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“The Power of Citizenship”

The Scoutmaster's Corner - Dr. Ken LaPolla



Scouting has always taught young people the purpose and power of citizenship. If we all pitch in and help the common cause, we, as a society, will pull through the hardship stronger and better for it in future. But Scouting during a pandemic; how unprecedented.

How do you pitch in and make a difference with the cause when you are asked to “stay at home” and do nothing to minimize your contact with others? How do “doers” reconcile this? It’s a challenge to say the least; but with every dark cloud there is a silver lining.

Scouting last year changed its focus from boys to Family Scouting. Because of our new COVID-19 restrictions, families are getting closer and discovering what quality time is again. Commitments and appointments have taken a back seat. How refreshing to have a cleared schedule with the opportunity to reevaluate our priorities

This has been a good thing for me. I have been able to reflect on life and can honestly say “Mindful Practices” have been a great tool for me for surviving and reflecting during “the war with the invisible enemy.” My reflections are enabling me to see Scouting again as I had as young Scout, putting aside the numbers and paperwork and renew my excitement for outdoor learning.

Currently we’re doing what we can to offer our Scouts “distant challenges” to encourage competition amongst Patrols and each other. We are offering distant advancement opportunities for ranks and merit badges. We are encouraging First Class Campers to work remotely together and plan for First Class Camps. We are encouraging our Life Scouts, who are working toward Eagle, to manage their time and to keep progressing.

We have postponed our meetings until after Easter for now, and probably longer as the battle lingers. But we will be back together, planning meetings, advancing and creatively developing ways to learn under the guise of fun. We are working our way back to Canada this Summer and God willing, we will be there.

Thanks to everyone who continue to provide us support to keep our program strong. Please stay healthy, stay safe and most of all, hug your loved ones. And remember, to sit back and “binge watch” for the cause.

We will persevere!

-Ken

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From the President

By Tim Ross, Alumni Association President

Time to Replace Big Blue - The Boys need our Help Now!



The axels are bent and the bottom cross beams are nearly rusted through on "Big Blue". Years of travel, and the ravages of time and rust have finally taken their toll on our grand old Troop trailer.

Big Blue has done its job and quickly needs to be replaced! We need your

help because the urgency here is not one of luxury – it's one of necessity – and most importantly, safety!

The crossmembers and axles recently failed inspection and the inspectors told us it would not be wise to take Big Blue on any trip of more than 40 miles! As you can well imagine this certainly puts our upcoming Scout campouts in limbo. If we don't act quickly, our Scouts might not be able to make it to Summer Camp, Algonquin, and campouts in between.

There's more discouraging news from the inspection report; the trailer lights are back-feeding, five of the eight crossmembers are bad, the rear door seal needs replaced, and the roof needs re-sealed. But the dealbreaker for any repairs are the crossmembers and axles. We looked at repair expenses and we looked at the costs of a new trailer. The decision to purchase a new trailer was a no-brainer.

Yes, we've been down this road before. This trailer is 14 years old, with countless miles and wear-and-tear, purchased through the assistance of Troop families

and Alumni back in 2006. As with anything on wheels at that age, time has taken its toll.

As of this writing, I can tell you that we are looking to purchase a new 8.5 x 16 trailer from USA at a cost of \$9125.00 and with that purchase, we also agreed that we'll begin a maintenance program with the new trailer, getting it inspected more often so it will last us longer.

Also complicating matters further is the fact that we just learned that once we raise the money, we are faced with a six to eight week wait for the new trailer to be delivered to us. So, once again, we need to act quickly.

So, here's where your help comes in. With your kind, tax-deductible donation, we can replace Big Blue, keep our camping program running seamlessly, keep our gear safe and sound, and keep our Scouts enjoying great campouts!

Please consider giving whatever you can! Again, we need to act quickly! To make this tax-deductible donation to the Troop 101 Alumni Association, please mail your check to Troop 101 Alumni Association; 3002 Reeves Road NE; Warren, Ohio 44483.

You can also make an online donation on our Facebook page, or through PayPal.

As always, thank you for supporting BSA Troop 101!

-Tim



Saying Goodbye to Friends and Family

Jerry Stephens (1931 - 2020)



One of the founding members of Troop 101 has left us. Jerry Stephens passed away peacefully Wednesday March 25th at Cortland Health Care. A long time Troop 101 Commissioner, Committee Member and staunch Troop supporter, Jerry was 89.

He is survived by two sons, Michael Stephens (Sheila) of Warren and Donald Stephens of Sterling, Va.

Born in Warren on March 1, 1931, Jerry spent his early years in Cleveland and Monroe, Michigan before returning to Warren in 1969. A graduate of Parma Schaff High School, Jerry held three college degrees from Miami University, Case University and the University of Akron.

He retired from the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library after thirty-two years of employment. A member of First United Church of Christ, where he was active in the choir, Jerry also sang with the Stambaugh Chorus.

So, who was Jerry Stephens? In the 2010 Alumni Newsletter article, Jerry offered a self-description: "I am a blue eyed, shy, somewhat round shouldered, a very light-framed bloke of Welsh decent with the bushy eyebrows of the Welsh and an occasionally unpredictable temper!

In that same 2010 Alumni Newsletter interview, Jerry talked about his Scouting career, starting out as a District Commissioner, involved with several Troops in the area, when he got the call from the newly formed Troop 101.

"It was (founding Scoutmaster) Bill Brown who attracted me Troop to 101. I had been observing the Troop during my days as the Troop Commissioner, so when I resigned from that job, Bill Brown recruited me to eventually take his place," Jerry said.

He never assumed the Scoutmaster position but faithfully continued to serve the Troop in an advisory and support capacity. Over the years, he accompanied the Troop to Algonquin Provincial Park and on many Troop hikes.

Despite his frail build, many of us recall Jerry's skills on the trails, which he attributed to his years running college Track. "I was always a walker, or more to the point, a runner," recalled Jerry. "I had run cross country and the two-mile run at Miami University of Ohio, earning five letters. Then, when I started taking the boys to Algonquin Park regularly in 1975, we became interested in backpacking".

His all-time favorite hiking trail?

"The closest to an all-time favorite is the Western Uplands Trail in Algonquin Park. As a whole, the Western Uplands trail is quite rugged and challenging." Jerry was also regarded as "The Father of the Great

Horned Patrol" and he took great delight in having named the senior Troop leadership's patrol. "The Troop Leaders had formed what was known as the Skunk Patrol. Some of the senior boy leaders came to me asking if skunks had a natural enemy. I told them it was the Great Horned Owl, a fact I had found out in my researches as a Reference Librarian at the Warren Public Library.

Late Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas said the legend of the Great Horned Owl Patrol is his favorite Jerry Stephens story.

"The Skunk Patrol was around since the beginning of the Troop and we were always trying to use it to promote spirit and Patrol competition among the boys," as Jim recalled what happened next.

"It was the March 1993 campout and Assistant Scoutmaster George Burin was making doughnuts for snack while Jerry was helping wash dishes. Scout Rob Sloan opened his handbook to the nature section and went up, ever so innocently, asking Jerry – the lifelong reference librarian – what is the natural predator of a skunk?

Jerry began with, "Well, the Great Horned Owl is probably the number one natural predator..." Rob immediately snapped his book shut, blurted out a quick 'thank-you' and disappeared. Poor Jerry was just getting warmed up for what would likely have been a 20-minute dissertation on the subject when he noticed his audience had fled. George looked up from his Dutch oven and said "Jerry, you have no idea what you just did."

Jim said the following Monday, he found a drawing in his mailbox. It was logo-rendering of a skunk, complete with a red circle and slash through it. "Down at the meeting an hour later, those logos were everywhere and a new Great Horned Owl flag with hash marks at the bottom, supposedly representing skunk "kills", was unveiled," recalled Jim. "A tradition and legend was born, thanks to Jerry Stephens."

Having given so much of his time to the Troop and Scouting, we asked Jerry, during that 2010 interview what Scouting had given him. "A sense of integrity," replied Jerry. "The will to pick myself up and keep going when I had failed at something. A sense of that I was my brother's keeper. I found I was happiest in a job that involved service to others – a Reference Librarian."

He also mentioned his favorite quote of all-time. A quote from Helen Keller. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

Services for Jerry will be conducted at a later date. Interment will take place privately at Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Staton-Borowski Funeral Home. Dedicated To Serving Your Loved Ones. This obituary may be viewed and condolences sent to www.statonborowskifuneralhome.com

Gregg Hillman Assistant Scoutmaster & Charter Member



Former Troop 101 Scout and part-time Assistant Scoutmaster Gregg Hillman is one of a handful of people who has been with the Troop since day-one. He is also one of very few people from “way-back when” who continues to lend the Troop a hand from time to time.

Gregg has accompanied the Troop on trips to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the C & O Bike Trips, Algonquin Provincial Park Base Camps and continues to be active in his spare time.

After spending four years in the Army from 1981 through 1985, he enrolled at Youngstown State University, earning a Mechanical Engineering degree in 1991. Gregg then went to work at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division in Indianapolis from 1991 through 1998 as a Mechanical Engineer.

He accepted a position as a Mechanical Engineer with Kings Electronics in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1999 and in 2002, he returned to Ohio, accepting a position with Crown Equipment Corporation as Mechanical Engineer in New Product Development where he continues today.

Gregg, who spent 16

years in the National Guard, retiring in 2003, currently lives in Sidney, (West-central Ohio), with his wife Cathy.

His Scouting history dates back to the earliest of days of Troop 101, when the Troop was formed by a mere handful of Scouts and Leaders who departed Warren’s Troop 11 during some difficult times at that Troop. If you haven’t heard the story of how our Troop got its start, here it is. We were fortunate to catch up with Gregg just a couple of days ago.

AQ: Gregg, when you look back on those times as a Troop 11 Scout when that Troop was going through some dark days, what was going through your mind?



Jim Potjunas, Bill Marton, Gregg Hillman

Gregg: Actually, Troop 11 was still active when Troop 101 was formed. I was in Cub Pack 11 for three years and crossed over to Troop 11 with two other friends. We were there about eight months when something happened in the Troop that caused Mr. Bill Brown to leave. He was the one that made the Troop interesting for us at the time. The three of us decided to ride our bikes to Mr. Brown’s print shop in

downtown Warren and ask him to come back to the Troop. About a month or so later, we were asked if there was anyone else in Troop 11 who would be interested in joining a new Troop. We were able to find enough to transfer, Troop 101 was formed, and the rest is history. The first several meetings were held at Mr. Brown’s house in downtown Warren, then we moved to the Elks.

AQ: How did the number “101” come to be?

Gregg: The reason we became Troop 101 is because at the time the Troop numbers on the uniform were individual number patches (unlike today’s block numerals). A zero was picked to put between the two “one’s”, therefore we only had to buy one patch to form 101, and “we split 11”.

AQ: As a young 101 Scout, you had a succession of three Scoutmasters?

Gregg: Yes. At the time Jim was winding down his Scouting career and getting ready to move on, but he decided to stay and help Mr. Brown with the new Troop. For me, I had Mr. Brown as Scoutmaster, before his heart attack. After that it was Mr. Mansell, then Jim. It was very interesting for me when Jim was a 24-year-old Scoutmaster. I believe we both learned a lot during that time.

AQ: You were also part of a new Troop Patrol name-change, which endures to this day?

Gregg: Correct. At least one rule change Jim made was because

of me. When I became Patrol leader, I wanted to name my patrol the Rebel patrol. Mr. Mansell was Scoutmaster at the time and said that if I had patches and a patrol flag, he would allow it. I was able to present my patrol patches and flag Mr. Mansell's last day as Scoutmaster. Jim allowed it, but as soon as I left for the army, he created the "No Patrol that does not have a BSA patch" rule.

AQ: Who were some of the Scouting people, the driving forces, who had an impact on you?

Gregg: Mr. Brown, he was the one that showed me you don't have to have awards to do good and Jim, too. Jim and I had a lot of contentious times while I was still a Scout, but I believe it ultimately made us both better.

AQ: You have maintained close ties with the Troop over the years; Assistant Scoutmaster, attending the Wright-Patterson excursions, the Troop Bike trips, etc. What satisfaction do you get from your involvement over the years and today, too?

Gregg: I always said I had to show up every now and then to make sure Jim was not over- embellishing the Troop stories. Seriously, I always liked attending Troop events to see how things are going. Since being with the Troop from the beginning, it is fun to see the progress, and sometimes let the Scouts know what it was like at the beginning.



Left to Right, back to front: Jack Norton, Jim LaPolla, Gregg Hillman, Henry Crouse, Robert Crouse, Tim Grubb, Jim Villareal, Jerald Norton, unknown, Cliff Hamilton, Jim Potjunas, and Tim Ladner



Rebel Patrol Site, Patch and Flag



AQ: What's your impression of the Troop today after all these years?

Gregg: It is great to see Ken as the current Scoutmaster and knowing his son is also an Eagle Scout with the Troop. It amazes me to see how the Troop has progressed from a basement with a small 5x10 equipment room and 5x7 open trailer, to the current Scout Building and enclosed and customized trailers.



Wright Patterson Air Force Base - 2008

Straight Talk from the Great Trail Council's Scout Executive

Patrick Scherer



The decision by The Boy Scouts of America to file for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 will not affect Troop 101 nor the hundreds of Troops in Northeast Ohio, according to Scout Executive and CEO Pat Scherer from the Great Trail Council.

"Nothing is going to change," he said.

Scherer said Great Trail-- based in Stow-- represents about 10,000 Scouts in approximately 400 Troops throughout Trumbull, Mahoning, Summit, Medina, Portage and northern Wayne counties.

He said each Council (such as Great Trail) is its own 501 (c) (3) and operates financially independent of the Boy Scouts of America. The CEO added that since the Council does not rely on the national organization for funding, local parents and Scouts should not be concerned about the National BSA's bankruptcy filing.

"The Great Trail Council is not filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Only our National Council is doing that," Scherer said.

Scherer said he isn't aware of any allegations by Scouts in the Great Trail Council, but said he's troubled by cases reported across the country. "We're outraged," Scherer said. "Anybody who would use Scouting to harm a child is unacceptable."

Overall, the filing allows the national BSA to reorganize and come up with a plan.

Scherer said he understands that regaining trust with the Boy Scouts will be an on-going issue for some. But he believes parents should take comfort knowing that the BSA practices Youth Protection Training, which started in the 80s and continues today.

"Scouting is safe. Scouting is an extremely safe organization," he said. "We still are the premiere character development organization. We still provide a high-quality program and changes young people's lives."

One hundred volunteers -- Scouting Ambassadors -- will individually meet with the Council's Troops and other groups to assure them camps and programs will remain intact as they are funded through the local Council, said Scherer.

"We're Scouting on, and we're going to continue to deliver great, memorable experiences for young people," Scherer said, echoing other Council leaders across the country.

Camp Stigwandish to Close for Good

Up until 2017, Camp Stigwandish in Madison Township (Lake County) was owned and operated by our former Greater Western Reserve Council, but under terms of the 2017 merger, it has since been the property of the Lake Erie BSA Council.

Sadly, a decision to close and sell the 90-year-old camp by the Lake Erie Council becomes necessary after careful research, which showed declining occupancy (usage) rates coupled with rising operating costs.

In an open letter to Lake Erie Council Scouters, Scout Executive and CEO, Marc Ryan, wrote:

"While Stigwandish is a beautiful property and holds a special place in the hearts of many who have camped there for years, it is no longer sustainable to operate and keep the camp."

Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution to approve of the divestment of Camp Stigwandish with operations ceasing on May 4, 2020. All events and unit reservations will go on as planned until May 4, 2020. As of May 30, 2020, Camp Stigwandish will cease to be a council owned property."

"I know this is difficult and hurts our family in many ways," said Ryan. "While you might think that I am immune to the pain that goes along with such a decision, I would share that our daughter's very first camping trip as a member of Scouts BSA was at Stigwandish just under a year ago."

He said the 309-acre camp will be sold at auction on May 30 and there is no reserve price or minimum bid for the auction.

Troop 101 last camped at "Stig" in November of 2018 and the Troop has camped there several times dating back to 1987.

Ned Gold - Troop 101 Alumni Association Member to Receive National BSA Silver Buffalo Award



Congratulations to our Troop 101 Alumni Association Member, Ned Gold on being named a 2020 Silver Buffalo award recipient!

The Silver Buffalo Award, created in 1925, is a national BSA honor bestowed upon those who give truly noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth.

The Silver Buffalo Award is also part of the so-called "Silver family" of BSA awards, alongside the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service within a council and the Silver Antelope Award for distinguished service on the regional level.

Also founder of the Philmont Scout Association, Ned will be honored at the 2020 National Annual Meeting of the BSA in May in Washington, DC.

Ned joins some impressive company in receiving the Silver Buffalo Award. The list features some big names such as Robert Baden-Powell and "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt and other notable Americans; Bill Gates, General Colin Powell, Bob Hope, Walt Disney, Lee Greenwood, Jimmy Stewart, Vince Lombardi, Yogi Berra and Archie Manning.

Three of the 28 Congressional Space Medal of Honor recipients have received the Silver Buffalo: including John Glenn 1965, Neil Armstrong 1970, and Jim Lovell 1992.

Fifteen Presidents of the United States have been awarded the Silver Buffalo:

William Howard Taft 1927, Calvin Coolidge 1929, Herbert Hoover 1930, Franklin Delano Roosevelt 1930, Harry Truman 1950, Dwight D. Eisenhower 1946, Lyndon B. Johnson 1964, Richard Nixon 1971, Gerald Ford 1975 (also a Distinguished Eagle Scout), Jimmy Carter 1978, Ronald Reagan 1982, George H.W. Bush 1990, Bill Clinton 1997, George W. Bush 2002, and Barack Obama 2013.

The Eagle Scout Class of 2019 - Largest in BSA History!



All-across the United States, more young men became Eagle Scouts in 2019 than in any other year in the 108-year history of the prestigious Eagle award.

A total of 61,353 young men earned the Eagle Scout award last year, topping the previous record of 58,659 set in 2012, which was the 100-year anniversary of the award first being presented.

As seen in our last issue of the Alumni Newsletter, Troop 101 added six Eagle Scouts to that record-setting tally. They are: Eagle Scout #153 Christopher McMahan, #154 Marty Nelder, #155 Zack Hudson, #156 Cullen Faulk, #157 Dylan Wood, and Eagle #158 Miles Wagner.

Opinion: The Problem with Boy Scouts

By Jeff Gill, Guest Columnist

(Special to the Troop 101 Alumni Quarterly)



If you're looking for someone who's giving up on the Boy Scouts of America, I'm not the right person to talk to.

I have now been a member of this 110-year-old organization for 50 years. I started as a Bear Cub in third grade and haven't looked back. Webelos, Arrow of Light, Eagle Scout, Woodbadge, Scout camp staff for many years and still part of Cub Day Camp volunteering (Up in the air, Junior Birdmen!).

And if you want to know about problems in the organization, I'm like any other adult leader, usually called a "Scouter," who has been in Scouting for more than fifteen minutes. Local unit leaders like to complain about the district, district folk beef about how the council makes decisions, and we all wonder how national manages to find the light switch in the morning. Sounds like most large organizations, doesn't it?

That's the blessing and the curse of Scouting: we're a large organization, hidden behind small groups of Scouts out hiking at camp or doing service projects on your street. Cub Scout dens or Scouts BSA patrols are the heart of the program, five or six young people at a time learning to work together, learning from each other as they work to complete a task or achieve an award (usually a patch, Scouting is big on patches). You can easily never notice the forest as you work among the little trees as they grow; the Scouters in the program can go years and not even be sure of their council name, let alone where the national offices are (Irving, Texas).

But to support and maintain the mission and values of this century and more old organization across two million and more Scouts, you need the forest. There has to be a national council, providing oversight and maintaining leadership standards for the adults who make sure kids are safe and activities are appropriate.

When I went from being a Scout to becoming a Scouter as an adult, I had that moment of shock that is nowadays referred to as "adulthood." I learned that like the duck on the pond, the visible part may look calm, but beneath the surface, the feet are paddling fiercely. It turns out that even as Scouts BSA, the older group in Scouting, strongly affirms youth leadership in decision making, the grown-ups still have plenty to do. Not just driving us to camp. Paperwork, plans, rules, training.

Today, I would put the Youth Protection Training that Scouting mandates for ALL adult leaders at the top of youth serving organizations. It's so good we share it for free online. But I'm also old enough to know that in the 1970s and earlier we didn't have it. We assumed good will and best wishes, and allowed predators leeway without meaning to, struggled to deal with the aftermath of harm in an era when even law enforcement and prosecutors flinched from dealing with child abuse.

The bankruptcy filing the national organization is going through is a deferred payment for the failings of that era. Victims deserve compensation and support; I also want them to know that Scouting is different and better because of their honesty and courage.

Today, I think Will Rogers' opinion from the 1920's is still true. When there were controversies around the program back then, he went to a Boy scout jamboree, and after looking around and listening, Rogers said "The only problem with Boy Scouts is, there aren't enough of them."

Jeff Gill is a writer, storyteller, and pastor in Licking County, Ohio. He's been a member of Scouting for 50 years and is still active in Licking District activities. He gets plenty of Scout-related email at knapsack77@gmail.com or you can follow him on Twitter: [@Knapsack](https://twitter.com/Knapsack). His article was originally published Feb. 19, 2020 in the Newark (Ohio) Advocate.

From the Eagles Nest

Donavan Ray, Eagle #142



AQ: What did you decide to do after aging out?

Donavan: After I aged out and graduated from high school I decided to attend McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois. My major is economics and finance

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

Donavan: The skills that helped me best that I learned from scouts would be my leadership, organizational, and determination skills

AQ: What are you up to today? Looking for a job, working full time, wrapping up your Major, etc.?

Donavan: I am on pace to graduate with a bachelors degree with a major of economics and finance in May of 2020. Then I will be looking for a job in finance or data analytics.

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 Donovan Ray, Eagle Scout #142 (January, 2016)

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

Donavan: my favorite memories have to be from the high adventure trips. White water rafting and my two times going to Canada, but nothing will ever beat all the talks I have had with Mr. P and all of the lessons I've learned from him.

The years I was with the Troop are ones that I will never forget. All of the summer camps and weekend campouts molded me into the man I am today. I hope the Troop continues to strive and grow. I hope 2020 is the best year yet!

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

Donavan: The Jim Potjunas Scout Center is fantastic. I could not think of a better way to have a tribute for Mr. P. I know that he is proud and this center is a huge help for the Troop!

As Donovan will be looking for a job soon, if you or someone you know would like his contact information, please reach out to us at newsletter@troop101.net

Troop Minecraft Server

Some might be wondering what kind of shenanigans our Scouts might be up to without meetings and camping trips.

Ken mentioned in his issue challenges and other virtual activities for our Scouts to stay involved. One such activity is a Minecraft server.

Since some might not know what Minecraft is, it's a video game that allows building and exploring a virtual world. Everything is a "block" in this virtual world. You can explore, build, and battle monsters roaming the land.

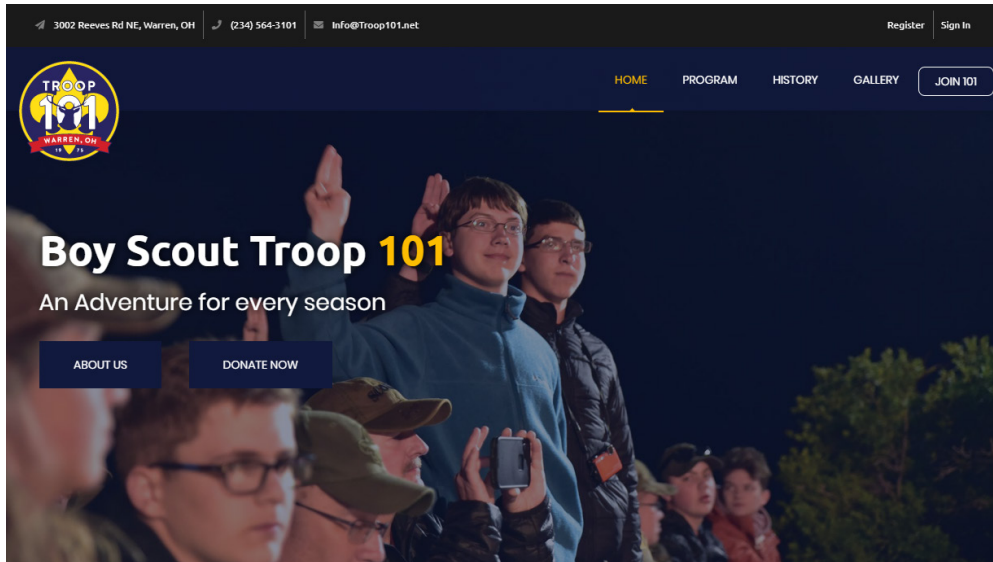
The Troop setup a server just for our Scouts to give them a place they can play together and build in this virtual world.

We posted more photos on our Facebook page, but wanted to share a few with you here in the Alumni Quarterly.



Troop Website Gets a New Look

by Matt McCracken



When I joined the Troop, the Internet was still pretty new for most people. Hard to imagine now, but some people didn't have it, and those that did often connected with a telephone line. I think the website had just been finished, and was barely a year old.

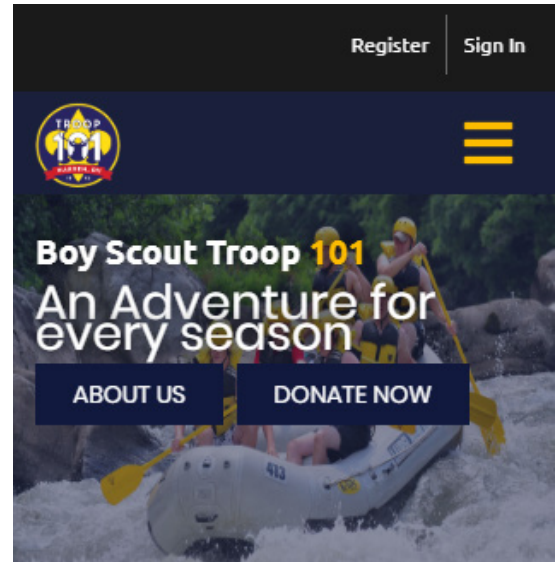
The site had a few buttons and links for visitors and Troop families, there was a modest photo gallery with 10 or 20 images at a time, and the Roster was behind a single password, "Trustworthy".

After the Bike trip in 2004, I took the initiative to create a photo gallery that could hold the hundreds of photos from the bike trip. It was around this time Jim Potjunas asked me to help manage the Troop site.

In 2005, I worked with Jim to setup the Registration portal and Alumni Directory of the Troop Site. We launched the feature at the Troops 30th anniversary. Everyone had their own login and password, and there was content exclusive to members and Alumni.

The site has seen many changes since then, some larger, some smaller. But we never really changed the content. Just kept moving it from one version to the next, adding features along the way.

In 2018, I began approaching Alumni, Assistant Scoutmasters, Scouts, and Family members. I wanted to know what they liked, or didn't like, about the current site. What was difficult to use, and what features they think might improve it.



It took a while to get some of the information. Not many are willing to criticize something to its creator, even when that person is asking them to be harsh.

The result is a new site, as seen above. The new site went live about a month ago.

The header images will cycle through images of our scouts every time you visit. We've improved the content structure and layout to make things easier to find, and more intuitive for a new family.

I'm extremely proud of the new site, and encourage everyone to take a look. It is device friendly, so it will look great on your phone, tablet, or computer.

It would be difficult to go over every change. There are still a few things left like updating the Photo gallery to better match the new site. But to highlight a few changes I would like to bring focus to the History section. Under History, the Eagle Wall has a new look, highlighting our most recent Eagles first, while providing access to every Eagle our Troop has and their project. Below the photos, a chart can be found showing the numbers over the years.

On the Camping Locations page, you can see the entire history of where we've camped over the last 45 years. And below that, you'll find a map with pins to all the places we've been.

Be sure to let us know what you think by emailing Webdeveloper@troop101.net



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• May

15 - 17 - Pymatuning

23 - Oakwood Cemetery Service

• June

12 - 14 - Family Camp at Stambaugh

• July

12 - 18 - Summer Camp at Manatoc

25 - 31 - Algonquin High Adventure Canoe

• August

1 - 8 Algonquin Base Camp

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FOR UP TO DATE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE TROOP CALENDAR AT
<https://troop101.net/?v=Calendar>

Recent Troop Events



January 19, 2020

Winter Event

It was a weekend full of fun games and activities at the Arrowhead Winter Event over at Camp Stambaugh.

It snowed, it rained, and despite getting wet, everyone had a good time.



Camp Beaumont

February 9, 2019

Back from a weekend up at Beaumont where the Troop showed off their skills in Knots, Lashings, Fire Building, and sliding down hills of snow.