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Join Us For the Holidays

From the President - Shelley Taylor

It is a Thanksgiving weekend tradition or at least it should be!

Alumni and Current Parents, Join us on Saturday November 25th from 4 – 8 pm at the Scout building. It will once again be a "Taste of Warren" with food by Cockeye BBQ, Sunrise and the Hotdog Shoppe. Our inaugral event in 2022 was well attended, and a good time was had by all.

You only need to bring yourself and your friends and family. We will also have beverages provided.

This will also be your opportunity to join or renew your 101 Club membership. For $101 a year, you will be supporting the valuable progamming for our youth.

See you in a few weeks!(the OSU/Michigan game is at noon so you don't need to look it up to know if you can come.)

Additionally, you can see our new Troop vehicle, used for hauling our trailer to and from camp.

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‘Big Give’ event with Eagle Team Leader

Andrew Baker, Eagle #119

In July, the Casa Toyota ‘Big Give’ returned to Alamogordo, NM. This event sees teams of people from the Alamogordo and Holloman Air Force Base organizing projects to give back to the community.

Thirteen teams were part of the Big Give this year. Some with as few as 5 members, and others with 15.

This year, one of those teams had Team Captain and Troop 101 Eagle Scout Andrew Baker, #119. His project focused on the Toy Train Depot in the heart of Alamogordo.

With a 15-member team, Andrew hoped his team could work to make a lasting impact. The Toy Train Depot started in 1987 with housing model trains and railroads as a museum. The park train ride became popular, and has become a well-loved attraction in the city.

In an article from the Alamogordo Daily News, prior to starting the project, Andrew was quoted saying:

“We will be helping out the Toy Train Depot in town, it’s right in the center of the community,” […] “The big draw is they have this kid train that runs throughout the park. We will help replace some of those rails, clearing some obstruction and clearing weeds.” […] “When it rains the ground gets kind of soft and gophers dig up the dirt, so the rails sink down into the dirt, so we have to clear some of that because it kind of breaks down the railing,” […] “We have a woodworking expert on our team, we really want to clean the aesthetics of the park as well, we want it to be more visually appealing,”

The Flying Knights with volunteers from Alamogordo and Las Cruces at the renovation of the Toy Train Depot in the middle of Alamogordo on Saturday, July 8.

When the Flying Knights completed the project, a follow-up article was printed in the Alamogordo Daily news wrapping up the volunteer project. Andrew was quoted saying:

“Our goal was to replace two of the sections of the damaged rails and clear about 1,900 feet worth of obstruction,” said Flying Knights Team Captain Andrew Baker. “Some of the obstruction included trash, weeds and areas where the tracks were sunken in from the dirt. The track is a little over a mile long and we were able to replace 60 feet of the rail.”

With over 30 years of life, employees were eager to see the Toy Train Depot receive some much-needed attention. The Flying Knights and some volunteers from Las Cruces and Alamogordo split into two teams, with one cleaning outside and another inside of the museum.

“For one, the crew that came inside the museum did an amazing job; we have a lot of small models on display, they came in and dusted every single one,” said Amy Oliver, manager for the Toy Train Depot and Museum. “It looks so much better, and I appreciate the time it took for them to do that.”

The Troop 101 Alumni Association applauds Andrew and his team in their service project. Well done!

Hello Scouts,

There have been some fun programs this quarter. I could not say enough on how great the Algonquin high adventure canoe trip was this past August. Sadly, no sightings of any moose in our travels but plenty of signs of them being there. If you know what I mean. Our weather could not have been any better and that's saying something being it was a 101 camping trip. We ended up just under 70 miles of canoeing, portaging, and backpacking over lakes and down the trails. We encountered some high winds, a few pesky hornets to even some rapids along the way. A little wet gear and Scouts but we all made it though. This program is doing a great job with our two crew leaders for our trip. One of our newer Eagles, Mason Kyle and Life Scout Marc Delliquadri led the way for the week. Mason's rendition of "Rise and Shine" got us through a few of the tougher portages. Especially that two-miler. Great job guys. I'd like to thank Matt McCracken and Jeff Wagner again for their hard work on the trip. It was also the first real test of our truck in its new duty of hauling Big Blue eleven hours north to the park. Thank you everyone for the help on that. We did meet up with the Canadian base camp crew at the end of the week and they were gracious enough to bring us a few awesome steaks and potatoes for dinner that night. Don't get me wrong the dehydrated food was good but that steak after six days was awesome.

While some of the Troop was in Canada, some of the Scouts attended the Scout Overnighter at Scrappers field near the Eastwood mall for a baseball game, food and some fireworks. Great job Chris Stringham for leading those kids for some summer fun.

We have recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of Camp Manatoc this past September in Pennisula Ohio. There were dozens of activities for the youth and adults alike. The Ohio National Guard brought one of their Chinook helicopters and landed it right on the parade field. Merit badge classes, reenactments of the first camp to a 1920's era car show. The council put on this camporee, and I found it very well organized and attended. There we approximately 2100 Scouts for the weekend and it was good to see the camp in full use.

Busy Scouts

Well, leaves are changing, and fall is here. Or what we like to call it, POPCORN season. Our Popcorn Kernel, Chuck James and his very good help and assistant Teresa Stevens helped the boys though 9 weekends of Show and Sells and popcorn take home sales. A big shout out to Robert Stevens, Teresa's son who attended every single sale this season. Thank you, Robert and all the boys who put in their time to help the Troop.

The boys in the Troop are very busy with athletics, homecomings and other extra curriculars which is great, so we changed our backpacking at Beaver Creek in October to a Scout overnighter at the building. A little spaghetti dinner, some dodgeball in the Blessed Sacrament gym, thank you Father Cicero for that, and a classic showing of THE GOONIES movie up on the screen. Some breakfast burritos, donuts and clean up and the boys were on their way home with smiles on their faces.

October has got us a new Eagle Scout in Sam Watkins and has brought back James Price for another term as Senior Patrol Leader. He and his patrol leaders are planning the upcoming program and campouts for the next six months. Good luck James.

Well, if you couldn't tell, we have been busy. There is always something going on and these Scouts are planning new things to do. We are already talking about next year's high adventure trip for the entire Troop. Speaking of busy, one of our alumni has stepped up as a lead and has secured us two crews for Philmont in June of 2025. I have to say, I have been waiting 35 years to go and I'm excited to go with my son Colin on such an epic trip. Thanks, Chris McMahan, for the great work.

With such trips coming up and programs we would like to take everyone. However, that doesn't always happen. We have recently started reusing the William E Brown campership fund for kids to go to summer camp and high adventure trips who couldn't go without a little help. If you would like to donate to programs like this or our other great program needs, it would be greatly appreciated. As always if you are in town, come see us at the meetings every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We'll be there and hope to see you there too.

Jason Paisley

SPL Exit Interview

Mason K. passes the torch to James P.

Mason Kyle was SPL for the Summer Term, April 1, 2023 - September 30. The Alumni Quarterly reached out to see how his term went, and what he thought about being SPL.

What motivated you to run for SPL?

Before Mr. Paisley took over as our Scoutmaster, Doctor LaPolla encouraged me to take on the position. He encouraged me to never stop going up, he believed that I could bring great things to the Troop. Once I understood what he meant I committed to running after completing my term as Senior Guide.

How was it taking over from Ethan's term?

Once I began to meet with my PLC and other leaders, Ethan gave me suggestions that benefited him in his own term. I also got to learn what helped him during the past six months.

In planning the trips, what was the one that got you most excited?

When I heard we were doing the Canada High Adventure Trip I was ecstatic, I had only heard great things about it. It did not disappoint.

The Canada High Adventure trip, Canada was amazing. The trip was difficult, but it was well worth the journey. The views there were nothing like back home.

With more than 25 years of previous SPL programs available, did they help plan your program?

Every SPL brings different ideas to the PLC, and I got to see and experience all the ideas for campouts and other activities.

Throughout my term when I was planning demos, programs, and games I looked back at previous terms to see what fun activities they did. I also talked with previous SPLs, and they gave me countless ideas for future activities.

Towards the end of my term, the Troops' demos became more interactive with the audience. I was very much looking forward to seeing how interested the Scouts would be each week.

What was one of your most difficult challenges as SPL?

Maintaining leadership, going from spring to fall, my term was dominated by people playing their respective sports at school. It was very challenging to balance the need for leadership at meetings without taking time away from people's sports.

I was able to teach the APLs how to take over whenever the patrol leader was absent. It also gave them the opportunity to take responsibility and learn leadership skills.

My PLC learned a lot over the term and you could definitely see a difference in maturity by the end. I'm so proud of all that we accomplished.

How was working with Mr. Paisley and the other ASM's?

After working with Dr. LaPolla for so many years, Mr. Paisley gave my PLC and me so many different ideas and perspectives.

The ASMs were nothing short of amazing, there was always somewhere there to help or give advice. Towards the end of my term, I started working with Mr. Paisley and the other adults to coach the patrols and leadership positions.

Having earned your Eagle before becoming SPL, do you feel that impacted your term?

To earn my Eagle Scout, I had to take on multiple leadership positions within the Troop as well as lead others in my service project. I feel the leadership skills that I learned through my journey to Eagle Scout were very beneficial to SPL term.

Overall, how do you feel your term went? Will you run again?

I believe my term went well overall; we had lots of fun while also having a lot of advancement in the Troop. I cannot explain how proud I am of all the things the Scouts were able to accomplish during my term. I am also extremely grateful for all of the adults and other leaders who coached me during my term. I would finally like to thank the Scouts that made my term possible by giving me the honor of being their SPL. Being SPL is one of the most demanding positions in the Troop, but it teaches very important lessons in leadership. Being SPL taught me how to communicate more effectively as well as a leader. It taught me how to take into consideration multiple perspectives on situations.

I took my turn as SPL, and know it is important to let others have the chance to lead their own terms. There are many other people in the Troop that would benefit from being SPL, I don't want to take that opportunity away from some of the older scouts in the Troop.

I plan to go back to being Senior Guide. I will also work to better my scouting skills, and mentor other scouts.

What advice would you give to someone looking to run for the position?

Anyone who becomes an SPL needs to be open to all sorts of suggestions. They should also have effective communication with scouts and their parents. They might also want to use the resources available to them too.

2023 Troop 101 Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to these young men on achieving Scouting's Highest Rank.

Mason Kyle #170
2/16/2023

Ben James #171
4/20/2023

Sam Watkins #172
9/28/2023

From The Order - New Chapter Names

Troop 101 continues to get more involved with the Order of the Arrow. The Fall Fellowship went well, and FORUM led by Christopher McMahan was a huge success.

The Lodge did some restructuring, merging the 4 chapters of Marnoc Lodge into 2. Before this merge, Troop 101 was part of the Stambaugh Chapter of Marnoc.

Stambaugh merged with Crooked River, and will now be known as the "Pemsit" Chapter, which mean "Walker" in Lenape. The other two chapters, Canal and Soaring Eagle, will be "High Point" chapter.

Currently Troop 101 has 9 active youth members in the Order, and 2 pending their Ordeal.

The Alumni Quarterly Needs You

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I Love Summer
Scoutmaster Corner - Dr. Ken LaPolla

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Share Your Story!

We're always on the lookout for the next Alumni story to share with you, our readers. If you, or an Alumni you know is doing something interesting, send us a quick email so we can feature that story in the Alumni Quarterly.

Just looking to share a memory, or a funny story? We'll take those too!
Just email us at newsletter@troop101.net

- THE 101 CLUB -

The 101 Club is an all-new way to help. As always, being an Alumni member is free, and entitles you access to awesome things like the Newsletter and the Troop website.

Being part of the 101 Club is a way to become more involved and help with the growing costs of supporting the Troop 101 Scouting program. This includes maintaining and insuring the Troop equipment, helping families in need, and more!

To show you're a member of the 101 Club, everyone that joins will receive a special patch to commemorate their membership! We will also feature your name in the Alumni Newsletter as a club member, and supporter of what we do.

Scan the QR Code to join today!

- 2023 CLUB MEMBERS -

Calhoun, Jason
Hillman, Gregg
Hoff V, Harley
McCracken, Matthew
McMahan, Christopher
Puet, Terry
Ross, Tim
Sabat, Joseph
Taylor, David
Gump, Ben

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

November
25 - Alumni Holiday Gathering [4-8pm]

Summer 2025
TBD - Troop 50th Celebration

UPCOMING TROOP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

October
6-7 - OA Fall Fellowship
20-21 - Beaver Creek Backpacking

November
3-5 - OA FORUM
10-12 - Tomlinson Run\

December
16 - OA Winter Banquet
17 - Christmas Party

January
19-21 - CustalogaTown

February
9-10 - Winter Klondike

March
9-10 - Nelson Ledges / Chickagami