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Scoutmaster's Corner By Dr. Ken LaPolla, Scoutmaster



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blessed, privileged and yes, spoiled to have these available, which not only enhance our program but allow more youth to participate, prepared.

So as a request of you, as your young ones grow, if you have snow pants and snow jackets that you now are discovering no longer fit, please send them our way. We'll put them to good use and keep the spirits of a young Scout higher than if he didn't have these items when the blizzard hits suddenly, or when he gets so excited snow tubing with us this February, and participates fully, that he doesn't have to worry about the dampness that follows.

Wow, time does fly when you're having fun!

This past quarter and past year have been great. The trips, the memories, all have been true blessings.

But, like previous years, we have been plagued with precipitation. More than usual it seems, at least for as long as I can remember, but if our Scouts learned anything, it was how to be prepared. Prepared for monsoons as well as early snow accumulations. Staying dry and warm; learning about what we packed and more especially about what we didn't pack.

Because of this, we purchased six "Zero Degree" sleeping bags as part of our loaner equipment program. Albert Pospisil is embroidering them with the Troop number and bag number so that they can be easily identified.

Scouts who plan-ahead and ask can reserve these items as well as backpacks, mattresses and snow gear. They come from the generosity of our Alumni and friends who donated them, and we can accumulate them because of the storage space the new building allows. We are

In addition, we see many of you throughout the year and especially during the Holidays. But please know, if you're ever in the area, and want to see the Scout Center facility, or hear more about what we are doing, don't hesitate to give me a call, or send me a message, and I will be more than happy to meet you at the building and update you on what we are doing.

Scouting is a great program, as you well know, and we have pledged to provide the premier program in our area. The changes with the Scouting program haven't changed us. We care about youth, we care about our future. We instill grit in our young leaders by providing a program that's "demanding, supportive and respectful." There is no other way. And we are here to stay!

-Ken

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From the President

By Tim Ross, Alumni Association President

Welcome to 2019 and Happy New Year to All!



As we begin a new year, we are happy to report the Jim Potjunas Scout Center project is wrapping up nicely and we expect to finish the conference room by the end of February. A special thanks to Mark Gasser from the Gasser Chair Company for donating the new conference room chairs and we expect to take delivery

of a new conference table very soon.

Completing a project like the Scout Center is a significant undertaking for any business or company and the ever-present challenges get greatly compounded when taken on by a non-profit group supported largely through donations. We are very happy to report that the entire project has been funded by Troop Alumni Association (TAA) members and supporting business donations. Thank you to everyone!

Please take time this spring to stop by the Scout Center and see the finished project as the flowers and trees start to blossom. Next on our agenda is setting up a self-funding operational account to pay for the annual operating cost of the facility and the needs of our Scouting program at Blessed Sacrament.

As we head into the new year, I would like to say 'thank you' to all the members of the TAA Board and support staff. Without the kind donations of time and resources we would not be able to stay in touch through our Alumni Quarterly newsletter. Again, thank you to all who make this happen.

Of course, supporting the Troop 101 Family of Scouting is one of many things we do, and we are happy to report that the TAA Board recently helped Cub Pack 101 at Blessed Sacrament with the purchase of a new Pinewood Derby track and timer for this year's race. Go Cub Pack! These little guys are very special to us, for they are the future of our Troop.

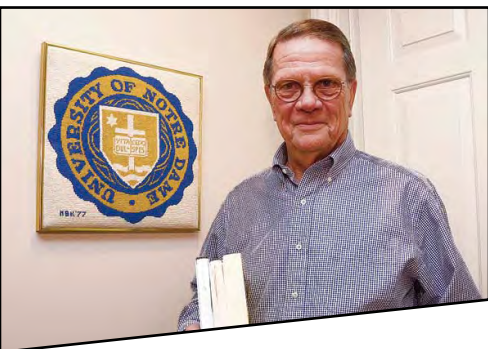
As a new year begins, we hope you had a great Holiday season and were able to enjoy the close company of family and friends. Spending time with family and friends is one of those life pleasures we so often take for granted, so here is wishing you and yours a very Happy 2019!

While none of us can predict exactly what the new year will bring, we take comfort in knowing that it will bring each and every one of us 365 opportunities.

Happy New Year!

-Tim

Troop 101 Alumnus, 75, Goes Back to College



If you've been reading the news lately, you may have seen a story run by the Tribune Chronicle about a Troop 101 Alumnus, Dave Kostolansky.

Dave is heading back to college at age 75.

Dave Kostolansky Sr was an Assistant Scoutmaster in the Troop from 1978 to 1982. His Son, David J. Kostolansky earned his Eagle with the Troop in 1982.

Dave graduated from Notre Dame the first time 55 years ago in June. Now he's back in classes as part of the inaugural class of the Inspired Leadership Initiative, a back-to-school program for retirees.

The program is billed as intellectual immersion in academic life, local and global community engagement, and spiritual and personal development for the next stage of life. For David Kostolansky, going back to school is more than a lark.

"I've been retired for 13 years but I'm not ready to sit down on the couch and let the world go by," he said. "I'm just not ready to quit. There's got to be more to life than cutting your grass and trimming your bushes. I do all that, but it's just (what I do) in between what I really want to do."

The Full Story can be found on the Tribune Website by following this link:

<http://www.tribtoday.com/news/local-news/2019/01/howland-man-75-goes-to-college/>

Mike Beers Eagle Scout #50 (11/10/92)



Mike Beers, Troop 101 Eagle Scout #50, is Senior Vice President and Family Wealth Adviser at Morgan Stanley in Columbus. Success hasn't changed Mike who took time out of his busy schedule to chat with us about his job, family and the impact Scouting with Troop 101 has had on him.

Editor's note: This article may well be considered "required reading" for every young Scout on the Trail to Eagle

AQ: Mike, so much time has passed since those Scout days at Troop 101. Bring us up to speed on what Mike Beers has been up with life, work and family, too.

Mike: Much time has passed is right! It has been about 26 years since I earned my Eagle, so I'll give you the highlights; The year after I earned my Eagle, I graduated from Warren G. Harding High School. That fall I enrolled at Kent State University where I went on to graduate with a major in Marketing and a minor in Finance. I really enjoyed my time at Kent State and, in fact, I was named "Outstanding Recent Alumnus" in 2008 for my success within 10 years of graduating.

In 1999, I was offered a job as a financial planner with Morgan Stanley in Columbus, Ohio and I moved that fall. I have now been with the firm for almost 20 years and oversee a team of

14 individuals managing just over \$1.3B of client assets. We were recently named one of the top teams in the country by the National Association of Plan Advisors for the work we do on corporate retirement plans.

AQ: How do you relax?

Mike: I still consider myself an avid outdoorsman and try to get outside whenever possible. My hobbies include fly fishing, sporting clays, field archery and music. I have always had a passion for music and play both guitar and mandolin. As much as I enjoy my career and my hobbies, my absolute pride & joy is my family. I married my amazing wife, Leyla, in the summer of 2013. We currently reside in New Albany, Ohio with our three future Eagles; Daxton (age 3), Weston (age 2) and our newest addition, Dalton (age 2 months).

AQ: Let's set the "Wayback Machine" to the late 1980s and early 1990s. What memories jump to mind when you think back on those Troop 101 days?

Mike: Oh boy, where to start?! The good times are almost too plentiful to count, but one particular trip to Algonquin Provincial Park in Canada really stands out. It was by far my favorite trip. We traveled through the park together in small groups. I shared a canoe with Ken Lapolla and Mr. P. led our patrol. We had an absolute blast. I can still hear the sounds of the loons on the water as we sat around the

campfire each evening. It is a truly special place. Of all the trips we took, I think of that trip the most often and hope to eventually share a similar experience with my own boys someday.

AQ: Was ever there a downside camping trip?

Mike: The only "bad" experience I can think of was a trip to Assateague Island (a 37 mile-long barrier island off the eastern coast of the Delmarva peninsula facing the Atlantic Ocean). The days were beautiful as we camped along the ocean, so you'd think it would have been amazing. NOPE! As the sun started to set, horse flies came out in droves and they were relentless. They would literally follow you into the shower, into the ocean, everywhere. Although the sun was out every day, it literally rained every single night.

One evening, a really bad storm



rolled in and the winds were so strong it took a tent I had brought along as a spare (empty at the time – but staked down with two-foot rebar stakes) and blew it away, never to be seen

again! Me and the fellow Scout I was sharing a very leaky tent with, decided to abandon ship (water was literally pooling up under our sleeping bags) so we tossed our packs in to weigh the tent down and slept in the Troop trailer on top of bags of charcoal. It was about as comfortable as it sounds.

Assateague Park is also chalk-full of wild horses and they would occasionally roam into camp. Somebody advised, "Bang some pots & pans together and they'll

passed, several of the guys I was in the Troop with reconnected on Facebook. It was great to hear from those guys again after all this time. Sad it was under those conditions, but still great to hear from old friends. A few old stories came up and we joked about skits we used to do at camp. Reconnecting with those guys was a good reminder of how fun those days actually were. Sometimes you don't know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.

AQ: Let's talk about your inspiration, perhaps those leaders who "made a difference".

Mike: In those days there were some really amazing men associated with the Troop. Among them were Jim & Ken Lapolla, Fred Sloan, Bill Aubuchon, Mike Weaver and of course, Jim Potjunas. All those men had a tremendous impact on me as a Scout. But if I had to pick one, it would be Jim

Mike: Oh yes. Many times. There were two primary influences that kept me in the Troop. First and foremost, Jim Potjunas. He knew when I was really struggling and always made it a point to check in from time to time. He was always there to make sure I stayed committed. He was never afraid to push me a little and if that wasn't working, he would drag me along, if necessary. Either way, he never let me quit. Besides Jim, it was my fellow Scouts. Rob Sloan, Greg Dew, Mike Vlasov, Mike Kuntz, Alex Koval, Johnny Waz, Dan Wasko, Corky Manofsky, Chris Weaver and many more. All good men and I feel very fortunate for having known them.

AQ: You are the Troop's 50th Eagle. What does "Eagle" mean to you today as a grown man?

Mike: Being an Eagle has meant more to me than I ever would have imagined at the time I received it. I don't think anyone realizes the magnitude of achieving Eagle at the time they earn it. It takes years of applying the skills & values you learn on the path to Eagle for it to really soak in. Some of the most valuable lessons I learned about leadership I learned as a Scout.

AQ: What kind of reaction do you get from people when they find out you are an Eagle?

Mike: When I meet a fellow Eagle, there is always a sense of camaraderie. An almost immediate bond. It isn't a "secret handshake" kind of thing, it's an "I know full well what it took to get there, brother" kind of thing. When I talk to those not in Scouting, the reaction is always positive. Being an Eagle Scout is viewed as a very impressive accomplishment and



Mike, Wife Leyla, Sons Daxton, Weston, & Dalton

move on". Yeah well, those horses couldn't have cared less how much noise we made and found their way into our coolers, tents and anything else they wanted to explore. It was really something!

AQ: Those fellow Scouts and friends you made in the Troop are still in touch today?

Mike: Not as often as I would like, but yes, some of us stay in touch from time to time. When Mr. P.

hands down. If it weren't for him, I would have never completed the program. Period. I went through some very tough times as a kid. Very tough. For a while, I was flat-out lost, but he never failed to lift me up, to redirect me, to keep me focused. He was a huge influence in my Scouting career and I owe him a huge debt of gratitude for never giving up on me.

AQ: So, obviously there was a stretch where you thought about dropping out? What changed your mind?



those that wear the medal should be proud they do.

AQ: What's the best advice you can offer a young Scout today? What might you tell your three sons?

Mike: Stick with it and don't give up. I can't tell you how

many times I have heard

"Oh you're an Eagle Scout? I made it to First Class and quit", or "I was in Cub Scouts but quit.". Don't be that guy. Every time someone says

something like that, there's a hint of remorse in their words. They made a choice to quit.

I challenge you to choose to finish what you started. Quitting is easy. Staying committed to your goals is much harder. The more often you quit when you're young, the more often you'll quit things as an adult. Quitting is a habit and it's not a good one.

The skills & principles you will learn as a Scout, even if they seem pointless or uncool at the time, will benefit you later on. Trust me on this. You will draw from the set of skills you acquire in Scouting throughout the rest of your life. I lead a very large team of highly successful financial advisors and every day I apply leadership skills that I started learning in Scouts.

Take the lessons you are learning today seriously, and they will serve you well later on.

From the Nest - Daniel Young, Eagle 121



In this installment, Matt talks with Dan Young, who became the Troop's 121st Eagle Scout on August 23, 2012.

Matt: Since you left the Troop where did you go and what have you been up to?

Dan: I went to YSU for a year, then ended up at West Point working on a major in Computer Science.

I am currently in my senior (or firstie) year here at West Point. I will graduate in May 2019 and commission into the army. I will find out my first duty station in February. If all works out perfectly I will end up being an EOD officer and working somewhere internationally. If not though, then I'll just do what the army needs me to do and I'll be content doing most whatever.

Matt: What Scout Skills do you feel have served you best over the past few years?

Dan: I remember Mr. P used to force us as patrol leaders and as the SPL to delegate tasks to others. The team that you were in charge of would never be effective if you simply did everything yourself, despite that being my natural inclination at the time.

others in my team to do their job so that as a team we can divide up tasks and accomplish more than would ever be possible if I just micro managed everything is the absolutely the biggest thing I took away from scouts.

Scouting and specifically Troop 101 I believe is what I credit with the most of what got me to where I am today. I would never have developed a passion for leading others or developed anywhere near as disciplined of a work ethic if it had not been for scouts. I am truly thankful for everyone there who helped provide me with the experiences and opportunities that helped set the foundation for who I am today.

Matt: Have you been back to see the Jim Potjunas Scout Center? If so, what are your thoughts on our new home?

Dan: I have been there three times now, and it is amazing to see how the ideals of leadership and character that Mr. P instilled in us as young boys are still being passed down currently to more generations of scouters in Troop 101.

The building and how it stands as a practical memorial to Mr. P and all of the lives that he touched is truly amazing to me. I love how something that can actually be used on a weekly basis to further others is what was named after him as opposed to a simple symbol or monument. That way he can be remembered.

Matt: From your time in Troop 101, what are some of your favorite memories?

Eagles Nest - Continued

Dan: I think most of my favorite memories come from any weekend that the owl patrol got to camp together. By the time I was in the owls, everyone else in it had essentially become some of my closest friends so we just got to have an absolute blast every weekend with each other.

I remember in particular a weekend at the Dayton Air Force Base right before I aged out when we had Ben Hoover and someone else who I cannot recall act as “Owls in Training” for their first weekend. They had such a great attitude about it and there were a lot of hilarious antics that went down that weekend.

Editor's note: From the Nest is a new feature of the Troop 101 Alumni Association Newsletter focusing on Eagle Scouts who have gone off to college or have just wrapped up college and are beginning their careers. The feature is created by Assistant Scoutmaster Matt McCracken, who in all reality, has watched these Eagles grow from little boys to young men through the Troop.

Spend your Spring Break Helping Philmont Recover from Wildfires: PhilBreak 2019 *By Bryan Wendell - Scouting Magazine*

A Scout's promise “to help other people at all times” doesn't take spring break off.

That's why hundreds of Scouts, Venturers and adult volunteers will gather at Philmont Scout Ranch in March and early April for Philbreak 2019, a chance to help the legendary Scouting destination recover from the Ute Park Fire.

Ever since the fires at Philmont were extinguished, the Philmont Recovery Corps has been working hard both to prepare for crews in 2019 and to mitigate future fire risk. Philbreak will accelerate that process.

Philbreak 2019 volunteers, who must be 16 or older, will help with slope stabilization projects, revegetation efforts, campsite installation and forest thinning. The exact locations and projects won't be pinpointed until March.

How is the Philmont recovery progressing?

The Philmont Recovery Corps has taken advantage of several snows to burn slash piles created during the summer and in previous years.

The Corps is staging campsite equipment and will soon begin moving into the backcountry to add more campsites, set up new staff camps and work on trails to support the 2019 itineraries.

To learn more about their progress, see the cool infographic at the end of this post. Even though the Philmont Recovery Corps is doing a great job, they can use your help. Speaking of ...

When is Philbreak 2019?



There are four weeks available. The first is an initiative of the Philmont Staff Association, which was one of the first groups to step up with financial support after the fires broke out.

The remaining three sessions are put on by the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society. Spring break service projects have become one of the OA's signature efforts each year. In 2018, Arrowmen traveled to Puerto Rico and Florida to complete hurricane-recovery projects.

Philbreak sessions:

1. Philmont Staff Association: March 2 to 9
2. OA: March 16 to 23
3. OA: March 23 to 30
4. OA: March 30 to April 6

How many spaces are available?

- Week 1 (Philmont Staff Association): 30 slots, filled in the order received
- Weeks 2 to 4 (OA): 50 slots per week, filled in the order received

Once all the spots fill up, applicants will be put on a waiting list. (Only in Scouting would



BY THE NUMBERS

STATISTICS AND FUN FACTS FROM THE
PHILMONT RECOVERY CORPS PROGRESS

**384 ACRES OF FOREST
TREATED**



**33 ACRES OF EROSION
CONTROL BUILT**



114 CHAINSAWS USED



**400 CORDS OF FIREWOOD
PRODUCED**



**65 MILES OF TRAIL HIKED TO
SURVEY CAMPSITE DAMAGE**



**44,313 HOURS OF SERVICE
DEDICATED TO CONSERVATION**



**450 POUNDS OF BACON
CONSUMED**



**475+ STAFF MEMBERS HELPED
WITH PRC EFFORTS**



1 MASTICATOR DONATED



there be a waiting list of people eager to perform service for a week.)

Who is eligible?

Week 1 (Philmont Staff Association): PSA members and their eligible family members. Trek-eligible family members include your spouse, child or stepchild, sibling, parent, grandparent, grandchild, niece, nephew or in-law of the PSA member. Don't register anyone who does not meet these requirements. The minimum age is 16 by date of participation.

Weeks 2 to 4 (Order of the Arrow): Order of the Arrow members with current BSA registrations. The minimum age is 16 by date of participation.

Other requirements include:

- Completion of the full high-adventure Annual Health and Medical Record.
- Desire to work hard over long hours with good crew spirit and a sense of humor.
- Ability to carry a 50-pound pack, dig, drag debris and move heavy loads.

What is the cost?

- Week 1 (Philmont Staff Association): \$210, which includes meals, lodging in roofed housing at the Philmont Training Center and transportation to and from the worksite
- Weeks 2 to 4 (OA): \$100, which includes meals, lodging in roofed housing at the Philmont Training Center and transportation to and from the worksite

The fees do not include transportation to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M. You'll need to arrange your own trip there by plane, train or car.

Where can I register and learn more?

- Week 1 (Philmont Staff Association): Learn more and register.
 - o Questions? Contact Phil Winegardner at pwinegardner@kc.rr.com or Dollie O'Neill at dollie.oneill@scouting.org or 575-376-1138
- Weeks 2 to 4 (OA): Learn more and register.
 - o Questions? Contact Ben Harper at Benjamin.Harper@scouting.org or Matt Dukeman at Matt.Dukeman@scouting.org or (972) 580-2455.

Where can I see an infographic about the Philmont Recovery Corps?

Right Here! Thanks to Philmont's marketing manager Dominic Baima for sending.

Camp Quotes And Memories

Andy McCracken: We had just finished biking 184 miles on the C&O Canal trail and were relaxing in Gettysburg making the evening meal. As I glanced over to Colin Faulk he was looking at me with a smile on his face. He stated, "Mr. McCracken, I am really glad that you came on this trip with us." Thinking he was about to compliment me on my biking abilities, I said thank you Colin, that is very nice of you to say." Then came the zinger, as he stated, "Yea, you remind me a lot of my grandfather."

Every so often comes an utterance by a Scout or a Leader which brings laughter, or maybe a curious look, or an exclamation, "what did I just hear, what did he just say?" Here are a few memories from the past:

What do you mean we aren't having s'mores? - **Webelos Scout on Beaumont trip Feb 2017**

Mr. P: Nobody remembers the campouts with good weather. It is trips like this that make the best stories!

José Velasquez Beaver Creek 2004: It was a Muddy hike where he lost his shoes in the mud. "They tell me to follow Scoutmaster, I follow Scoutmaster."

Going for his orienteering merit badge, young scout Greg Staab was having trouble orienting his map at the Kinzua Dam trailhead, his father stepped in to offer him some advice. From the mouth of the Scoutmaster in a slow steady voice, came those famous words, "Dad, step away from the Scout." - **Bob Staab**

Got a memorable camp out quote or story? Share it with us:
Newsletter@Troop101.net



Beaver Creek - October 23, 2004

41st Annual Spaghetti Dinner - Sunday, April 14



Come enjoy a great meal at the 41st annual Troop 101 Spaghetti Dinner, Palm Sunday, April 14th 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!

You can also take a moment to look at the Jim Potjunas Troop 101 Scout Center and Eagle Wall. Just ask for a Tour.





Stambaugh - March, 1995



Allegheny Canoe Trip - June 2009



Algonquin - August 2011



Beaver Creek - October 12, 2002



Paddle & Saddle - August 1998



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• January

18 - 20 - Winter Event

• February

22 - 24 - Manatoc & Snow Tubing

• March

22 - 24 - Camp Bucoco

• April

6 - Rock Climbing and The Winking Lizard

14 - Spaghetti Dinner

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

Recent Troop Events



September 9, 2018

Camp McKinley

It was a wet weekend full of fun activities at Camp McKinley. Scouts had an opportunity to go rappelling, as well as test their skills in several fun activities. A few learned the value of good rain gear.



October 30, 2018

Troop Halloween Party

The Ghosts and Ghouls came out to play as the Troop enjoys our annual Halloween Party. It was certainly a fun time with the Owls providing another great Haunted Trail this year.



Other activities included Tomahawk Throwing, Donut Eating Contest, Witch Hat Ring Toss, Pantyhose Bowling, and of course a snack station!



November 11, 2018

Camp Stigwandish

The Troop took a trip up north into the snow belt this weekend, and sure enough, enjoyed a cold and snowy weekend at Camp Stigwandish.



The themed trip on WWI and WWII had the scouts acting as recruits preparing for war. Activities included Ga Ga Ball, Fire Building, Leatherwork, Trivia, knots and lashings, and more.