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40th Spaghetti Dinner

by Matt McCracken

A steady stream of guests joined us throughout the day Palm Sunday for our annual Spaghetti Dinner. This year marks the 40th time the Troop has held our Spaghetti Dinner, and it's become the biggest fundraiser for the Troop.

This fundraiser helps keep the cost of our camping trips down so anyone can afford to go, and also helps maintain the equipment we use. This year, more than 800 people joined us for our 40th dinner.

In addition to being the biggest fundraiser for the Troop, this is also a great opportunity for Alumni to gather and see our current Scouts in action. Several Eagle Scouts and Alumni joined us for the 40th dinner, and even got to take a look at the Jim Potjunas Scout Center.

Photos from the dinner can be found in the Troop Gallery, but here are a few of my favorites.

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The Scoutmaster's Corner

Dr. Ken LaPolla

I've always enjoyed winter camping and this season has been no exception, nor has it been without snow.

January was Winter Event. Rain, ice, and snow prevented us from going to camp on Friday evening and making a weekend of it, but we waited out the bad stuff and drove up on a very snowy Saturday morning.

Apparently, we weren't the only Troop dissuaded by the weather, because when we arrived, we discovered we made up half of the camp, and our numbers were lower than usual. Anyway, we had a great time and were only able to make this a day event as the program didn't end until after dinner, which left us no time to set up camp that evening.

February was awesome! Cabins in Beaumont with a special dinner from Cockeye BBQ. Thank you, Erik Hoover! Snow most of the day, but intermittent rain later, which still didn't put a damper on the program. Abhishek and his PLC quickly adapted to the conditions and adjusted the program accordingly. Snow structures (one encasing me in the picture above), an over the top (and down and around several other obstacles) blind rope maze through the fort and catapults made up the morning and more events and games made up the afternoon.

March was back to Parkman for backpacking and pancakes. 10 inches of snow on the ground, temperatures in the 30's (not the 40's as forecast). But Simon Kenton cabin, East and West, were waiting for us as well as the Adirondacks. We were joined by 10 Webelos from the Pack and four new Scouts. And yes, we expect a large majority to sign up and join the Troop by May after their Blue and Gold Banquet. In addition, we welcomed Carmin Delliquadri's cousin, Marc (new to scouting) and an additional Scout, Gage Mymo, from Pack 50.

The annual Troop Spaghetti Dinner was Palm Sunday and as always, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Thank you, Stacie and Carmin Delliquadri and Eagles Wings for their hard work and dedication to make the dinner a huge success.

During the last week of March, Patrols shared their videos ending a great term for SPL, Abhishek Shah. I will miss working with Abhishek and his PLC - what a great leader and future community star. Fortunately, he is only stepping down from the SPL position, but not from the Troop as he needs to finish his Eagle before his birthday in August.

But now we are on to a new term with Dylan Wood as Senior Patrol Leader and an exciting Spring and Summer Program. We'll keep you posted through the pictures on the website and these Alumni Newsletters. But until then…

-Ken.

Troop 101 Honor Guard - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Troop 101 Honor Guard recently traveled to Washington, DC to place a ribbon on a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This was the second time the Troop 101 Honor Guard made this trip to DC.

Representing our Troop were Carmine, Max, Christopher, Zach, Dillon, Lorenzo, and Marty. Dillon is the current Captain of the Guard. He, Marty, and Lorenzo attended the event as support, while Zach, Christopher, Carmen, and Max acted as the Presenters.

Assistant Scoutmaster, John Szewczyk helps guide the Honor Guard, and setup events for them in which to participate. Also assisting are Assistant Scoutmasters Shawn Wood, Marty Nelder, and Committee Member Carmine Delliquadri.

In addition to placing the ribbon, the Troop got to witness the Changing of the Guard, and the Wreath presentation before their own. They also received an explanation on who can be buried in Arlington, Toured the Women Museum, Toured Robert E. Lee's House and more.

'Old Glory' Flies Over the U.S. Capitol in Honor of Jim Potjunas

A United States flag was flown over the U.S. Capitol recently in honor and memory of Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas.

Congressman Bill Johnson presented the flag to honor Jim. The flag was given to Jim's wife Sandy in front of Scout members, Leaders, family, and friends.

Congressman Johnson was present at the Scout meeting where Scouts talked to him and asked questions about our government.

Feature profile: Stacey Hoover

Meet the Troop 101 Alumni Association Board

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of profiles introducing the Troop 101 Alumni Association Board of Directors, a dedicated group of people, committed to preserving the rich heritage of Troop 101. Our first installment features Stacey Hoover, Board member since 2016.

By Stacey Hoover

I first joined Troop 101 when my son Max became a Boy Scout with the Troop back in 2007. At the time I had been working with our Cub Scout Pack 226. We were the "new kids on the block" because not many boys from our Pack were familiar with Troop 101.

I will never forget the first day I met Jim Potjunas or the first words he said to me when I dropped Max off for his first meeting. As a former committee chair, I was ready to roll up my sleeves and jump in with both feet. Jim patiently looked at me and told me to go home. He was very clear that ours was a Troop led by boys with the support of adults. It was something I never forgot and frankly, it is one of the reasons I love Troop 101 to this day. Responsibility, action and planning - done by the boys - for the boys.

Max Hoover, Eagle #139

Jim first invited me to be a member of our Alumni Association. He was convinced I would be a good fit for the Alumni and I think he was right. I love being able to still be involved with the Troop and continue to get great joy watching the program evolve and grow.

As you well know, this has been a very difficult year for all of us on a personal level with the shocking loss of Jim. I think more than anything I have a great sense of gratitude and pride in his legacy. More than once I've asked myself, "what would Jim do?"

I find that the Leaders of our Troop continue to use the foundation he created to expand and build the kind of program we are known for. I cannot not possibly say enough about Scoutmaster Ken LaPolla and the rest of the Assistant Scoutmasters who have taken a very tough situation and made our Troop stronger.

Both of my sons Max and Ben have earned Eagle rank with Troop 101. I was an active volunteer with Eagles wings for nine years and recently joined the Alumni in 2016. My husband, Erik, was an Assistant Scoutmaster and chief troublemaker.

Dr. LaPolla, Ben, Stacey, and Erik Hoover

Currently my family owns and operates Cockeye BBQ where we have a special area of our restaurant dedicated to Scouting and Troop 101. All Troop 101 Eagles are invited to sign our canoe paddles, which hang on the wall next to a picture of Jim.

We have always loved Troop 101 and will continue to support the Scouting program for years to come.

Ben Hoover, Eagle #148

http://Troopphoto.Troop101.net

The Troop 101 gallery now contains over ***6,000*** photos and videos from 1975 to the present.

Summer Camp - July 1993

Summer Camp - July 2007

Summer Camp - July 2009

Summer Camp - July 2013

Summer Camp - July 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- **April**
  - **April 27 - 9** - Wright Patterson AFB & Bike Trip
  - **April 30** - Niko's Eagle Court of Honor
- **May**
  - **May 11 - 13** - Camp Butler Bike Prep Trip
  - **May 26** - Memorial Day Grave Decorating
- **June**
  - **June 10** - National Youth Leadership Training
  - **June 15 - 17** - Family Camp at Mosquito Lake State Park
- **July**
  - **July 8 - 14** - Summer Camp

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

What the Troop has been up to since our last issue

January 13, 2018

Winter Challenge at Camp Stambaugh

A Slow drive into camp, with weather in the teens this morning, but the Scouts went out into the cold to participate in the Klondike Derby at Camp Stambaugh.

Falcon Patrol took First place in the Patrol Rankings, while Troop 8 took first in the overall by Troop.

Asking the youth, they enjoyed the trip, and said it was a lot of fun.

February 11, 2018

Winter Olympics at Beaumont

Over the weekend Troop 101 went camping at Beumont Scout Reservation. The theme for the trip was Winter Olympics

Saturday Morning they practiced their Fire building Skills to light the Olympic Torch, then proceeded to participate in several events to test their skills.

The snow was too good to pass up, so one event changed to Snow Structure 101, where the patrols were given 40 minutes to impress the judges with a structure made of Snow. We got an Igloo, Snowman, and a slope for boarding.

The evening ended with Falcon taking the Gold, and the Troop enjoying a nice dinner from Cockeye BBQ. Before bed, they enjoyed a movie. This will be one trip they're sure to remember.

March 11, 2018

Nelson Ledges to Chickagami Backpacking

Over the weekend the Troop took a trip over to Nelson Ledges. They took turns exploring the ledges while also learning about First Aid, Proper Packing, and Trail Stove use.

After the morning activities, they backpacked about 5 miles from the ledges over to Chickagami Park. There they setup for dinner and prepared some tasty chicken.

Sunday morning, the Troop enjoyed Pancakes at the Parkman Community center.