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“Transitioning to Normal”

The Scoutmaster's Corner - Dr. Ken LaPolla



It's been a slow transition back to normal, as you all are well aware, but we're back.

With the cooperation of our charter partner, Blessed Sacrament Parish, we developed COVID Guidelines with which to resume meetings (masks, temperatures, a

symptom logbook, and the Patrol System as a way to try and stay socially distanced).

The other hurdle has been bringing back our outdoor program while still complying with the new camping guidelines. We started slowly with a day event canoeing the Mahoning River. Then a weekend for First Class Campers and day visitors working on outdoor requirements (thanks Shane and Shawn Wood for the use of your property). Next month we plan to go backpacking as an overnight event and in November, we will hopefully return to a regular full weekend, but who knows.

Recruiting has been a challenge as well and it appears to be slow this year for both the District and the Council. But we're getting creative and thanks to Matt McCracken, you'll see a commercial for the Troop if you see a movie at the Elm Road Drive-in. In addition, we are asking each of our Scouts to bring a friend, neighbor or relative to the meetings and, if you live in the area, we would appreciate it if you could do the same.

As for retention, we are focusing on advancement. As with any organization, retention is important and there's no better retention tool in Scouting than a good program that centers around opportunities to advance. Camping, backpacking and other outdoor or physical activities are where we do this, as well as with the activities within the weekly meetings. In addition, by staying on top of those who are slipping behind, and by focusing individual instruction here, we can motivate those Scouts to remain with us who may otherwise lose interest as they fall behind their peers.

So, as we start to “ramp up” our outdoor program, we are excitedly awaiting the completion of our new trailer. Thanks to all of you whose financial support allowed us to purchase “Bigger Blue.” And thank you, Shawn Wood, Ken Debernardi, Marc and Carmen DelliQuadri, Ed Price and everyone else who has been diligently working to finish the interior.

And as always, I'm excited about the upcoming season. It's going to be a challenge, but this is what keeps us going.

-Ken

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Patrick Scherer, Scout Executive Great Trail Council



I am amazed at the resilience and dedication of Scouting and the way we support one another in these challenging times. Scouting continues to build character, confidence, leadership, and hope in families and communities across the country, and your efforts since March have helped

make some incredible things possible:

- Over 1,000 Scouts took part in Camporall on the Internet.
- Conducted virtual roundtables in April and May averaging more than 1,000 participants for each roundtable.
- Almost 500 Scouts BSA members participated in our Cybertoc program this summer and worked on 2,271 merit badges over the four-week program.
- Virtual den meetings were offered to Cub Scouts in the spring, averaging over 700 participants twice a week in March, April, and May.
- 536 Scouts BSA members joined in online merit badge classes.
- 97 Scouts participated in our hybrid virtual/in-person where we partnered with Stan Hywet & Gardens to deliver architecture and landscape architecture merit badges.
- Dr. Charles Peter generously donated to our capital campaign and will have our service center named after him. If you see Therese or Dr. Peter please thank them for their generosity.
- 68 Scouts BSA members have become Eagle Scouts.

Families are desperately looking for what Scouting offers. When asked what they want from youth-serving organizations this fall, parents overwhelmingly said they want to give their children a sense of normalcy, as well as something to do as a group, even if socially distant, or something productive to do with peers, even if it's online. Scouting delivers what parents are asking for. Together, we need to stand ready to bring Scouting to even more youth and families this year.

some people may have questions about our youth protection policies and how we keep kids safe. Each question is an opportunity to share the important policies and procedures we've put in place that make Scouting safer than ever before.

It is important to emphasize that the safety of children in our programs is our absolute top priority. That's precisely why, over many years, the BSA has developed some of the strongest expert-informed youth protection policies found in any youth-serving organization.

If you are a volunteer, you've taken youth protection training, undergone a criminal background check, and play an integral role in the BSA's commitment to keep kids safe.

Conversations about safety will be especially relevant over the next several weeks when those in Scouting and other members of the public will likely see and hear print, TV, social media, digital and radio advertising from national BSA's Chapter 11 noticing campaign.

Although only the national organization has filed for Chapter 11, you will likely come across these ads in the coming weeks, so I wanted to make sure you knew their purpose and had the necessary information to address questions or concerns they may raise for you or others.

These noticing ads are different than those many people have seen so far that have been sponsored by plaintiffs' attorneys trying to solicit clients. The BSA's ads are instead designed and sponsored by national BSA to ensure that victims have the opportunity to come forward and apply for compensation from a proposed Trust by filing a claim by the November 16, 2020 deadline set by the bankruptcy court. This advertising effort underscores the BSA's commitment to equitably compensate victims of past abuse and continue the mission of Scouting. If you would like additional information about the BSA's outreach to victims of past abuse, [see this FAQ](#).

Patrick Scherer, Scout Executive

As we promote Scouting in our community,

A Weekend (or two) to Advance

By Matt McCracken

It can be difficult to get Scouts just to work on Advancement, but that's what happened recently at the Jim Potjunas Scout building. On September 12, many of our boys decided to work on advancement or earn Service Hours.

Mrs. Potjunas and Mrs. Pospisil put together a day to work on Cooking Merit badge requirements. Nine Scouts gathered in the driveway, practiced social distancing and worked on the badge together.

Several guests came out to help them teach about cooking, including Alex Savakis making some baklava, Jeff Wagner working on safety requirements, and Max Hoover talking about the cooking industry.



out to the Wood residence where they had ample room to setup First Class Camp sites and work on this optional Troop Requirement.

The Senior Patrol Leader and one of his assistants setup three time slots on Saturday where younger Scouts could come out to work on the early rank requirements, also called ST21 (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class). Several took advantage of this opportunity to work on the early requirements, and our three First Class camp groups showed us their skills.

All in all, we're learning to be creative in these challenging times and keeping our Scouts on the Trail to Eagle!



Anthony & Crew at Oakwood

In addition to the cooking merit badge class, there were also two Eagle Service projects going on. Ottavio was working at the building with a group of Scouts to refurbish the shrine surrounding the statue of Mary, and Anthony was over at Oakwood Cemetery working on updating the Veteran grave maps.

Several other Scouts met with other counselors to discuss other merit badges, and Dr. LaPolla met with a couple Scouts for Scoutmaster conferences. It was a good weekend for advancement.

Fast forward one week, and it's our Troop's first overnight camping trip... well, kind of. We took three pairs of First Class Campers



Ethan & James



Marc & Ethan



Nicholas & Sam



Christopher, Deacan & Damien



Ottavio & Crew



to share his expertise in flint and steel fire-building and his vast experience in creating and organizing 18th and early 19th century events along with 'old west' and other 'period re-creations'.

Rt. 422 just past Nelson Ledges on the way to Chickagami. He began his OA Vigil fire with flint and steel. "Jimmy LaPolla, I think, was Lodge Chief then and led me to my Vigil site," said Ken, "It was either him or Kenny, I can't quite recall."

Every now and then we come across former Troop leaders from 'back in the day' who contributed mightily to the program.

This is the story of one of them, Ken Hall, a Troop 101 Assistant Scoutmaster through the '80s.

Ken is an Eagle Scout (1961), a member of the Order of the Arrow and a Woodbadge recipient. If you happen to know Ken, ask to see his Eagle card. Sixty years later, he still carries it in his wallet!

Ken became active in Scouting at the District level in the late 70s, and after serving as Tecumseh District Executive in the old Western Reserve Council, (which pre-dated the now-defunct Greater Western Reserve Council) Ken left the District leadership level, but stayed with the Scouting program. He joined Troop 101 with son Christopher in the early '80 as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

He was good friends with founding Troop 101 Scoutmaster Bill Brown. Together, they would drive all around Trumbull County recruiting boys to join Boy Scouts. At the same time, Ken and Jim Potjunas became fast friends.

Although retired from Scouting as both a professional and full-time volunteer today, he continues to visit Troop 101 from time to time

His Scouting ties are still strong, and his Scouting memories are stronger.

"I was a Cub Scout in Lordstown's Pack 220 back in the '50's. Yep, I'm that old," he says with a chuckle. "I went on to Troop 20 and got my Eagle in 1961."

Lordstown's Troop 20 was small. It was a one Patrol Troop with 4 Eagle Scouts and 5 Life Scouts, Ken recalls, "I ended up as an Explorer in Post 320."

Ken didn't do anything Scout-related until the late 70's when the Scouting bug bit again.

"I was hired as District Executive for the Tecumseh District and worked there for a couple of years and then was business manager of Camp Chickagami for two summers," explained Ken. "Of course, I had a lot of contact with Bill Brown back then and we spent many an hour out driving together to the elementary schools in the District with 'join Scouting' survey slips. Then Bill and I would sit down at the Scout office on Mahoning Avenue, go thru the slips and send boys to the nearest Troop in their neighborhood."

He completed his Woodbadge by doing a 'frontier living' themed program on the Gates property off

We all have our fond (or otherwise) memories of Winter Camp at Chickagami and Ken is no exception. "We did Winter Camp at Chickagami one year when Troop 101 Assistant Scoutmaster Phil Crook and I made a half-face camp in the woods above the old Boone campsite. It was in prep for the Winter event," Ken recalls. "The project took a couple of weeks to complete and on the Friday night of the event it dropped down to -20! The Troop hiked over to our camp, they were staying in the Adirondacks, and we put a trapping program together. It was so cold and snowy that next day that Doc Lapolla, Dr. Ken's dad, shut down the event at noon for fear of frostbite!"



Ken, right, in blue hat, conducting a Chickagami Winter Event

Ken recalls one of his most memorable 101 trips. It happened at Algonquin. "We were portaging between lakes and a storm came

up. You couldn't feel it on the ground, but the tops of the trees were really swaying. When we came to the end of the portage the lake was white capping," said Ken.

"Part of the Troop, the stronger paddlers, had went on ahead to set up a camp and had all the tents. I think Kenny LaPolla was a part of that group. So, we were separated. We tried to get out on the lake and to the set-up camp, but it was too dangerous as the wind had really whipped up," said Ken. "We ended up on a small island with no shelter and night coming. Jim Potjunas decided to keep the Scouts there, albeit in pretty uncomfortable conditions, and sent Assistant Scoutmaster Phil Crook and I on in my Sportspal canoe to get to the camp and tell the crew there what was going on. We finally made it and our only way of locating the camp in total darkness was a Scout shining a flashlight from shore. The rest of the Troop showed up the next morning with the canoes lashed together in pairs to keep them stable."

Summer Camp opening ceremonies can be spectacular and impressive, as they should be. Ken said there was one at Chickagami that he will never forget.

"Carl Clifford, another dear Scouting friend and fellow teacher, hiked the whole Summer Camp down to the nearby Gates property for Sunday night opening ceremonies. Yep, the whole camp, maybe a hundred or more Scouts. We had OA guides along the trail and had built a huge fire-lay set to start the program. The lay was six-foot high with a pound of black powder inside to ignite, which

took a couple of hours to build," explained Ken. "The backdrop was a cliff, and below, the Grand River, just a spectacular setting. The fire was to be started with a flare coming down the cliff on a wire and hitting a pan filled with kerosene, exploding the black powder. The Lodge Chief called down the fire from 'the heaven' in the Lakota language and when the lay ignited, it almost burned off his tail feathers. I'm sure that whole thing is probably totally illegal now!"

Ken said he and Jim Potjunas ran a whole camporee at Chickagami one year with the theme being an '1830's rendezvous', which was ultimately published in Scouting Magazine ([Read Here](#) | [Full Issue](#)). He said his 'living history' skills were used in Troop programs a lot in the years he was Assistant Scoutmaster with 101.

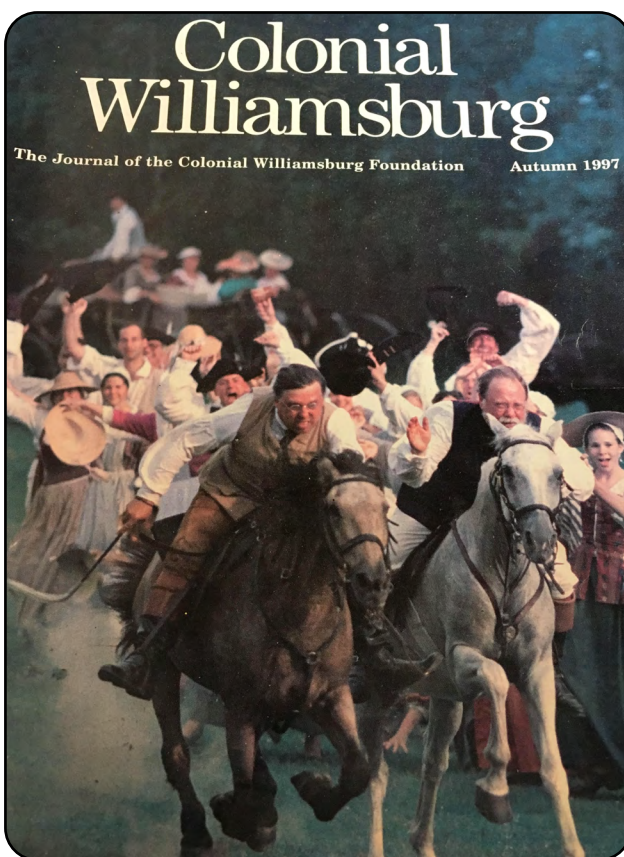
"Most people think of Civil War when it comes to reenacting, but actually, almost every time period is now reenacted, Roman to Vietnam," said Ken.

He said he has participated in only a couple of Civil War events, all on horseback. "I have ridden since I was five years old. One was the largest reenactment ever held anywhere - the 135th of Gettysburg - 25,000 muskets on the line, 1,000 cavalry and 160 pieces of artillery! We did Pickett's Charge 1 to 1, 15,000 Confederates attacking 10,000 Yanks. You can still see it on YouTube if you do a search for the event."

Reenacting the late 18th century and early 19th and Old West Cowboy-era periods are Ken's passions. He has done hundreds of them over the last 47 years. "I have 'shot' Tecumseh in Ontario at the Battle of the Thames, heard the ghost shut a door on the second floor of the French Castle at Old Fort Niagara, and was given the key that opened every building in Williamsburg when we quarter-path raced there," said Ken.

Ken graduated with a degree in history from Thiel College in Greenville, PA., which is where his interest in living history came from. He had enrolled at Thiel only after failing his physical to get into West Point because he was one-half-inch too short of the military school's height requirement!

"Through living history, I have learned a ton of skills from the past," said Ken. "Flint and steel fire-making is probably the one I teach the most. I brought my flint and



Ken, on the lead horse on the left, rides at Williamsburg



Ken at Canoe Camp at Old Bedford Village, Bedford, Pennsylvania

steel sets to a Troop 101 meeting recently. I had hand-picked flint shards from the Log Cabin gun shop in Lodi, OH. and hand-forged strikers from my Amish black smith, Crist Burkholder in South Windsor, OH. He makes "no fail" strikers and you are sure to get a spark once you learn the proper technique. I am creating a kit for Dr. Kenny; brass striker/flint box with char cloth and material for a bird's nest. Top of the box has an engraved Eagle. I have a variety of other styles available including neck strikers and leather pouch kits."

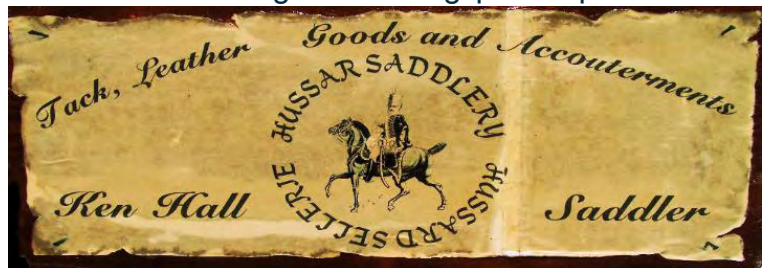
He hopes in the not-too-distant-future to return to a Troop meeting or outing and do the whole flint and steel program, from making char cloth, through the technique of catching the spark to creating the bird's nest and making the correct fire lay. "I have taught a couple of hundred high school Sophomores through Seniors in an Advanced Placement class at Crestwood High in Mantua, OH for the past 9 years. The class is called the American Experience Academy and has been, to date, the most rewarding experience my of living history career, but again, not this year. Due to COVID," said Ken.

The pandemic has taken a heavy toll on historic reenactment events, which naturally troubles Ken. "Reenacting was destroyed this year by Covid as few, if any, events were held," he said. "The WW2 event in Conneaut in August usually draws 50,000 people on the Saturday of the landings. the largest War of 1812 event in the US, held in Marion, IN., known as the 'Battle of the Mississinewa', was canceled. We used to attend that one and in one day,

saw 35,000 people through the gate. We have been able to do a couple of events at a non-state operated site in Bedford, PA, because all state-sponsored sites are either shut down for programing or enforcing both social distancing and mask rules," said Ken.

However, he said the pandemic has not slowed his quest for knowledge. "Lately we have been doing 'one tank trips' usually on Sunday, to historic sites to do research. Just completed an 18th century wallet duplicating one that is in Ft. Laurens in Bolivar, OH. We spent Friday at a fantastic little museum in Waterford, PA. on the site of Ft. LeBeouf. The post that controlled the water route from Niagara to Ft. Presque Isle (Erie, PA) on to French Creek and then to the Allegheny and Ft. Duquesne/Ft. Pitt. I love exploring the history of Western PA and Eastern OH."

Ken's thirst for history comes naturally. He was a school teacher and a track and football coach. He has been a self-employed painter, worked in a metal shop and now in retirement, Ken works 50 hours a week in his Lordstown leathersmith shop. He's been in business for 15 years and is still going strong. He is a 'Sutler', one who makes and supplies period supplies to reenactors. Ken has spent a good deal of time either locating or creating period pieces. Most



are on his website, www.hussarsaddlery.com

"I have turned my leatherworking skill into a living, now that I am retired, with Hussar Saddlery. I have also developed into a sutler for the French and Indian War time-period and do several events a year with a full set up, marquee and leather stitching demo in the traditional manner. My retirement job keeps me busy about 50 hours a week. As a one-of-a-kind supplier I have all the business I want. Life is good."

The Ken Hall File:

Ken Hall

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Major in history, Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, Class of 1969

Wife - Janet. Married for 51 years as of June 14th.

Daughter - Michele Riley, Stuart, Florida, 2 grand-dogs.

Son - Christopher Hall, Boardman, Ohio, 3 granddaughters.

Candles around the Campfire - The Memory of Mr. P Continues to light the way

by Matt McCracken



When I was an Owl, I fondly recall carrying a tube TV into the upper loft of the barn at Mr. P's place. The Owls would have an overnigher in the barn and have a good time. In recent years, this tradition has restarted, only now we have

this awesome building at Blessed Sacrament. The Owls have even made it a weekend activity, rather than just an overnigher.

With COVID-19 putting much of 2020 on hold, these Owl weekends were no exception. It wasn't until late July we could start them up again. We also noticed that the one planned in August would be during the same week of the tragic accident 3 years ago. The Owls decided the campfire needed to be special. We were going to do something to remember Mr. P.

With the fire burning

brightly, a candle was handed out to everyone in attendance. From the campfire, each candle was lit, and was meant to symbolize the light shared to us by Mr. Potjunas. I spoke of his light, burning brightly like the campfire. Over the years each of us has received a part of that light and now carry it within. It is up to us to nurture what we've been given and to build great campfires of our own.

After a moment of silence, we placed the candles around the fire. We sang a few songs and told some stories for a time, even after the candles had finished burning out. Finally, as the campfire faded away, we wrapped things up with the words he so often spoke at the close of a campfire.

"Here lay the ashes of what once were great trees. May our lives, like their lives, be lives of service."

While his fire is no longer burning as it once was, his light has not gone out... it burns brightly in all of us.



Cooking Challenge

Many of you are familiar with the Cookbook on the Troop website, but did you know members can comment on recipes and we're adding photos?

That's right, at the start of August, we sent out a challenge on Facebook and Twitter. We want your help filling the Cookbook with photos of the many recipes we have online.

We've had about 15 submissions, but there are still plenty of recipes without photos. All you have to do is pick a recipe and prepare it. Send your photos to Cookbook@troop101.net



Apple Blueberry Crisp - The Paisley Family

Cockeye BBQ's and Troop 101 Alumni's Hoovers

Overcoming (the COVID) 'Bump in the Road'



Erik Hoover, owner of Cockeye BBQ and Creamery in Warren, is coming back strong, along with his son, Max.

What are some ways your business is rebounding from the effects of COVID-19?

Back in March, we shut down immediately the day the governor issued the stay-at-home order. It was an easy decision for us because we weren't sure the direction the pandemic was headed, and our team is our family. Frankly, health and safety was our first priority.

After about eight weeks, we realized that being together was also part of what makes Cockeye BBQ the kind of place where people gather. In order to stay safe and still bring people together, we had to be extremely flexible and creative in encouraging our staff and customers to enjoy dining out again.

We invested in health and safety protocols, upgraded our outdoor dining area, modernized our online ordering system to make it more efficient and recently reopened our dining room. Every day we work to make the Cockeye experience better while anticipating supply chain interruptions and new, sometimes conflicting mandates. We truly have learned to bend, flow and be flexible.

What's been the reaction from customers so far?

The Cockeye Army (as we lovingly call our customers) are some of the greatest, most thoughtful people we have ever met. Like us, they are trying every day to do the best they can in an ever-changing environment. Unfortunately, we have discovered that not everyone is in agreement or on the same page regarding the pandemic. The

challenge is learning to operate in the guidelines while keeping all of our customers comfortable. I think our customers appreciate our attention to detail and understand the complications that can come with a small, family-run business.

What impact has the outbreak had on you personally?

The biggest impact the pandemic has had on me personally is not being able to spend a lot of time with our customers. With the increase in carryout business and outdoor dining, there are less people in the dining room and less time to catch up with old and new friends. Nothing brings me greater joy than talking with a customer who has enjoyed their meal and sharing stories. I miss the after-hours laughs and the life stories that build our communities. I also really miss stopping in and spending time with other restaurant and brewery operators. I hope we can all get back together soon.

What advice are you sharing with the people you love?

Life is challenging, but this is just another bump in the road. Opening Cockeye BBQ and Creamery was tricky. Running a business during a pandemic is tricky. Protecting our family and staff is tricky. But, in the end....this, too, shall pass.

[Here is a link to the original story on the Valley Tough web page.](#)

About ValleyTough: Valley Tough was launched in March to deliver informative and encouraging messages from Mahoning Valley leaders who were hanging tough against COVID-19. As time passes and our rebound picks up steam, we're conveying a new dimension of toughness.

Our content contributors lead business, nonprofit and government organizations across Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties and represent the strength, faith, diversity and toughness of the Valley.

The Valley Tough team believes wholeheartedly in the awesome power of effective communication to sustain and strengthen relationships, advance business objectives and rally people, even in the darkest of times.

Camp Stambaugh Honored with Ohio Historical Marker

Editor's Note: Portions of this story were published in the August 28th edition of the Youngstown Vindicator and vindy.com

On August 27th, Camp Stambaugh took its place in history as an Ohio Historical Marker was dedicated at the camp's entrance on Leffingwell Road in Canfield Township.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary last year, Camp Stambaugh now becomes only the second Ohio Boy Scout Camp to receive a marker. It also is tied for the ninth oldest camp in the United States.

By 1912, Scouting was established in the Mahoning Valley and Camp Stambaugh opened in July 1919, thanks to a gift from the estate of prominent local industrialist Henry H. Stambaugh (1858-1919).

In his will, Stambaugh had named his friend and business partner Phillip J. Thompson as trustee of Stambaugh's 86.5-acre Indian Creek Farm. Stambaugh's expectation was that Thompson would convey the property to the local Scouting organization. In 1919 the property was mostly a treeless pasture and one could see Indian Creek from Stambaugh's hay barn near Leffingwell Road. That first summer a Council Ring was carved from an old limestone quarry just north of the creek.

In the early 1920s Camp Stambaugh was reforested. In 1923 Indian Creek was dammed to create a four-acre lake. Scouts built a bridge over the creek in 1925, and in the next two decades many cabins and structures were built. The K.L. Brown Pavilion, named for Scout Council executive Kenneth Brown, was erected in 1947 using the foundation of Henry Stambaugh's barn. The Rotary Club of Youngstown funded the construction



Handling the official unveiling of the new Ohio Historical Marker for Camp Stambaugh are, from left, Paul Johnson; Life Scout Christopher Altieri from Troop 9025 in Canfield; Dave Deibel; Great Trail Council Scout Executive / CEO Patrick Scherer; and retired Youngstown State University professor Rick Shale.

of a swimming pool in 1963.

A donation of land from the Marino family added 28.5 acres to the camp in 1946. In 1985, the Scout Council purchased the adjacent 223-acre Swanston property. Camp Stambaugh is the second oldest continuously operating Scout camp in Ohio and is tied for ninth oldest in the United States.

When the camp was first established, it was mostly cleared farmland with the creek running through it. Today, the camp is diverse in all types of plant life and a good variety of wildlife, giving Scouts a chance to learn about nature as well as what it means to be a Scout.

On hand for the unveiling of the Historical Marker was state Senator Michael Rulli, (R-Salem), who was a Scout and attended the camp as a youth.

"I could never have been where I am today were it not for Camp Stambaugh," Rulli said.

Rulli read an Ohio Senate proclamation honoring the camp and a proclamation from Governor Mike DeWine, who recognized the importance of the camp.

Following the unveiling of the marker, those present witnessed a time capsule of Scout memorabilia being buried at the west side of the museum. The capsule is due to be unveiled at the Camp Stambaugh's 150th anniversary in 2069.

Troop 101 - Celebrating 45 Years

Our History - Part 2 of 2

Editor's Note: Our Troop turned 45 this year, and while COVID-19 prevented us from holding a reunion or celebration, it does allow us time to reflect on the past 45 years.

*In this article, you can read about our history since 1990.
Have any major Milestones we've missed, let us know at Newsletter@troop101.net!*

1990 - The Troop 101 Alumni Association is formed.

1994 - Eagles Wings (formerly the Troop Mothers auxiliary) is formed, opens Coleman camping gear distributorship for the Troop.

1994 - The Western Reserve Council merges with Mahoning and several other regional councils to form the Greater Western Reserve Council.

1999 - Cub Scout Pack 101 is formed and chartered to Blessed Sacrament Church.

2000 - Troop's first Manatoc Summer Camp

2005 - The Troop celebrates its 30th anniversary.



2005 Reunion

2005 - An Eagle Scout Court of honor celebrates the Troop's 101st Eagle Scout, Michael-Jerry Savakis.

2007 - Camp Chickagami is closed as a Boy Scout Camp, sold by the Greater Western Reserve Council to the Geauga Park District. The Council continues to operate Camp Stambaugh (Canfield) and Camp Stigwandish (Madison). Stigwandish was sold at an auction in May, 2020.

2007 - July, former Scoutmaster Gary Mansell dies of a heart attack at age 58.

2009 - October, Troop 101 Alumni Association Newsletter makes its debut.

2010 - As Scouting turns 100, Troop 101 turns 35.

2011- After 30 years, the Troop Spaghetti Dinner

Fundraiser moves from the Elks Lodge on Youngstown Road to Reagan Hall at Blessed Sacrament Church.

2012 - June, the Greater Western Reserve Council presents Jim Potjunas, with the Distinguish Scouter Award.

2012 - Eagle rank turns 100. Troop 101 ends the anniversary year with 127 Eagles

2012 - December. The Elks sells its Lodge and the Troop goes searching for a new location.

2013 - July, Troop 101 sends Assistant Scoutmaster Dr. Ken LaPolla and a contingent of Scouts to West Virginia and the new home of the National Boy Scout Jamboree, Summit Bechtel Reserve.

2015 - Troop 101 celebrates its 40th anniversary with June Family Camp celebration

2015 - February, after 40 Years, Troop 101 Leaves the Elks Lodge and moves to Blessed Sacrament Church on Reeves Road NE.

2015 - A new Troop101 Scout Center on the grounds of Blessed Sacrament is proposed. A Building Fund raising effort begins with groundbreaking being scheduled.

2015 - The Troop 101 Alumni Association celebrates its 25th anniversary.

2016 - June, Ground is broken for the new Troop Scout Center at Blessed Sacrament, to be named the James Potjunas Scout Center.

2017 - The Greater Western Reserve Council disbands. Arrowhead District (Trumbull County) and Whispering Pines District (Mahoning County) become part of the Great Trail Council (Akron). Order of the Arrow (OA) Wapashui Lodge and Tapawingo Chapters become part of Marnoc Lodge.

2017 - May 28th, the new 2,500 square-foot James Potjunas Scout Center, on the grounds of Blessed Sacrament Church, is formally dedicated with a fine crowd on hand.



2017 - August, Scoutmaster Jim Potjunas is killed in a traffic accident while leading the Troop to Algonquin Provincial Park, Canada. He was 60 years old. A tire blew on Potjunas' SUV while traveling northbound on Route 11 in Ashtabula County,

2017 - August, Assistant Scoutmaster Dr. Ken LaPolla is appointed interim Scoutmaster.

2017 - September, we celebrate the life of Jim Potjunas in a memorial service at Blessed Sacrament. Hundreds attended in person or virtually. A recording of the service can be found [online here](#). A slideshow was also shown, and can be [found here](#).

2018 - Girls are officially invited to join Cub and Boy Scouting.

2018 - March, The Troop holds its 40th annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at Blessed Sacrament Church.

2019 - Plans are announced for a Spring groundbreaking for the James Potjunas Pavilion at Camp Manatoc. It will be a 20 x 50 structure nestled between the Scoutcraft and Ecology-Conservation areas of Camp Manatoc. A summer dedication ceremony takes place.

2019 - June - The Troop sends a full crew of eight Scouts and four adults to Philmont.

2019 - Cub Pack 101 celebrates its 20th anniversary

2019- The Troop 101 Alumni Newsletter celebrates its 10th anniversary

2019 - September - Camp Stambaugh celebrates its 100th anniversary.

2020 - Camp Stigwandish is closed and auctioned off by the Lake Erie BSA Council.

2020 - Troop 101 would have marked its 20th summer camp at Camp Manatoc, but due to the COVID pandemic, there is no summer camp at Manatoc.



Potjunas Shelter at Manatoc

Support Troop 101 - It's Popcorn Time!

Troop 101 is selling Popcorn, and we are ready to take your order! If you live local, please email scoutmaster@troop101.net, and a scout will contact you with a catalog of gourmet popcorn flavors.

If you live out of town, or would like to customize a 2 gallon or 3 gallon tin, order online at www.prpopcornstore.com. At checkout, enter Seller ID: **L2QDOR**. If you would like to credit a specific scout, forward your order confirmation to scoutmaster@troop101.net with the scout's name.

New for 2020, we are also selling nuts from Whitley's Peanut Factory. You can order online at www.whitleysfundraising.com. Just Pick Ohio for the Region, Great Trail Council for the Organization, and Arrowhead Troop 4101 for the Unit.

Thank you for supporting Troop 101!

NESA Scholarship Opportunity



Did you know there are many Scholarships available to Eagle Scouts? Don't believe us, just ask Google!

The NESA Scholarships are among the largest of the Scholarships aimed towards Eagle Scouts.

The window to apply is just 3 months, August through October. If you're looking for a Scholarship, be sure to visit nesa.org for details and an application. Deadline is October 31, so act now!



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

• October

10 - 11 - Backpacking - Morrison Run

26 - Halloween Party

• November

13 - 15 - Campout TBD

• December

20 - Christmas Party & Court of Honor

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

Recent Activities

August 29, 2020

Mahoning River Day Trip



The Troop returns from canoeing the Mahoning River! It was a beautiful day to canoe and the Scouts certainly had a blast canoeing.

September 20, 2019

First Class Camp Weekend



With times being tough this year it's been difficult to get in some First Class Camping trips. That's why this weekend we ran a special Advancement camping event at Mr. Wood's house.

Refurbishing Eagle Projects

An Eagle project doesn't often happen more than once. But that's just what happened in the last month as two of our Life Scouts worked to complete their projects to earn the rank of Eagle.

Over at Blessed Sacrament, we have Ottavio refurbishing the shrine and surrounding landscape. This project was originally completed by Joe Sabat, Eagle #92, back in 2003. The shrine is looking good after a nice cleaning and staining of the wood. The roof was



replaced and the landscape was cleaned up and had fresh gravel put in. Ottavio is now awaiting his Board of Review and is expected to become an Eagle Scout soon.



Over at Oakwood cemetery, Anthony has been working hard to update maps first researched and created by James Villareal, Eagle #2, back in 1980. The Troop has used the maps created by James for almost 40 years now during our annual service project putting flags on Veteran's graves during Memorial Day weekend. Anthony has updated the maps to contain GPS coordinates and photos to help in identifying the graves for years to come. He even setup a website that can be found [here](#). He too is awaiting his Board of Review.