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Rob Sloan's Entry Named Winner Of Alumni Association's Logo Contest



Rob Sloan - Eagle #58

An entry from Troop 101 Alumni member Rob Sloan has been selected as the winning design of the Troop 101 Alumni Association's logo contest.

Rob, who attained the Eagle Rank number 58 with the Troop in 1994, said there were many things the logo had to address – the Alumni Association, the Troop, Affiliates, its history and its values, among other things.

"In thinking about complex symbols related to Scouting, I quickly remembered the patches we earned at Council Campouts like Winter Event or Summer Camp," explained Rob. "Like the Troop 101 logo, I used a circle container and the same colors so that both logos could be seen together and feel like they were part of the same family." He also explained that the blue and red fields are a throw-back nod to Camp Chickagami's "buddy

system" tags from the waterfront area.

The animals represent Cub Pack 101, Eagles Wings, the legendary Skunk Patrol and the Elks Lodge.

"And, last but not least," said Rob, "is a tribute to Jim Potjunas and his iconic Smokey the Bear hat as the centerpiece of the logo. Jim's legacy is at the center of the Troop's history."

Rob said the finished logo took a fair amount of time, but he never kept track of the hours he put into the design. "I worked on it sporadically – an hour here and there, but when I take on a passion project, it's nice not to have to track time."

Even though a lot of thought went into his winning logo design, Rob said he never feels an overwhelming sense of pride in his work. "My work is never about me, it's service to others," said Rob. "In this case, I'm happy to give back to an organization that helps so many others."

The Troop 101 Alumni Association Board of directors wishes to congratulate Rob on his winning design!

Alumni Quarterly Has a New Look!

By Matt McCracken Eagle #93

While I was looking at the new logo, I decided it's time for a new look. The Alumni Quarterly has been a fun side project for me since Jim asked Ed and I to restart it 9 years ago. I can't believe it's been 9 years already, but here we are at Issue #35. It's been a lot of fun.

The new look presents a sharper design with more edges and corners. The color scheme was updated to reflect the colors of the Alumni Association, while still allowing the newsletter to present the content to you, our readers, in an easy to read format.

What do you think of the new look? Let us know by emailing Newsletter@troop01.net

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From the President

"The Winds of Change"

By Tim Ross



"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." - John F. Kennedy

I find that quote quite interesting. Although it was said more than 55 years ago, it still resonates with me. Perhaps, it should resonate with us all because I believe it means more today than it did in that speech by President Kennedy in 1963.

Change. It hits close to home and we are no stranger.

politically, socially and otherwise. Good, bad or indifferent, one only has to look no further than their Facebook page or Twitter account to notice how Social Media fuels so much vitriol and pure anger, rage and hatred in this regard, which sometime leaves us shaking our heads as to how we ever "got here".

An article in *The New York Times* noted that we are more ethnically, racially, religiously and stylistically diverse than half a generation ago — than even five years ago! Whether we like it or not, Change is inevitable. All we can do is adapt and move on.

As a Troop, as Alumni, we have been through it in the past year. With Jim's untimely passing, we have a new Scoutmaster, who, with his fine staff, are doing a tremendous job of picking up the reins and moving the Troop forward. This is change. We roll with it. We go on.

And then, there is that age-old saying, *"The only constant in life is change."*

Hardly a day goes by that we don't notice changes in our society. The days of "Mayberry RFD" and "Leave it to Beaver" are long-gone and many of us "of a certain age" lament their passing. We long for a simpler time and many of us become resistant to change.

I don't know about you but, I find it difficult to recall a time when our nation has been more polarized; racially,

Change reminds us not to pretend that we know it all, but in the end, we need to have faith that everything will work out favorably because we are inherently stronger than we think, as a people, as a nation. Our diversity and our talents will prevail.

I found one last significant thought on change, which, I believe, puts all of this in perspective:

"History shows us that the people who end up changing the world - the great political, social, scientific, technological, artistic, even sports revolutionaries - are always nuts, until they are right, and then they are geniuses!" — John Eliot.

Onward.

- Tim

C&O Bike Trip Shirt Contest - 30 Years

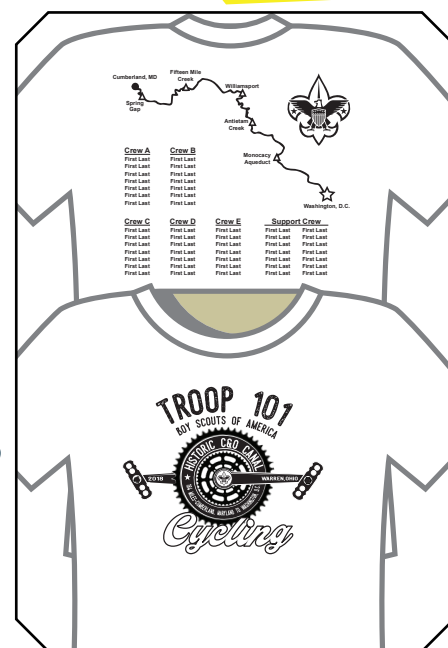
Back in April, the Troop announced a contest to design the Artwork for the 2018 C&O Canal Bike Trip. Over the proceeding months, a few designs were submitted, and just this month the troop voted on the design for the trip.

Paul Kuszmaul's design won for the Front, and Sean Norton's design won for the back. You can see both the Front and back to the right. On your PC, zoom in to see the finer detail of these designs. They did an excellent job.

It wasn't until the voting started that we realized it's been 30 years since the Troop's first bike trip in 1988. This will be the ninth time the Troop has biked the C&O Canal, and the second since switching from a 4-year rotation, to every 3 years.

This year sees a return to staying in Washington, DC. For those unfamiliar, the Troop has gone over to Gettysburg the last 3 trips due to difficulties finding places to stay while in DC.

This has always been a fun trip, and the T-Shirt's sure look pretty cool this year.



The Scoutmaster's Corner

Dr. Ken LaPolla



Whitewater Rafting Trip - June 2018

Spring has sprung and Summer has begun! That means cross overs, biking, and new traditions.

This Spring we welcomed several new Scouts to the Troop. Some from Cub Packs, some new to Scouting. In total, over 17 new Scouts since March! Exciting, yes; scary, you bet, especially since it's been a while since we have seen such a large number in such a short period time.

Having such a large new group can be challenging. Helping new Scouts understand how advancement and leadership integrate into their overall Scouting experience is important to retaining them and growing our Troop's program. To do this, we have expanded the role of the Troop Guides in regard to advancement and returned the "Advancement Board" to the Troop Room to give a visual reminder of a Scout's path to Eagle.

As for biking, thanks to the leadership of alumni, Jack, Lynn and Sean Norton, we are returning to the C&O Canal bike trail in August as well as Washington, DC to tour our Nation's Capital. To prepare our Scouts for this popular trip, we again are continuing our regular bike prep trips and meeting demonstrations from some old friends like Augie Thumm. Kris Kuszmaul and Renee Pospisil are busy organizing the Support Crew and planning the menu. I'll report on the details this Fall.

Traditionally, we hold our annual Family Camp at Pymatuning State Park in Pennsylvania. This year, because of the change in the parks group area policies, we decided to look for another location. Scary again, yes, because this is one of those sacrosanct areas of the Troop that you really don't mess with, but we did. And the solution was closer than we thought, Camp Stambaugh!

Yes, Camp Stambaugh had everything we needed: a lake (mostly), a pool (sort of), heated showers, flush toilets,

lighted chapel/campfire area, graveled parking lot down by the parade field where we camped, and plenty of room for games and activities.

Yes, they dredged the old lake area, fixed the damn and outfitted it for a simple boating program. Not as big as Pymatuning's lake, but probably just as deep. The pool, well we were promised a pool, but the new liner didn't arrive in time for us, but we still had the shower house complete with hot running water and flush toilets just a short walk from our site. And the new chapel, complete with lights, covered stage and fire pyre, made for a great location for vespers and campfire, which SPL Dylan Wood has been bringing back with great enthusiasm.

But I'm proudest of our Scouts and their accomplishments both within and outside of Scouting. Three of our Scouts attended Buckeye Boys State this June at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio (the greatest University in the world!), representing three different high schools, Abeshshik Shah (Howland), Zach Hudson (Lakeview), and Kenny Zerefos (Lordstown). Three of our Scouts attended NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) at Camp Butler: Christopher McMahan, Lorenzo Szewczyk, and Colin Price. Additionally, Christopher McMahan will be working this summer at Seven Ranges Camp as a paid CIT (commissioner in Training).



Family Camp - 2018

So, some very exciting things are happening in the Troop and I am grateful for the continued support of our Alumni and friends this Spring who have not only provided us with over \$3000 in camping scholarships for our summer programs, but also donations of over \$2000 for equipment and miscellaneous program items.

Thank you for your continued support and thank you for helping us grow our Scouting program here in Trumbull County!

-Ken

Adam Ramos

Eagle Scout #78 (7/15/99)

We often marvel at how this



“generational thing” continues in the Troop 101 family. So it is with Adam Ramos.

Adam is Troop 101’s 78th Eagle Scout and currently serves as Assistant Cubmaster and Webelos Leader for our Cub Pack 101.

Recently we caught up with Adam to discuss his family, his involvement with the Pack, the significance of his Eagle Award and the role it plays in helping the Pack he serves, and what it all means to him as a father and man today.



Adam and Family

AQ: Adam, bring us up to date on what you’ve been up to; your work, career, your family.

Adam: Five years ago, I married my best friend Anitra. We met in a bowling league in Niles 14 years ago and have been

together ever since. We have two children, a nine-year old Cub Scout, Sebastian, and a three-year old daughter, Ryeliegh.

Today, I am a maintenance tech in a correctional facility in Warren and have been in that job for the past 13 years.

AQ: You continue to be involved with the Troop 101 Scouting family at Pack 101 as an Assistant Cubmaster and Webelos Leader – how did that come about?

Adam: I wanted my son, Sebastian, to enjoy the adventures of Scouting as I did growing up. Since I am a Troop 101 Alumni, I wanted the same for him.

When I went to get information on signing up Sebastian for Cub Pack 101, I was told about the next Pack Committee meeting and was urged to attend. When I went to the meeting, I mentioned I was a Troop 101 Eagle. The members of the Committee said they did not have a leader for the Tiger Cubs yet and when they asked me if I would be willing to do it, I happily said “yes”. I have been involved ever since.

AQ: This experience obviously brings back a lot of memories of your Scouting days. What’s the best part of this experience for you?

Adam: The best part of my

experience has been going camping with the Cubs and hiking along with them. I have also enjoyed getting to see some of the old campgrounds that I went to as a Scout.



Adam & Sebastian

AQ: Now as a Scout Leader, what are your thoughts about some of the leaders who inspired you and instilled leadership principles when you were a Scout with Troop 101?

Adam: Obviously, I would have to say my biggest inspiration to get my Eagle was Mr. P. He always had the youth’s future in mind.

I remember one time as a Star Scout, I was about to give up and quit working on my advancement. He could tell something was bothering me. We sat down and talked about why I wanted to stop advancing.



Whitewater Rafting 1998

He knew exactly what to say without telling me what to do. He was great like that. If memory serves me correct, we were at Chickagami



Adam, Erik Fortsch, and Jeremy Kellerman - July 1994

at the time and after that long talk, I got my act together and did not let what was holding me back stop me anymore.

Mr. P. was a great man a great leader and a great inspiration not only to me, but so many Scouts throughout the years. He was, and is, the reason I brought my son into Pack 101 and will put him in Troop 101. Even after his passing, what he has instilled not only in me, but the community, will be around for years to come. I just want to say "Mr. P., thank you for all you have done!"

AQ: What stands out as something you'll never forget about your days as a Scout with the Troop?

Adam: One time the Troop went up to Cleveland Metroparks and did the big toboggan run. This time, our families were encouraged to come with us and my parents went. As we were waiting in line, Dr. Kenny was right behind us as we all got to the top of the shoot. The attendant asked Dr. Kenny to round out our group. So, Dr. Kenny, my mom, dad and I all piled onto the toboggan.

As we were speeding down the shoot, we realized that we were

moving way too fast! We ended up going right through the stop area and shot out over the roadway. Finally, we came to a stop narrowly missing a line of trees. After we got off, they put sand and salt at the end of the shoot. It was a memorable, but scary ride!

AQ: You went on to achieve Eagle eighteen years ago in July of 1999. What has that meant to you?

Adam: For me, it is a great achievement. I would not trade it for anything in the world. I am proud



Adam with Mom Betty, and Sister Tina and her husband Brian Wilson

that

I was able to accomplish this amazing feat. A lot of what I learned I am able to use in everyday life, in my job and at home. The many life-lessons stay with me.

AQ: How do your Pack 101 Cub Scouts react when they find out you are an Eagle?

Adam: Some of the Cubs think it's cool. Others just don't seem to understand, but as they learn, they do become more interested and ask good questions.

AQ: What advice are you offering them in the way of staying with Scouts and making the Webelos-to-Scout transition?

Adam: Keep with it! I know some of the things we do over the winter may be considered a little "dry" to them, but once they cross over, the Troop does more and bigger events. This is just one step in the trail to Eagle!

Scout's Hillside project a tribute to grandfather

By GUY VOGRIN
Tribune Chronicle

HOWLAND — Eagle Scout candidate Adam Ramos wanted to pay tribute to his late grandfather.

Manuel Ramos, a patient at Forum Health Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital, died in August after a long illness.

In the elderly Ramos' honor, the grandson built six wheelchair-accessible picnic tables for the Howland hospital. The work was part of Adam's efforts for the Eagle Scout honor, fulfilling the community service requirement. In addition, the young Ramos also stained the hospital gazebo as part of the project.



ADAM

The younger Ramos, the son of Betty and Richard Ramos of Howland, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 101. He has been in Scouting for about eight years. He is a junior at Howland High School and his hobbies include bowling, golf and camping.

In other Hillside news, a Sunday concert is planned Sept. 13 at 3 p.m. on the hospital patio lower level, near the cafeteria. The concert will feature folk and country music performed by Bob Walton, D.D.S. and Ellie Kovell of "Take II."

The show is open to employees, patients, families and friends as part of the Arts for Forum Health program.

Also, the Hillside physically-challenged basketball team is planning pickup games every Monday beginning Sept. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kent State Trumbull Campus gymnasium. For more information, call 399-2560.

What's in a Name?

BSA's Organization Name Is NOT Changing!

There has been much confusion, ensuing controversy and inaccuracies in the media lately regarding a BSA name change, but according to the recent edition of Scouting Magazine, The Boy Scouts of America organization name will continue to be Boy Scouts of America. It is not changing.



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Concerning the single-gender Troop structure in the Scouts BSA program, it will be as follows:

What is changing is the Boy Scout program name.

That program serves boys ages 11 through 17 and beginning in February 2019, the Boy Scout program name will change to "Scouts BSA" and will begin serving girls, as well as boys.

Under the new name of "Scouts BSA," that program, which is the same iconic program it has always been, will continue to offer Scouting in single-gender Troops, through which Scouts—ages 11 through 17—can work to earn the Eagle Scout rank.

Before, during, and after that program name change, the overall organization name will continue to be Boy Scouts of America.

Both male and female participants in the Scouts BSA program will be referred to as "Scouts," just as boys now in the Boy Scout program are often referred to as "Scouts."

Scouts BSA Troops will be single-gender Troops.

Troop structure will remain single-gender, meaning a Scouts BSA Troop will be made up of all boys or it will be made up of all girls. There will be no co-ed or mixed Troops. Boys and girls will not be in Troops together. Boys will be in Troops with only boys, and girls will be in Troops with only girls. This will take effect during a scheduled launch on February 1, 2019. You can find more information about Scouts BSA at www.scouting.org/familyscouting.

As for Cub Scouting, Cub Scout Dens will be single-gender Dens. Cub Scout registration will become available to boys and girls and in all councils starting in June 2018.

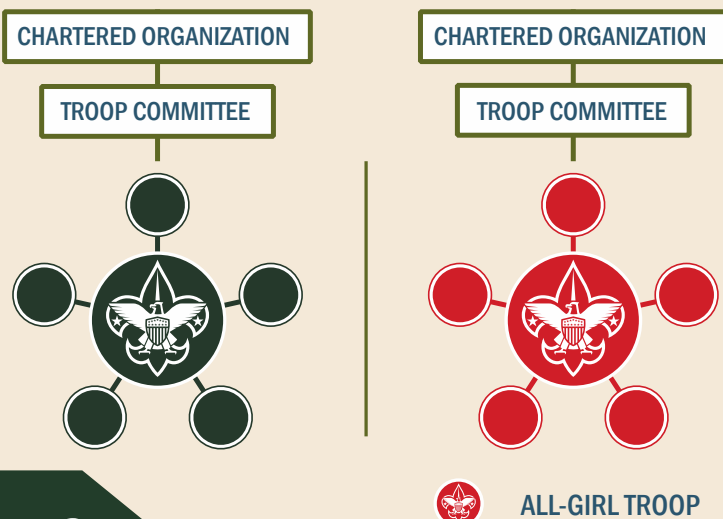
There will be three types of Cub Scout Packs: all-boy Packs, all-girl Packs and Packs that include a mix of girl Dens and boy Dens. Cub Scout Dens will be single-gender: all boys or all girls.

This hybrid model builds on the benefit of a single-gender program while also providing character and leadership opportunities for both boys and girls.

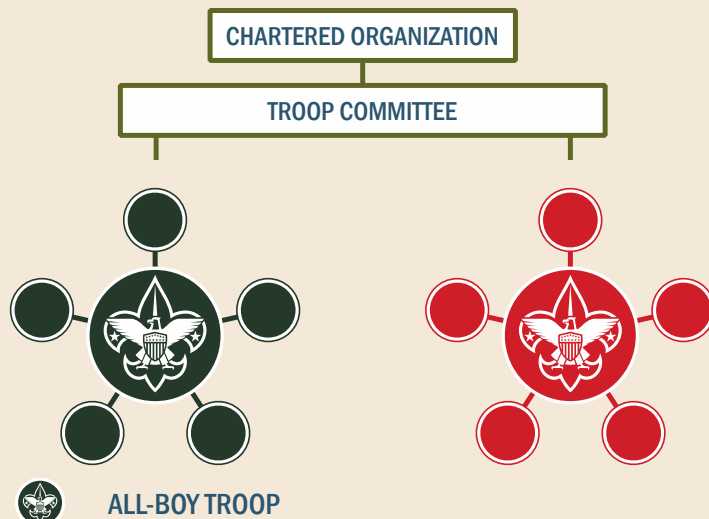


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SEPARATE TROOPS FOR BOYS & GIRLS



LINKED TROOP



Troop 101 Committee Chair

Kristine Kuszmaul



The Kuszmaul Family

I grew up with a Scouting background as a Girl Scout and worked at several summer camps as a youth and young adult so being a mother of only boys, finding myself as Committee Member of a Boy Scout Troop does not surprise me.

Back when our oldest son Bryce was in first grade, he came home from school with a Cub Scout round up flyer and was excited to join. I knew that Troop 101 was very well organized and thought that, while the decision of which Boy Scout Troop that Bryce would want to join in a few years would ultimately be his, being a member of Pack 101 might make a transition to Troop 101 easier, should he decide to take that path at crossover. After receiving his Arrow of Light, we visited three area Troops and he knew that while Troop 101 may not be the easiest Troop to be a member of, that he would do more things and learn more by being a part of it. He chose this path and his parents and brothers have followed him.

Seventeen years and three boys later, our family remains very active with the Troop. My husband Paul is an Eagle Scout, former Cubmaster of Pack 101, and is an ASM. Bryce ended up being 101 Eagle #125 and was an ASM until his recent move to the Salt Lake City area. My son Cole is 101 Eagle #138, was a SPL, is currently an ASM and he organized and will be leading the Troop's Philmont Scout Ranch trek

in June of 2019. My youngest son Gage is currently a Life Scout working on his Eagle project and is a Troop Quartermaster.

As far as my positions are concerned, being the wife of a Cubmaster, I helped with the Pack for many years in various untitled capacities. When I moved over to the Troop, I started in the Greeter position, soon added the role of making the campsite reservations and a couple years ago was asked to take on the position of Troop Committee Chair. Although I would have never guessed years ago that I would take on this role in leadership, I think it has been a good fit.

I enjoy working with the other parents to make sure the Troop runs the way it should behind the scenes so that the boys and adult leaders can focus on program. It has also taken me out of my comfort zone and helped me to expand myself. I am very thankful for all the Committee Members and the hours that they volunteer to assure a great program for our boys. We all work hard and get along well together.

I believe that God has a plan for everyone and that he is using me and my experience in this time and place to assist in carrying on the scouting traditions of Troop 101. When I took the position of Committee Chair over, thankfully I had a year of Jim's guidance before his passing. I think I have carried on how he would have wanted me to lead the committee.

My brother is and Eagle Scout and currently is a Scoutmaster in North Carolina and he often asks me how we do certain things. I graciously pass on what I learned about running a Troop Committee from Jim. It's not surprising that Jim's knowledge is being passed on well beyond our city limits. The hardest part has been that Jim had a wealth of additional information that he took with him. We are all doing our best and I think that Jim would approve.



Editor's note: This is 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. This installment features Board Member and Troop Committee Chair, Kristine Kuszmaul.



Historic Camping - September 2011



Summer Camp - July 016



Bike Trip - August 1988



Bike Trip - August 2015



Bike Trip - Washington DC - August 1992



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• July

July 8 - 14 - Summer Camp At Manatoc

July 23 - Frankie Constantine Eagle COH

• August

August 4 - 11 - C&O Canal Bike Trip / DC

• September

September 7 - 9 - Camp McKinley

September 24 - Troop Court of Honor

• October

October 12 - 14 - Oil City Backpacking

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

Recent Troop Events



April 29, 2018

Wright Patterson Air Force Base

It was another 101-derful weekend on our April camping trip to Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The Troop stayed on base, and did some hiking and biking before spending the afternoon at the National Air Force Museum.



May 13, 2018

Camp Butler Bike Trip

Despite the forecast calling for thunderstorms all day Saturday, the weather stayed cool and beautiful in the morning for the Biker to get in some miles along the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath in Peninsula, Ohio.

Two scouts, Aidan and DJ, worked on their First Class Camp requirement during the trip as well.



June 17, 2018

Family Camp at Stambaugh

The Troop invited the families to join in on our annual Family Camp weekend. This year we decided to try out the new facilities at camp Stambaugh. The Weather was nice, and the water was refreshing.



Photos from the Trip can be found in the Troop Gallery. Credit for photos go to Cole Kuszmaul.