsletter@Troop101.net. We look forward to hearing from you!

Trivia

1. Who were the Knights of Dunamis?

2. Who illustrated the annual Brown & Bigelow Boy Scout calendar from 1925 to 1976?

3. How many points of the Scout Law did Robert Baden-Powell's English Scouts have?

4. How many people read Boys Life each month?

5. Who was the first youth-serving organization to have a U.S. combat vessel?

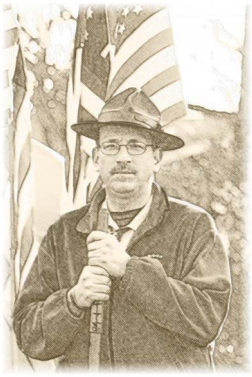
Fun Facts

After the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Scouts set up first-aid stations and emergency kitchens, helped evacuate civilians, served as messengers, and manned 58 air-raid sirens around Honolulu.

The gravestone of worldwide Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell is marked with a trail symbol of a circle with a dot in the center, which means "I have gone home."

Answers

1. An association of Eagle Scouts devoted to service formed in 1925 that later became NESA.
2. Norman Rockwell. He only missed 2 years, and did the calendars for free!
3. 9. the Last 3 were added for the BSA
4. Over 8 Million
5. The BSA



Jim Potjunas
Scoutmaster

Amid all the campouts, campfires, knots and lashings is an element of technology that we never dreamed possible back in the Troop's early days. As we prepare for summer camp, all the registration is done online including registering for merit badge classes. Blue cards only sort of appear at the end when we get a facsimile on blue paper. In a couple more years I doubt we will see those. There is a master list of QR codes scouts and parents can use to keep up daily with a scout's merit badge progress as counselors update the database daily. On top of that, there will be drones at camp this year.

We have a Facebook page for this alumni group and another for the Troop as well as functionality off the Troop website (thanks to Matt McCracken) to send out blast emails and text messages. We use Troopmaster to track advancement and in a couple years we will migrate to an interactive national advancement product that will include apps on smartphones for scouts to learn and leaders to sign. This will sync automatically with the council and national.

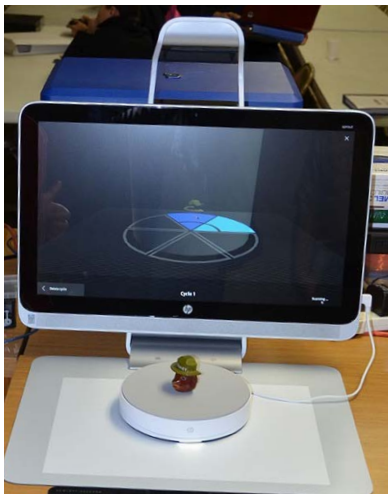
As our new building is going up we are making provisions for wireless access, online security, a place for our 3D printer and scanner (thanks George Burin), as well as electronic access to the doors. Much like this organization, National BSA has launched Scouting Alumni Network 1.0, merging earlier versions from NESA, the OA, and National High Adventure Base Alumni groups. We are including a link to it on our alumni website. Starting with the last National Jamboree and moving forward you can't even get around without a smartphone and the Jamboree app.

We continue to revisit our Troop policy on scouts having cell phones at camp. Whether it's a knife an ax, a box of matches, or a cell phone, they can be great tools if used correctly. Nowadays we rough it without Wi-Fi. No cell service? That's just crazy talk!

-Jim

Troop 3D Printer

Lashings at Seven Ranges - Nov. 2015



3D Scanner - HP Sprout

Campfire at Camp Butler - April 2016

Scout Nationally Recognized Saving Father's Life

Most are familiar with the Scouting Statistics reading, or 100 Scouts, that is read during many Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. "For every 100 boys that enter scouts: 30 will drop out the first year, […], 45 will serve in the Military. 1 person will use scout skills to save somebody else's life."

During the Spring Court of Honor back in April, Troop 101 recognized the actions of such a Scout. Max Moriarty was presented a National Certificate of Merit for helping save his father's life. During the presentation, Senior Patrol Leader Stavan Shah, together with Cole Kuszmaul, Christian Padula, and Marty Nelder, recounted the events that took place just a few months earlier.

Max and his father, Chris Moriarty, were taking turns mowing the yard. They used the car for breaks in the hot sun, and were currently on one. Max was sitting next to his father, preparing to take his turn when he heard his dad making strange noises. Chris was going into anaphylactic shock due to several hornet stings. Max reacted quickly, summoning help from a neighbor and staying by his dad's side.

Max was surprised by the award, but said being a Boy Scout helped prep him for the worst. The head of the Howland Chick-Fil-A learned what happened, and presented Max with free Chick-Fil-A sandwiches for the rest of the year.

Max with Mother & Father, Holding Recognition

Max being congratulated by Owner of Chick-Fil-A

Chick-Fil-A Cow

Eagle Mug Gets a New Look

The days of glued on logos are gone for 101 eagles.

Our next generation mugs are now laser etched with our own custom logo.

Initial production has been a challenge and we are still trying to find a long term vendor, but we are excited about the concept and these new mugs do look pretty sharp!

A Quartermaster Never Rests

Alumni QM Works on new Equipment Building

It has been argued that Quartermaster is one of the toughest youth leadership positions in the Troop. It ranks up there with Senior Patrol Leader for time and energy. The current Quartermasters might say they have it tougher than previous generations due to our current equipment standing, but with the help of a former Quartermaster, the new equipment building is starting to take shape.

Bryce works on back edge of the Building

Bryce Kuszmaul is Eagle Scout #125. He aged out of the Troop in 2013, but manages to stay in touch on his returns from College. This summer Bryce has returned from college to find a summer job ready and waiting. Bryce is helping build the new equipment building. It's not the only job he's working on, and it's certainly not the largest, but Bryce now has the opportunity to help build something that Quartermasters for generations to come will use and care for.

This is just one more example of how Alumni help make Troop 101 a great organization, and stay in touch with the Troop.

Onward and Upward

Troop 101 Assistant Scoutmaster Jason Wolf got a promotion in his 'day job' from Scout Executive at our Greater Western Reserve Council to Scout Executive in Bay Lakes Council in Wisconsin. A few days at summer camp will be his last official ASM job before his final trek to Wisconsin with Star Scout son, Evan. We haven't heard the last of our most exuberant Assistant Scoutmaster. We are all excited for what the future holds for both him and son, Evan.

Photo (Left) - Jason with Bay-Lakes Council Boy Scout Governor Honor Guard

NESA Scholarships

Did you know there are many Scholarships available to Eagle Scouts? Don't believe us, just ask Google!

The NESA Scholarships are among the largest of the Scholarships aimed towards Eagle Scouts.

The window to apply is just 3 months, August through October. If you're looking for a Scholarship, be sure to visit nesa.org for details and an application.

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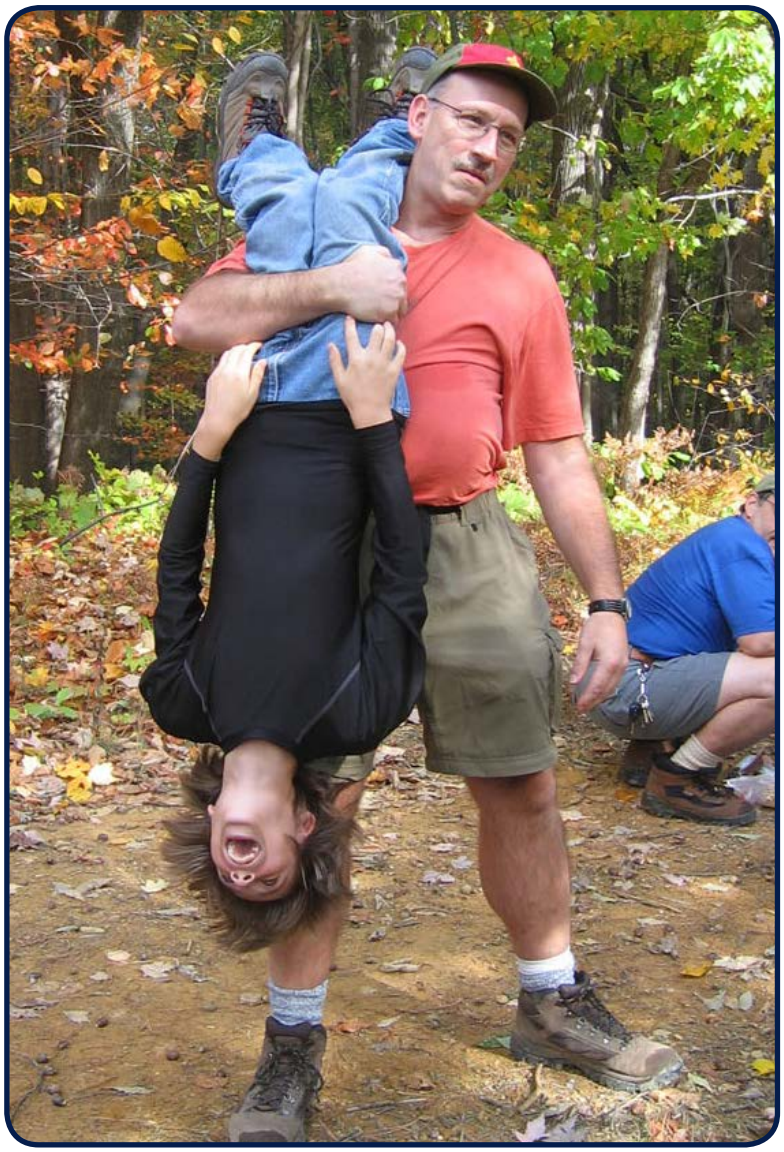
The Troop 101 gallery now contains over ***72,000*** photos and videos from 1975 to the present.

Summer Camp - 2009



October - 2007

Summer Camp - July - 1992

August - 2002

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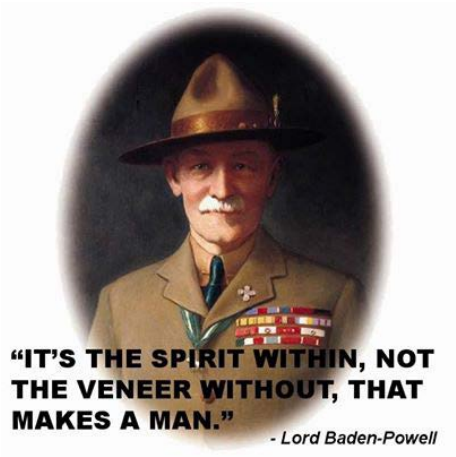
UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



- **July**

  July 10 - 16 - Summer Camp

  July 21 - 24 - Backpacking - Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania

- **August**

  August 11 - 14 - Paddle & Saddle

- **September**

  March 9 - 11 - McKinley Camping trip

- **October**

  October 15 - 16 - Kennerdell Backpacking

- **November**

  November 11 - 13 - Beaumont

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

What the Troop has been up to since our last issue

April 24, 2016

Camping at Butler

A lot of fun activities at camp Butler this weekend. It was a cool day, but that didn't stop a few from running around in shorts and t-shirts all day! Games and Activities included "Skunk Tank", where the scouts had to lash a project and pitch to investors. They also had to orient themselves on a compass course, and escape a cell.

May 22, 2016

Cook Forest Hike & Canoe

The weekend at Cook Forest was a good one. A few bumps on the way to camp, but the hiking and canoeing went well and was a good time.

A pair of First Class Campers also camped this weekend. They passed!

June 19, 2016

Family Camp

A perfect weekend of Sun and Fun. The weather was beautiful. Take a look through the gallery, and check out all the fun. .