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The Time Has Come! - Mark Your Calendars for May 28th!

We have finished work on the building. We have moved most of the troop gear. We have even held a couple of meeting demos and committee meetings there. Now we want to formally dedicate it and thank all of you who helped make this possible.

EVERYONE is invited on Sunday, May 28th at noon for our formal dedication. We especially want to recognize all the people that made this possible. Join us for the ceremony, a tour of the building, and some refreshments and more.

Since we know dates don't work for everyone, there will be an informal chance to walk through the building during TROOP 101's 39th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER on Palm Sunday, April 9. We will be holding a Garage Sale in the building to sell off some of the gear we no longer need. Have you ever wanted one of those original patrol cook kits? Here's your chance. Proceeds from the sale will go to helping purchase our flagpole and landscaping and other needs around the building. We hope to see you at one or both of these events.



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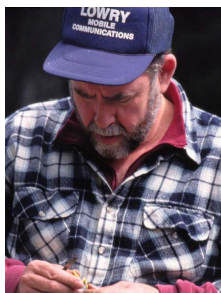
Great Trail Council News You Can Use

Last issue, we detailed the consolidation of the Greater Western Reserve Council with the Great Trail Council. From Council headquarters in Akron comes word that there are good things in the works for Camp Stambaugh in Canfield. An upgrade of the HVAC in the Rotary Cabin and new Scout Shop are underway. Also this summer, an additional parking lot will be added at the Stambaugh dining hall (no more hill walking!) to make it more user- friendly. A water line study to improve water issues at camp is also underway at this time.



Great Trail Council Annual Dinner and Silver Beaver Recognition Event - The big event will be held on Monday, May 8, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church on Cleveland-Massillon Rd., in Fairlawn. The reception begins at 6 p.m. and the dinner and program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$27 per person. We will be honoring our 2017 Silver Beaver recipients as well as our 2017 District Award of Merit recipients. Reservation deadline is April 30, no walk-ins, please! Reservations are online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/433-GTCAnnualDinner>

Saying Goodbye to Family and Friends



Fred Sloan *Father of Eagle #58, Troop Alumnus*

We are saddened to report the passing of Fred Sloan. Fred was Troop Committee Chairman from 1991 through 1995. His son, Rob, is Eagle Scout #58.

As a former Scoutmaster, Fred made a wonderful Committee Chairman. Not only was he effective at his job, but he could anticipate what we would need. Fred did a lot to help grow the committee organization within the troop. He was also a lot of fun to have around. Our condolences go out to Rob and the entire Sloan family.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner - Sunday, April 9



Come enjoy a great meal at the 39th annual Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner, Palm Sunday, April 9th at Blessed Sacrament Church's Regan Hall, Noon to 6 p.m.!

Enjoy a delicious spaghetti Dinner with all the trimmings. \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under the age of 12.

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! That's right, we'll deliver to your door.

But if you show up, you can bid on some really awesome gift baskets! Eagle's Wings holds their Basket Sale at the same time! Don't miss out!

This is one of only two fundraisers the Troop holds each year, and we once again, are counting on you for support!

Donors and Troop Alumni can request a look inside the new building.



Out of the Blue, A Good Turn Goes Horribly Wrong

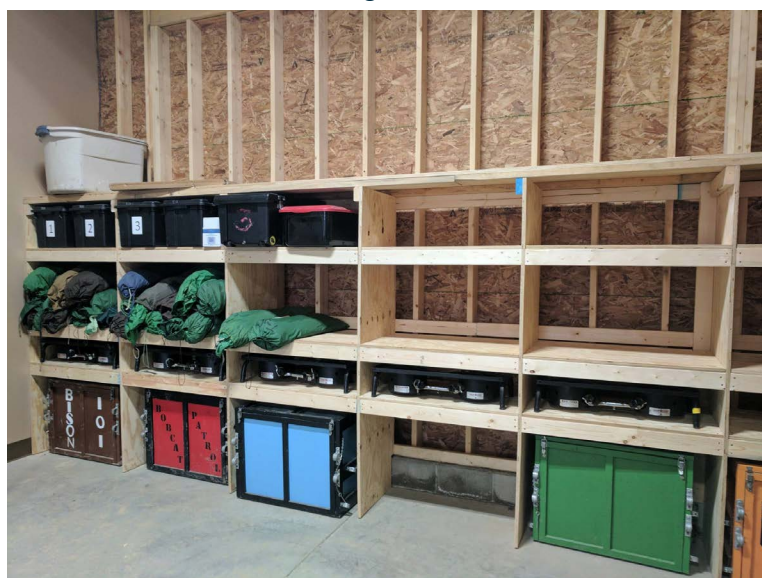
(True Confessions of a Scoutmaster)

We were building the shelves for the patrol boxes and tents over the weekend. My mission was to hook up the little blue trailer and bring over the set of portable steps so we would be able to safely reach the higher spots. Paul Kuszmaul got these steps at no charge last year and since they were that 101 blue and available at no charge, we knew we had to have them. So we stored them in my barn.

I unhook the big trailer and grab the smaller ball hitch from the box. I drop the big one into the box like I have done dozens of times before. The other hardware in the box must have been situated just right. Something punctures the can of blue spray paint Chuck Watson had left us for touchups when he so generously was fixing up big blue. There is a loud hissing sound and a rising cloud of blue.

In a panic, I grab the can from its relatively damage-controlled spot and go to fling it into the woods. One does not think straight in times of high-pressure paint expulsion. During the couple seconds it took to grab and toss, I elevated it to a weapon of mass destruction. The back of the suburban, the driveway, me, and a large white snowbank now all matched the trailer. It looked like I just bombed a Smurf village.

A little while later as I was pulling out of the driveway to complete my original mission, the irony was not lost on me that I was pulling a blue trailer with a blue set of steps that matched perfectly but had nothing to do with the incident back at ground zero.



Campout Quotes

We are starting a new feature in this edition of the Alumni Quarterly. Over the years there have been many famous lines uttered on campouts. We are attempting to capture these and share one with you in each issue. If you happen to remember one from one of your adventures in the troop, please send it to Scoutmaster@troop101.net so we can feature it in an upcoming issue.

The campout was Beaver Creek way back in the early days. It was Friday night and Larry Leemaster had taught us a new snack. I was using an apple corer to make a hole through the center of large baking potatoes. We then stuffed them with bulk sausage and wrapped them in foil to bake in the coals. A very excited wide-eyed Scout, Mark Terzigni, was watching this whole operation and looked at me and said, "I always wanted to try these, even though this is the first time I ever heard of them."

Follow-up on the snack. A few years later, Dan Wilkerson would show up with his drill and a 1-inch bit out of the "magical red van" that had everything and speed up this process immensely.





Any experienced Scouter will tell you that the most successful Troops run like a well-oiled machine when you have totally committed and deep leadership. It is a great thing when you get a great leader in the form of an Assistant Scoutmaster. It gets even better when you get a whole family contributing to the program. So it goes with the Troop 101 Copp family, Alan, Pam and Eagle Scout Jeff. (Eagle #90, March, 2003)

Alan has been a financial planner for last 35 years and Pam has recently retired from MAD Bakers, with daughter Lyndsay, a dynamic baking duo. (They do awesome cookies and such!) However, Lyndsay is skillfully continuing to carrying the baking banner forward. You can check them out on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/pg/MADBakers/about/>. Jeff, a graduate of John Carroll University, is the Area Marketing Manager for AVI Foodsystems. He is married to the former Sarah DeLuca. They live in Twinsburg, Ohio.

AQ: Alan, there is much ground to cover, so let's start with you and your involvement in the organization with Jeff, which spans Assistant Scoutmaster, Venture Crew Leader and our Alumni Association.

Alan: Jeff started as a Tiger Cub at Pack 122 at Howland United Methodist Church. In my youth, I was fortunate to experience the benefits of Scouting in both Cub and Boy Scouts. The concept of being actively involved to help was a foregone conclusion. I remember very well the night that Ed Byers (the same Ed Byers, ASM from Troop 101 and the 101 Alumni newsletter editor!) pulled me aside and asked if I could commit just "one

Generations: Troop 101's Copp Family

hour a week" to help. That was 27 years ago, I still love Scouting and the amazing benefits that our children can experience through the Scouting opportunity.

AQ: There obviously is a learning curve from Cub Leader to Boy Scout Leader.

Alan: Correct. The leadership transition from Cubs Scouts to Boy Scout Troop 101 was not simple for me. It required a significant change of "mindset" from a nurturing, helping perspective to a much more "do it yourself, you are responsible" perspective. However, I soon recognized that the Scouts quickly developed maturity, knowledge, and personal confidence in Troop 101. The benefits of the Troop 101 culture and the depth and quality of leadership established by Jim Potjunas was overwhelming and I quickly found myself in an Assistant Scoutmaster role.



Cub Pack

AQ: ...And Pam, you certainly have had a front row seat to the Copp family Scouting experiences.

Pam: My first experience in Scouting started with Jeff becoming a Tiger Cub with Pack 122. It was so much fun being Alan's Den Leader's assistant. One of my favorite activities was the Pinewood Derby. Watching the boys take a block of wood and turning it into

a winning car was so interesting. From there, we had heard wonderful things about Troop 101 and Jim Potjunas so the next step would be to continue our journey and join that Troop.

Crossing over to Troop 101 was exciting. Everyone was so welcoming and friendly. It was very easy to get involved with the Troop and Eagle Wings. After a short time, I served on the committee as Treasurer. We branched out and started Venture Crew 101 and I volunteered to be their Treasurer. Then when Pack 101 started up, I of course volunteered to help out and be their Treasurer, too. So at the same time, I was Troop, Venture Crew, and Pack Treasurer. As a committee member, I also did Board of Reviews. I loved watching the Scouts progress as they were on their way to becoming an Eagle Scout.

Alan: With the help of many dedicated people, we started Venture Crew 101 and were very active for several years. We had nearly 20 crew members and up to eight advisors (Adult Leaders) depending on the activity. We went rock climbing, whitewater rafting (Vic Dasbac and I found a couple of hours and got private lessons to kayak in whitewater!), mountain biking and general camping with our crew of boys and girls age 14-21. Venture Crew 101 is inactive today, but the foundation is ready to start when the desire and leadership are available.

AQ: Jeff, you did Cubs, Venturing and Boy Scouts, what are your earliest Scouting memories?

Jeff: After leaving Pack 122, it was a great transition into Troop 101. Everyone was very welcoming and accommodating with getting us acclimated. The best part of Troop 101 were the people. I had the privilege of being surrounded by the best Scouts, Leaders and parents. Everyone truly had a passion for helping us grow and achieving our Eagle Rank. As a young Scout, you don't realize how much time and effort goes in to planning even just a simple weekend camp out, let alone a weeklong canoe trip in another country. The Scout Leaders and parents of Troop 101 are an amazing group of people and are truly appreciated for everything that they have done.



Canoe Trip

AQ: Campouts, you've all been on so many and we would bet most of them were pretty good.

Alan: Almost all! However, the opportunity to do an extended "Venture Crew Style" canoe trip in Algonquin with Dr. Kenny LaPolla, myself and eight Scouts 13+ years old, was outstanding. We went into areas where we were completely by ourselves in nature for 5 days with just what we could pack and carry with us. It was an experience of a lifetime for me. It was very personally rewarding. The very last portage of our trip proved significant as well because the two youngest Scouts both insisted that they could carry by themselves their team's canoes across the land to the last lake. (Jeff and Keith Smith learned a lot on this trip)

As Jeff will attest, one particular Troop 101 Winter Camp at Chickagami sticks out as the worst. I had never camped in tents in the cold to the extent that the elastic cords in the fiberglass tent poles were so cold that they would not contract. It made putting our tents up significantly harder. There were a couple of others that stand out, including hurriedly hunkering down in the mess hall due to nearby tornadoes at Seven Ranges during summer camp. However, my worst campout was an even more rainy, stormy than was typical for Troop 101 campout at Camp McKinley. It was rainy and windy that Vic Dasbach (longtime Troop 101 ASM and Venture Crew Advisor) and myself stayed behind and made soup and tended camp for everyone while the Troop went about the theme for the campout. The weather got so bad that tents were being lifted and it was a fulltime job to keep the dining flies and tents from blowing away. Suddenly, a nearby dome-style tent started to lift-up and roll about. I was close by and grabbed the tent by a corner tent peg loop and before I knew it, I too, was being dragged along with the tent and all the packs and gear that were inside. Fortunately, Vic was also able to lend a hand and together we re-anchored the tent without injury or damage. I unsuccessfully tried my best to talk Jim Potjunas into just packing up and heading home early.

AQ: Jeff?

Jeff: As Dad mentioned, the worst camp out is an easy one for me, too. Winter Camp at Camp Chickagami. I remember pulling up to camp in the sub-arctic climate

Friday evening, nine below zero to be exact, trying to figure out what kind of mess I had gotten myself in to. It took a while to pitch our tents in 1-2 feet of snow and get our gear through camp. Part of the experience was to build a sled with our Patrol made from just sticks and twine. After a few hours of dragging our sled around the camp, a new feature emerged which was a permanently engaged hand brake. I learned some valuable design and engineering lessons that weekend. I remember waking up in the morning with a thin layer of ice on my sleeping bag from all of the moisture being wicked away as I slept. Breakfast the next morning brought on another set of life lessons; never plan a menu with eggs when it's well below freezing out. Frozen eggs are impossible to crack and make an omelet.

I think some of the best camp outs were at Tuscazoar down in Dover-New Philadelphia. This location was actually my first camp out as a Scout in Troop 101. It was one of the



Whitewater Rafting with Troop 101

few times we got to live the high life by camping in a cabin. There was an amphitheater at the camp that was awesome for the Saturday evening skits. The Campsite had some good trails and dense forest that was perfect for camping and exploring.

Looking back, the most unforgettable camp outs were any of the Algonquin trips including the canoe trips. The most memorable of these were the five days we spent canoeing and portaging from lake to lake. We took only what we could fit in our backpacks, including food and equipment. There were just 10 of us against the open wilderness. We rarely saw any people, but saw a lot of moose, loons and otters. I highly recommend these trips to any Scout. The scenery is absolutely beautiful and unlike anything you've seen before. I was able to see my first moose there (up close!) and also hear the call of the loon. I have a lot of great memories and experiences from Algonquin that I still talk about to this day.

AQ: Pam, your Troop camping experiences are rather extensive!

Pam: My favorite trip was the 184 Mile C & O Canal Bike Trip in 2000. It was my first time camping and riding my bike that far !! I learned very quickly how to put up a tent and take it down since we did it every day for a week ! It was so inspiring to see everyone working together as a team to achieve their goal of riding their bikes that many miles. I loved going white water rafting with the Troop so much

Generations: Troop 101's Copp Family *Continued*



Jeff and Alan

we do it as a family now. We often camp as a family but would like to do it more. When we decide we are camping, we all look at the Troop's website for recipes to make with the dutch ovens. While making out the grocery list, I think of Jim Potjunas and how many times he has done it. He taught us well!

AQ: And Pam, few Scout moms have been as active in the Troop as you. You've practically done it all.

Pam: Being involved in Eagle Wings was so much fun! I loved helping with the Halloween Parties and walking through the woods that the Owl Patrol had prepared to scare us. We found a local business to make fleece wear for us with our Troop's logo on them for everyone to wear. After helping with our spaghetti dinners, I decided to be the Chairperson for a couple of years. We even had a couple meatball making parties at our house. It was very rewarding to have so many people working together to make this event so successful.

AQ: Jeff, many of the Troop alums, like yourself, have remarked that being associated with Troop 101 was a valuable and life-changing experience in so many ways.

Jeff: The Eagle Rank has been beyond valuable. During my Eagle speech, I described the rank as an investment. You don't know how valuable the rank will be in your future, but you know it will be valuable and that your hard work will pay off. I still think this is completely true. Not a week, month or year goes by without using some sort of skill or knowledge that I learned during my scouting career at Troop 101. If there is any scout out there that is not sure whether the Eagle Rank is worth their time and effort, it is! Get your Eagle Rank. You won't regret it. It shapes a strong foundation with core values to live by long after you earn your last merit badge. It is an indispensable honor you can cherish the rest of your life.

Pam: Jim, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, Scouts, Eagle Wings and the whole Troop 101 organization becomes a family to you. Their commitment and love of Scouting makes our Troop the best for any young man to join. I made so many friends while I was there and always look forward to seeing my "Scout family" at the Alumni Holiday party to see where and what everyone is doing

now. I have so many wonderful memories to look back on and how important Troop 101 was in Jeff's life as well as Alan's and mine.

Alan: I can state that the skills that I have gained through Troop 101 have enabled our family (Pam, Jeff and his wife, Sarah, Lyndsay and her husband, Ben) to enjoy many campouts, hikes and kayaking trips over the years. The last two years we have even gotten my sisters, their spouses and their children to participate, too. I've been on a couple of campouts the last few years, but the years of absence are starting to add up. Jim Potjunas and I have tried to incorporate Astronomy demonstrations a couple of times more recently, but the typical "1-0-wonderful" weather makes star gazing difficult. I am still active in the Troop 101 Alumni as a board member and most recently we have been involved in the successful Troop 101 Building Project initiative. Please visit our website for more information and to join the Alumni by just signing up on the website!

Vision/Purpose:

The Alumni Association's purpose is to maintain ties with Troop 101 Alumni and continue being the Troop's Historian preserving the rich tradition of being a top- quality scouting program for the youth of our community through education and financial support.

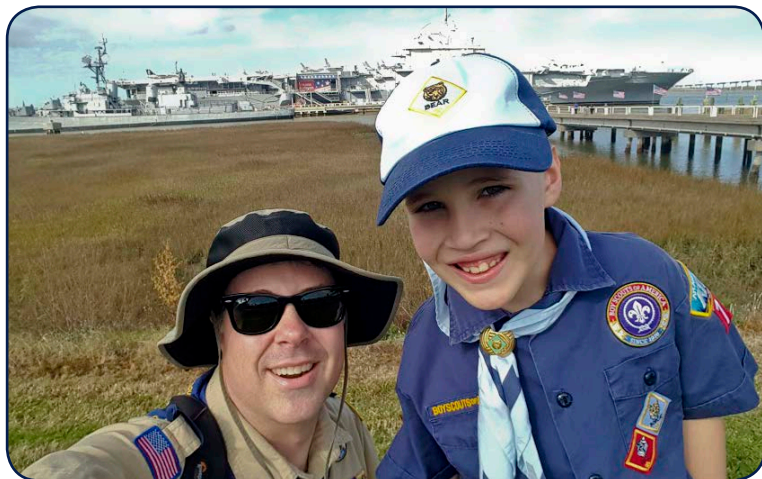
Mission:

- Maintain and continue to document the history of Troop 101
- Serve as Troop 101's communication line to all alumni
- Support the troop in its acquisition of the necessary equipment to operate the scouting program at its highest level and in a safe manner
- Continue the legacy of teaching and instilling the scouting skills to our youth for generations



Jeff & Sarah

Eagle #42, Cub Scout Son, Weekend Aboard the USS Yorktown



Damien and Luke

The weekend of February 25th was an adventurous weekend for Troop 101 Eagle Scout Damien Guarnieri (Eagle # 42, September, 1990) and his eight-year-old son Luke, soon to a Bear Scout with Cub Pack 730 chartered to the suburban Atlanta Eagle Pointe Church in Acworth, Georgia.

Damien, Luke and Pack 730 had the opportunity to spend a night aboard the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown in Charleston, South Carolina.

“Our Pack was looking for a special trip to take during winter break and we had heard good things about the USS Yorktown, which offers special overnight tour packages for Scout groups. So, being only a five-hour drive from Atlanta, we booked it,” Damien said.

Launched in 1943, The Yorktown was one of 24 Essex-class aircraft carriers built for the US Navy for World War Two service and saw action in the Vietnam War. In December of 1968, The Yorktown was the recovery ship for the Apollo 8 space mission. It was also featured in the movie “Tora! Tora! Tora!”, which recreated the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Declared a National Historic Landmark in 1986, the Yorktown was officially decommissioned in 1970 and is now part of the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum in Charleston Harbor. Tours and overnight stays are a popular attraction.

“The boys were excited and impressed as they boarded the aircraft carrier,” said Damien. “The Yorktown is a huge ship and it was a challenge climbing the ladders to get to the berthing areas loaded down with our

overnight gear. It was a good experience for the boys to learn what sailors had to go through in their duties on the ship. We had to watch our step and, sometimes, our heads, as we toured the ship because you could get injured if you weren’t paying attention. The flight deck was fenced off so no one could fall into Charleston Harbor, but you still had to be careful.”

The Pack not only got a VIP tour of The Yorktown, but the Destroyer USS Laffey, and submarine, the USS Clamagore, with the Yorktown being the largest and longest tour. The carrier still has aircraft from WWII through the Vietnam War era, ranging from an F-4U Corsair to an F-14 Tomcat. “Our Cubs and Webelos got to go onto the bridge, both flight and hangar decks, the engine rooms, the living quarters, hospital areas, the different cannons and guns that were still on display, as well as a space capsule, flight demonstrator, and a Medal of Honor museum,” said Damien. “It was especially interesting to tour the submarine to see how small it was in comparison to the aircraft carrier.

While the excitement of being aboard an aircraft carrier at fever-pitch among the young scouts, Damien admitted there were some adult-downsides. “Sleeping quarters aboard the Yorktown were incredibly tight, giving the young Scouts an idea of what life aboard ship is all about. We were stacked four bunks high in the original bunks that sailors slept in while stationed onboard. Clearance between bunks was maybe only 18 inches,” Damien explained. “Our Cubs weren’t allowed to sleep on the third or fourth bunks, because if they rolled out they’d land on a steel deck. We had to bring our sleeping bags, the mattresses weren’t



Pack 730



very comfortable and you slept very close to your bunkmates. I'm not sure anyone slept very well that night!"

As for food, Damien said he would have given anything to have had a dutch oven with him. "We got a bag lunch on Saturday, and dinner and breakfast the next morning. The food was probably on par with what the sailors were fed while at sea, but let's just say I've eaten better on Troop 101 campouts!"

All and all, it was a most unforgettable trip for the Pack. "The boys had a great time! My son, Luke, really enjoyed seeing all the different airplanes that were on display on the carrier. He was amazed at how small the submarine was too. It was definitely a trip they will never forget. Luke couldn't wait to get home to tell his cousin and classmates about our trip."

Damien said this will not be his last Cub Pack trip aboard the Yorktown. "My 4-year-old son Noah, was really jealous and we hope to go back when he is in Scouts in the future."



Troop 101 Honor Guard Travels to D.C.

Places Wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

On President's Day weekend, Troop 101's Honor Guard was afforded the patriotic privilege of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The idea came from the Troop's military veterans who serve on the Troop leadership team.

"When I was asked to Coach the Honor Guard, we wanted the veterans involved," said Assistant Scoutmaster John Szewczyk. "Myself, being retired from the Army, Dan Wasko ASM and Eagle #44 went through ROTC, Dave Butler Retired Air Force, Shawn Wood, Prior Service Navy, Dr. Ken LaPolla District President, ASM, Eagle #3, and Captain Navy, Chris Martin Prior Service Army and Martin Nelder all helped in ways to get the Color Guard off and running."

Making the trip to the nation's capital were Honor Guard Scouts Marty Nelder, Dylan Wood, Zach Hudson, Christopher McMahan, Anthony Steines, Carmine Delliquadri, Max Moriarty, Lorenzo Szewczyk, D.J. Wasko, and Abhishek Shah.

Also on the trip were Troop 101 Assistant Soutmasters Martin Nelder, Stavan Shah, Dan Wasko Jr, John Szewczyk, along with Troop Committee members Carmine Delliquadri, Archna Shah, Michele Szewczyk and 30 other family members. "Chris Goffos Eagle Scout from Troop 54 and who lives in DC helped us get through the Metro nightmare," said Szewczyk.

How difficult was the task of coordinating the Troop's participation of this sacred ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier? Szewczyk said the groundwork began last summer. "I contacted Arlington National Cemetery in August gave them the date and three preferred times on Saturday. It helped being Retired Army, having one son serving as a Ranger and another finishing college to be commissioned as an Officer next year," said Szewczyk. "I also explained to Arlington the history of our Troop and



tradition it has of current and past service. I got a call within 24 hours from the Arlington Commander letting me know that we had the 12:15 pm wreath presentation"

How did our Scouts feel about their participation in the historic event? "The Scouts really did not realize the magnitude of the presentation until afterward," said Szewczyk. "They admitted they were scared, intimidated, needed to practice, needed to listen, but cannot wait to do it again next year. They were received very positively."

Scouts and family members also took in a number of historic sites during the D.C. visit, he Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, the World World II Memorial and Washington Monument, while some families went in different directions and saw the White House, Trump Tower, Capitol Hill, Supreme Court, and different libraries of Congress.



<http://Troopphoto.Troop101.net>

The Troop 101 gallery now contains over **78,000** photos and videos from 1975 to the present.



June 1992



Toronto - 1989



Algonquin - August 2007



Family Camp - August 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• April

April 9 - 39th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

April 21 - 23 - Camp Bucoco

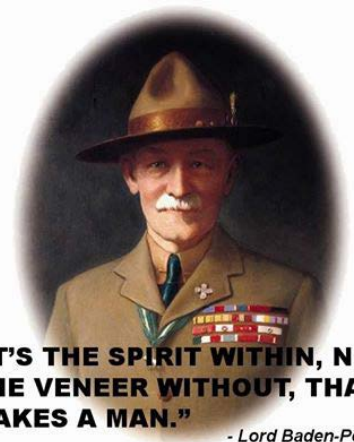
• May

May 5 - 7 - Wilderness Survival Weekend

May 19 - 21 - Moraine State Park

May 27 - Oakwood Cemetery Service Project

May 28 - Building Dedication



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

- Lord Baden-Powell

• June

June 16 - 18 - Family Camp

**FOR MORE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK
OUT THE Troop CALENDAR AT
<http://Troop101.net/?Page=Calendar>**

• July

July 9 - 15 - Summer Camp at Manatoc

July 29 - August 5 - High Adventure Canoe Trip

What the Troop has been up to since our last issue



January 15, 2017

Winter Event

The Troop is back from Camp Stigwandish where a 101 Winter Event was held. There were plenty of fun events throughout the day, and it was concluded with a sled race through the mud.

The weather was cold, but the competitions were heated. By the end of the day, the Bobcat patrol took first place.



February 12, 2017

Beaumont & Tubing

Back from a weekend full of mud and snow, the Troop returns from Beaumont. On Saturday they got to head over and do some Snow Tubing before calling it a day. The weather got warm, and the mud came out, but they had fun.

March 12, 2017



Nelson Ledges to Chickagami Park

The Troop has returned from a cool weekend exploring Nelson Ledges and a hike to Chickagami Park. After relaxing for the evening they took another hike over to the Parkman Community House for some pancakes before heading home.