

101 ALUMNI QUARTERLY

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The Potjunas Shelter Manatoc Dedication

In our last issue, Sandy revealed the Manatoc Project. This project involved the construction of a Shelter to be used at Camp Manatoc.

This Sunday, the Troop arrived in camp for what is our 19th consecutive year at Manatoc, and during the rush to get checked in and setup for the week, we took a moment to check out the Shelter and Officially mark its dedication.



The 50 x 20 Shelter was constructed in the Scoutcraft and Ecology-Conservation area of Manatoc. It was completed just before the start of the Summer Program at camp. Hundreds of Scouts have already worked on merit badges under the Shelter, and now this week, our boys will have the same opportunity.

Some of the merit badges being worked on in the shelter this week include Pioneering; Search and Rescue; Signs, Signals and Codes, Cooking, and Camping. Those that knew Jim well will recognize

these as many of the key features to Scouting he enjoyed.

One interesting feature is the “Knots and Fancy Rope Work” board hanging in the Shelter. This board, originally designed and made by Robert R. Hollbrook of Troop 25 back in 1961 now hangs proudly, showing 72 different Knots, Lashings, etc. A photo has been included because we think it’s cool, and believe Jim would agree.

Another fun fact for this year, we have two of our 101 Scouts working on Camp Staff. Both Colin and Christopher attended Philmont, then rushed off to Manatoc to work for the Summer. Colin is working at the Pool, and Christopher is working under the Potjunas Shelter. Both are excellent examples of our Troop Today, and are helping carry on the legacy Jim left behind.

More photos of the Shelter will be posted on the Troop

website at the conclusion of Summer Camp. We will also include a cool Drone Fly-by so you can see the scale, and location from the sky.

More photos on the next page.

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Photos above show the shelter from a few angles, as well as the Knot board.

Pictured left are Colin Price and Christopher McMahan, currently working Camp Staff.

Both say they are enjoying their time here at camp, and have come over to visit the Troop a few times.

After our week, only one more week to go this season!

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The Scoutmaster's Corner

Dr. Ken LaPolla



Philmont Adults, 2019

we would have been fine napping) and did it together and graciously for everyone. I am extremely proud of these and all our Scouts.

And like everything we do, we do it together with the support of our Alumni and friends who believe in our program. Thanks to Ned Gold for his guidance; thanks to the Taylor family for their support, thanks to Henry and Maureen Crouse for their support and thanks for lunch, Greg Gold, who met us at the Denver Airport on his way to Durango.

Summer camp is next for the season and a special thanks to Van Padula for taking the lead. Again, Van is a Scouter, a servant leader, and someone who continues to donate

Well, it took 40 years, but I finally made it to Philmont!

Yes, after much prodding, I decided to go, and I don't regret a minute of it. I am grateful for the experience.

Any troop can brag about its Eagle Scouts, we do, but few can brag about the adult Scouters they produce. A Scouter is someone who has a vision and acts on that vision. A Scouter is a true Servant leader, one who puts others above himself. Someone who gives his time freely without strings. Someone who understands we are here to help young people become better leaders.

Cole Kuszmaul had a vision 2 years ago of taking the Troop to Philmont. He spent tireless hours between classes and during breaks to put his program together hoping that what his Philmont experience did for him when he was a Scout, would do the same for others. Thanks, Cole, for giving me an experience that I'll never forget! I'm proud of the Scouter that you have become.

But this trip showed me more than the power and beauty of the Philmont landscape. It showed me that our crew of 8 boys and 4 adults, were a culmination of all that we do in the troop. Our crew leader, Cullen, led the group in a positive and constructive manner. He and his crew did everything on our itinerary, whether we had the time or not, whether they waited until morning to do the activity before we hit the trail, or whether they hiked 4 miles, there and back, at night just to see a great campfire. They made the time, without any prodding from the adults (trust me,

his personal time to make this program happen.

Thanks to all of our adults who are using their personal time to be leaders, and not just parents this summer. Thanks Bud McManus, for giving us the August Horseback riding trip and to all the leaders who are filling in the gaps to enhance these experiences.

Well, I'm off to a great start this summer and I hope you all are as well. Enjoy your families, enjoy your troops and especially enjoy your adventures this summer season!

-Ken



Philmont Crew, 2019

All-Troop Contingent Returns 14 Days at Philmont Scout Reservation



Philmont is considered Scouting's Premiere High Adventure base. It's one of those "Big Camps" you hear about when talking about High Adventure at a National level.

Over the years our Troop has had several young men attend activities at Philmont as part of a council contingent, and some of our Alumni have even had a major impact on the camp.

Cole Kuszmaul set out to win one of the Contingent slots for the 2019 Philmont program. He succeeded, and a Troop 101 contingent was well on its way to heading to New Mexico.



Lorenzo Szweczyk

Over the next several months they tested out gear in prep trips and crew meetings, until finally on June 8th, they set out on their adventure. They began the journey around 2 AM at the Jim Potjunas Troop 101 Scout Center.

They traveled by train, a new experience for many. Despite 6 hours of delays they still managed to get some "Real" Chicago Deep dish pizza at the changeover in Chicago before arriving in New Mexico.

For the next two weeks, the crew would experience many of the programs available at Philmont. From events like Cowboy Action shooting, Reloading Shotgun Shells, Panning for Gold, Backpacking, Pole Climbing, Horseback Riding, Railroading, Leather Working, Branding, Logging, Team-Building, visiting the Philips Family Ranch House and Gallery, Campfire programs, and climbing to the Top of Mount Baldy (Elevation 12,441 feet).

They took an airplane back, and arrived back at the Scout Building June 22 around 10 pm.

The reactions for the trip have been positive. In fact, we reached out to each of them to let us know what they thought. Here are their reactions. (For Ken's Reaction, see the Scoutmaster's Corner, page 3)

Cole Kuszmaul (Lead Advisor)

Philmont is a once in a lifetime experience that I feel every scout should have. Having been there before, my favorite part of this trip was getting to share my amazing experience with 11 other people.

I learned how much nicer it is to go to Philmont as a troop compared to being part of the council contingency. I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Jeff Wagner (Adult Advisor)

Philmont was the epitome of Boy Scouting. It had events you couldn't do at any other camp, such



Dan & DJ Wasko

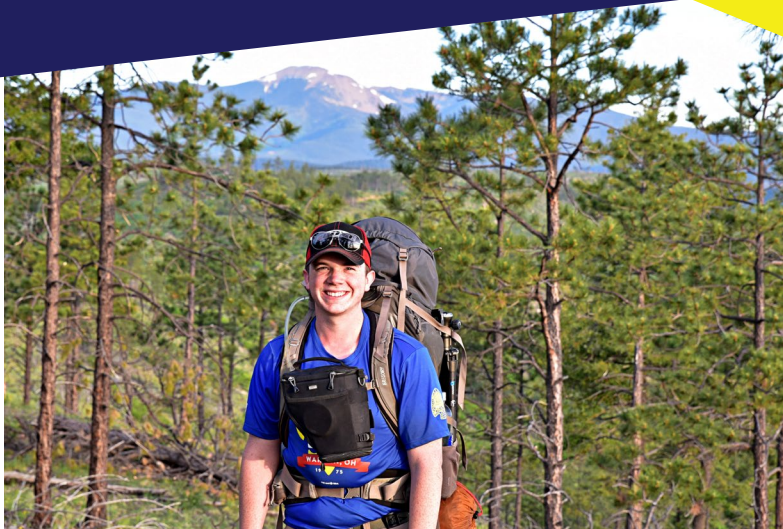
as Spar-pole climbing, and working on a railroad. The camp also had thousands of acres of beautiful mountains and other scenery.

I really enjoyed being able to do the trip with my son, who is 17. The next event I'll be on with him, he'll be an Adult leader, so it was really nice to be able to go on one last big trip with him as a youth.

One of my favorite parts of the trip were the evening Campfires. They were some of the best I've ever seen put on. Everyone was singing along, people were playing instruments, there were little skits. It's what you think of when you think of a good Campfire.



Dan, Cullen, Ken, Anthony



Cole Kuszmaul



Christopher McMahan

Dan Wasko (Adult Advisor)

First and even before arriving at Base Camp, Philmont has greatly improved my life. Because of the height/weight chart I had to lose weight. I started exercising and dieting. My personal health has improved dramatically. Because of my Philmont preparation I have added many healthier and quality years to my life. I am a better person, husband, father and Scout leader. I am no longer dieting I'm living healthier.

Secondly, I got probably a once in a life time chance to experience Philmont with the Troop I got my Eagle with and to be at Philmont with my 14-year-old son. The trek was very positive and emotional. I did activities I never did before. I climbed Mtn Baldy, climb a spar pole, push a railroad pump car, horseback riding, reload shotgun shells, shoot skeet and shoot a cowboy action course and so much more. Some activities I did better than the Scouts and other activities the Scouts did better than me. Either way it was great being part of the group. After completing each mile, each challenge and sometimes each step I am a more confident person. I earned my Philmont patch. Today I'm walking a little taller and a lot more

confident.

Lastly, I hope everyone who went to Philmont made several life long memories because I sure did. I also hope I set a good example for the Scouts to follow. Of course, I'm proud of my son and how well he did at Philmont but I'm proud for everyone that completed the trek this year.

Cullen Faulk (Crew Leader)

My experience at Philmont was nothing like I imagined it to be. The land and program were majestic and inspiring. I truly appreciate everyone who pushed me to go and experience what I did in God's great Country

Colin Price (Chaplains Aide)

Personally, my favorite memory was the trek up to the top of baldy mountain. Traveling up and up to the far off peak that we have seen for the whole trip, silently looming, was an awe inspiring experience.

Christopher McMahan (Wilderness Pledge Guide)

My experience at Philmont was truly one of a kind and will forever have a place in my heart, my favorite activity we did on the trip had to be the spare polling. While on the trail I learned and tried many new things from shooting my first gun to learning how to build a railroad. I loved every second of this trip and I cannot wait to go again!

Miles Wagner

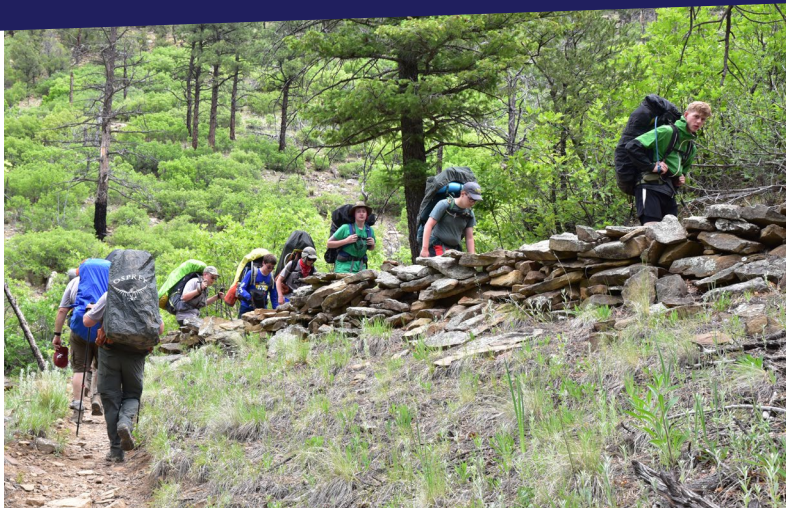
The trip to Philmont made the trip special we got to ride on a train. I loved Philmont and it was the trip of a lifetime. I would recommend it to anyone that loves the outdoors and hiking. I would go back in a heartbeat just for the views. Thank you, alumni, for everything.

Carmine DelliQuadri

I really enjoyed the shooting programs and



Miles, Anthony, Colin, Christopher, DJ



spar-poling. I didn't like the trail meals because they were small and had a lot of peanuts. I did like how cool and dry it was, which made the trek easier.

I also learned how to put my hiking pants on, all by myself!



Carmine DelliQuadri

DJ Wasko

I would describe Philmont as amazing. I enjoyed all the activity at the camp my three favorite things were the cowboy action shooting, gold mining, the best part was on the last day climbing Mt Baldy and being able to see for miles around into New Mexico and Colorado. I learned that I love the Rocky Mountains and I will definitely be going back to Philmont



Jeff & Miles Wagner

Lorenzo Szewczyk

This trip was by far the coolest scouting trip I've been on and I hope to go back. My favorite thing about Philmont was the endless mountains and the chance to explore a new part of the country.

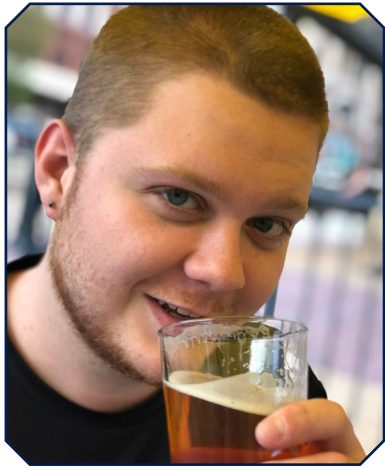
Anthony Steines

Philmont was so amazing at every aspect to me. From the amazing views to the endless hills and mountains to the countless number of stars in the night sky, Philmont will stay with me forever. Philmont has changed me and taught me new ways of life and gave me opportunities that are once in a lifetime. I can almost guarantee that I will return to Philmont someday and I will look forward to it from now until then.



From the Eagles Nest

Max Hoover, Eagle #139



AQ: Max, what did you do after graduation?

Max: When I graduated from LaBrae High School and aged out of Troop 101, I began college at The Ohio State University. I studied biology there for two years. After learning that Columbus was a little too far from the people I love most, I transferred to Kent State and took classes in the Education Department.

I wanted to be a high school science teacher. I got pretty far into that program before realizing that teaching wasn't my passion. I left Kent in the spring of 2019 and I moved on.

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

Max: Leadership, delegation, communication, fire building, knot tying, and first aid skills have all played a part in my young adult life thus far. I expect the skills I picked up in scouting will continue to help me as I mature into a functional part of our little community.

AQ: What are you up to today's?

Max: I work full time with my parents at Cockeye BBQ. I never graduated from college and with more than 110 hours of secondary education, I really ought to figure out how to obtain a Bachelor's degree. This summer, we're opening a new ice cream manufacturing plant and creamery adjacent to the BBQ shop. I've pretty much been swallowed up by the pressing responsibilities of a small business ownership team and wake up every day happy. Come check out Cockeye Creamery this summer and say hi!

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

As a regular Alumni Quarterly feature, we catch up with our more recent Eagle Scouts who have turned 18, "aged-out" and moved on after completing the Trail to Eagle. This quarter, we sit down with Max Hoover, Eagle Scout #139 (March, 2015)

Max: My time as SPL of Troop 101 brings back most of the nostalgia I can muster from my teenage years. The job was tough and my mentor fierce.

I loved Camp Manatoc and Algonquin; I'll have memories from these places for life. Troop 101 was my home away from home, my school away from school, and my family away from my family. It taught me how to grow as a human being, face confrontation, and enjoy the spoils of hard work.

The people and places I've seen in the program continue to impact my life. Sometimes I think about those smelly canvas tents or the musty basement of the Elks and smile.

AQ: Have you seen the Jim Potjunas Scout Center? What are your thoughts on our new home?

Max: The JPSC is awesome and makes me proud of what the Troop 101 can accomplish when they work together. We finally have our own space with all the bells and whistles. Mr. P would be proud.

AQ: Any other feelings or thoughts you want to share about your Troop days?

Max: It's hard for me to separate my memories of the Troop from my memories of Mr. P. With his guidance, I was molded into a strong, willful boy with massive dreams.

I wish I had time to thank him for his wisdom and careful craftsmanship almost weekly. I imagine that as I continue to grow, this feeling will dim, but just like the embers of an old campfire, his glowing love will live inside those of us who knew him forever.

Calling All Eagles!

Attention Eagle Scouts and Families! We're looking to feature your Scout Projects in our Troop Gallery.

We are looking for Before and/or After photos of your Eagle Project, as well as any photos you want to share of the actual Service project taking place. We realize for some this will be going back through the family albums to locate photos. We look forward and hope you are able to help us get photos for as many of our Eagle Projects as possible. Even if it's just 1 photo, we'd like to have it in the gallery

Please scan and send your photos to WebDeveloper@gmail.com



Ben Witt, Eagle Scout #134 Hikes for Suicide Prevention

By Ben Witt



After graduation, I had the rare opportunity to take advantage of a summer break before I began my career in August. I hiked the 260-mile-long Superior Trail in Minnesota during the month of June, spending around 3-4 weeks continuously backpacking on the trail, all in the name of suicide prevention.

After 20 days of hiking, I completed the trail! It was an awesome experience and a great way to start off the summer. Some days were a struggle, my body didn't always cooperate and the Minnesota weather changed rapidly, but in the end I made it!

This trip certainly provided me a challenging, rewarding, and transformative experience; however, I also wanted to do something impactful. Therefore, I decided to turn this trip into a charity fundraiser,

raising money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP).

Suicide tragically affects both those who take their own lives, as well as their families. My heart breaks for people who suffer to the point where they feel suicide is the only way out. The grief that families and friends experience after the suicide of a loved one is terrible.

Many families, including my own, have felt the deep sadness that accompanies this tragedy. The AFSP strikes me as a great charity that has continuously contributed to the fight against suicide. Not only are they pioneers in research, but they have a number of programs that help educate, advocate for, and heal those affected by suicide.

I also want to give a big shout-out to John Juran, whom I met on the trail and ended up spending a ton of time hiking and camping with. At the outset of the hike, I asked Facebook friends, fellow Scouts and family to donate whatever they could, as little as a penny or as much as a dollar per mile.

I want to thank everyone who donated to the AFSP in support of my cause. Knowing that there were so many people supporting me played a big role in pushing me to keep going. Around \$1500 was raised and I am so grateful to everyone who generously donated.

I appreciate all of your support and thank you in raising funds for a great cause!

I am now going to eat a lot and let my body recover.



-Ben



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• August

2 - 5 - Horseback Riding - Flying W. Ranch

• September

14 - Over the Edge

20 - 21 - Stambaugh 100th Anniversary Campout

• October

11 - 12 - Backpacking Trip

28 - Halloween Party

• November

15 - 17 - Campout

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

Recent Troop Events



Kendell Cliffs Rock Climbing

April 6, 2019

This morning the Troop took a trip up to Peninsula, Ohio to climb the walls at The Kendell Cliffs Gym. It was an exciting morning climbing the walls and rappelling back down.



We finished the trip at Cockeye BBQ, where they got to enjoy some excellent BBQ. Our newest Eagle Scout even signed the 101 Paddle, continuing the tradition.

Raccoon Creek Backpacking

May 19, 2019

The Troop returns from a fun trip of backpacking along the trails at Raccoon Creek State Park in Pennsylvania.

They completed somewhere between 6-11 miles, a fun introduction to backpacking for some, and another chance for our Philmont crew to test out their gear for the trip next month.

The rain held off Saturday, and the Sun warmed everyone throughout the day.



Troop 101 Family Camp

June 16, 2019

Swim Checks, Canoeing, Kayaking, GaGa Ball, Kickball, the list goes on and on! The Troop took a weekend to camp at Camp Stambaugh for our Annual Family Camp Weekend.

A lot of fun was had, and the weather even gave us a few breaks to enjoy all the fun activities and good food.

Thanks to all the families able to attend this weekend, hope you had an excellent time as well!

