

From the President

An Exciting Year

This is going to be an exciting year for the Troop. In June we'll be sending a rather large contingent to Philmont and after that, celebrating our 50th year as a troop in September.

From humble beginnings at the Elks to our building on the campus of Blessed Sacrament, we have been blessed in many ways: Great leaders, supportive parents, promising youth. It is with your support we can continue.

This winter has been a challenge for us. Some of you may be aware we are no longer able to use Reagan Hall at the church during the colder months. Because of this, we have attempted to heat our larger bay to add additional space for the winter program. As we navigated that, we have

conceded to the reality that we will need to do this in a more permanent way.

To completely insulate and heat that larger bay area will take support from our alumni. The cost of doing this project will be \$20,000. To cover the cost, we are asking for your support. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated.

We are looking for a lead donor to assist in this effort and hope to have the project fully funded before our anniversary in September. Laborers and equipment donations will also help as "every drop fills the bucket." Everything we can give has value, is a sacrifice and is greatly appreciated.



Again, thank you for your support over the years. Spring is here. Now let the next year of Scouting be another great one once again!

-Ken





Hello Scouts.

It's been a few months since our last update. The Troop has been staying on course with activities. We had a very nice campout at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation. It was an awesome World War 2 themed campout. Good food and better weather for a change that put everyone in a great mood.

December this year was a little different as we had our Christmas party half at the Scout building and half at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church on North Road. Thank you to my mother-in-law, Sue Ciferno for helping the Troop out with the alternative location this year.

January led us all over to Camp Butler in Peninsula, Ohio to stay in the nicest cabin I have ever been in. I said it two years ago when I first went there, and I'll keep saying it. The Troop ventured over to Brandywine Ski Resort and spent a couple of hours sliding down the slopes on inflatable tubes. Once again,

Scoutmaster Corner

Staying Course

the weather cooperated with plenty of snow. We had some great numbers with a total of 54 youth and adults. Pretty cool to see those numbers like we had in the past.

A few weeks ago, the scouts tested their skills at this year's Winter Klondike at Camp Stambaugh in Canfield, Ohio. The Owls Patrol took second place overall. Great job fellas.

You may have heard that the Catholic Diocese and our Great Trail Council have not come to an agreement on the use of their facilities. We usually meet in Reagan Hall from November 1st to April 1st. This year we have been meeting in the building. Half is heated and half is our unconditioned storage space. We have been managing with two patio heaters and coats and such. We do have a plan however it will take some support. We have thought to insulate and sheet the walls in.

Part two of the plan is to add permanent heat to the space. It will take some time and funds but hopefully we can accomplish this by next winter. We are changing the location of our Spaghetti Dinner this year as well. We will now have our largest fundraiser at Christ Episcopal Church on Atlantic Street in Warren on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. Hope to see you all there.

In March we are going to Chickagami Park for a fun weekend. We'll hike down to The Parkman Community house for their pancake breakfast. I love new ideas but I love that we keep the old traditions as well. I remember going there as a young scout and piling in on those benches they had and eating a ton of pancakes.

Please stop on a Monday if you are in town and if you can make it to the Spaghetti Dinner, it would be great to see you there.

-Jason



50th Reunion Celebration!

Have you marked your calendar, yet? - August 31, 2025

I hope everyone has marked their calendars because we're gearing up for the 50th celebration in August!

The event will take place at the Jim Potjunas Troop 101 Scout Center over Labor Day weekend, on Sunday, August 31.

On behalf of the Alumni Board and Troop 101, I can say we are all excited to welcome everyone to the reunion. We are asking \$10 to attend, but donations will also be greatly accepted to help offset other costs.

We would love for you to stay for the entire day, but if you're only able to attend during certain time slots, feel free to coordinate with friends from your generation so you can reconnect with past and present Troop 101 members.

The day will be divided into four time blocks, each featuring a themed food option and a competition with prizes for the winners.

Block 1 (12:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

Cast Iron Chef Competition – Show off your cast iron cooking skills by preparing your best dish! Impress the judges and fellow alumni, and compete for top prizes.

Block 2 (2:00 PM – 4:00 PM)

Cornhole and Kubb Tournament – Gather your team and compete in these classic outdoor games. Pizza and hot dogs will be served.

Block 3 (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM)

BBQ Pulled Pork sandwiches

Trivia Scavenger Hunt – Test your knowledge and teamwork!

Block 4 (6:00 PM – Closing)

Campfire Program – As the evening winds down, we'll gather around the campfire for songs, skits, and stories. S'mores will be provided to close out the event.

Throughout the day, we encourage everyone to explore the Troop 101 Scout Center and see how far the Troop has come in 50 years. Scrapbooks, memorabilia, and historical displays will be available for viewing.

Various games and activities will be running all day, so come ready to have fun as you reconnect and celebrate with us!

PRE-ORDER ONLY MEMORABILIA

We have several items that will only be available as preorder items. This includes a special commemorative patch set. We will be placing the order for these patches soon, so order now to ensure you get yours!
<https://store.troop101.net/> [Deadline to order: 3/31]



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Troop History Book

A Coffee Table Book showcasing the last 50 years

As we celebrate Troop 101's 50th anniversary, we're putting together a special keepsake—the Troop History Coffee Table Book. This collection will preserve as much of our Troop's history as possible, including stories about our Scoutmasters, memorable events, and the impact of scouting over the years.

To make this book truly special, we need your stories! Do you have a favorite scouting memory? A tale passed down from a Scoutmaster? A funny or meaningful moment from camp? We'd love to hear how scouting shaped your journey, whether you were a Scout, leader, parent, sibling, or friend.

This book will serve as a valuable resource for our Historian and future Troop presentations.

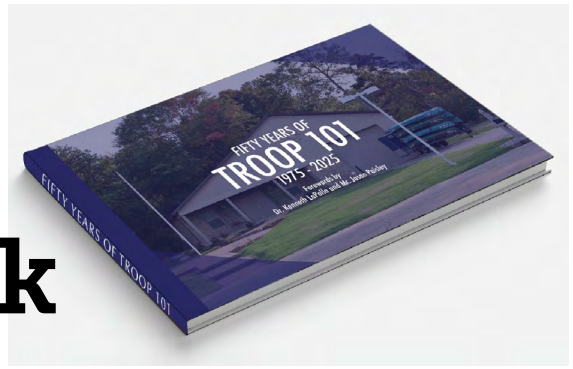
It will also feature forewords from Dr. Kenneth LaPolla (Eagle #3, Scoutmaster #4) and Mr. Jason Paisley (Eagle #59, Scoutmaster #5).

We're accepting stories until the end of April—so don't wait! If writing isn't your thing, no worries—just reach out, and we'll jot down your story for you.

Want a copy? It's available for purchase on our website. But most importantly, we'd love for you to contribute your memories. Let's make this a tribute to 50 years of Troop 101!

E-mail your story to: MrMatt@Troop101.net
Need to call: (330) 883-1658

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45TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Mark your calendars for a delicious tradition! Join us on Palm Sunday, April 13th, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at **[NEW LOCATION]** Christ Episcopal Church on Atlantic Street for Troop 101's 45th Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

Enjoy a hearty spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings for just \$12 per person (ages 6 and up), while children 5 and under eat by donation.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from a Scout, or at the door. Carry-out will be available.

While you're there, don't miss the Eagle's Wings Basket Raffle, featuring a variety of great gift baskets up for auction.

This is one of only two fundraisers we hold each year, and we truly appreciate your support. We look forward to seeing you!





Advisor Summit

Crew 101 is official

Greetings everyone!

If you were to ask me almost 3 years ago when I first moved to the Warren area and joined Troop 101 where I'd be now, I never would have thought I would be a program head helping to lead a local wing of one of the largest youth serving organizations in the country.

In May of 2022 I had reached out to Dr. LaPolla, who was Scoutmaster at the time, that I was moving to the area and needed a unit to keep my registration. At the time I had only planned to park my registration and maybe come camping here and there, but was planning to take a vacation from scouting as a whole... it was a short vacation.

During this time, the transition had already begun when Doc was stepping down and a new face I had not met yet, Jason Paisley, was stepping

into the role. First meeting Jason, he wanted me to take on a more active role within the Troop, telling me it was just an hour a week (we've all heard that before).

At that time, I took on the role of recruitment on the Troop committee, helping make new flyers, banners, stickers, door hangers, water bottles, and more. It was around this time I decided to exit my scouting vacation and make a full reentry into the scout life, and I couldn't have made a better decision.

In this time I've gotten to see numerous young people earn their Eagle, numerous new scouts join the program, and now I've had the honor of starting a new unit under the 101 umbrella: Crew 101.

Crew 101 has already shown to be a very active Crew by national standards- having already held a climbing night, Crew Officer's Seminar, multiple meetings with plans for 1-2 activities per month for the rest of the year!

As we head into the next six months, the Crew is planning to take trips canoeing, hiking, backpacking, and more. Throughout my time in scouting, I have gained a larger appreciation for seeing youth that show true ambition; not just for themselves, but to help the experiences of others in the program.

Our recently elected officers can almost be showed as the definition of what it means to be ambitious; always looking for new ways to engage our current membership, bring on new membership, and finding opportunities to expose young people to new experiences and skills they might not be able to otherwise.

Venturing is a very unique program when compared to a traditional scout troop or cub pack, as it truly is run off the pulse given to it by the youth. The youth have the opportunity to determine what they want their emphasis to be. Whether they want to work on awards and advancement or not, whether they want to specialize in canoeing, backpacking, patch collecting, or just being a general speciality crew, participating in any number of activities.

While Venturing at the front face is all about high adventure, what is it at its core? Leadership. Venturing provides older youth and young adults with low intensity, low risk opportunities to explore different leadership styles and planning methods to see what suits them. This gives young people a chance to try, and fail, in a low stakes environment that gives them room to grow these skills in the most natural form.

To help support the Crew, we will be holding our

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can be pre-ordered or purchased at the door.

harley.hoff@crew101.net or visit crew101.net

The host of our Fundraiser is actually

-Harley

first fundraiser: The Crew 101 Pancake Breakfast!

Being held on Saturday, May 3rd from 8am-10am, patrons can come enjoy endless pancakes, with a choice of bacon or sausage on the side. Tickets are \$10 and over half of your purchase goes back to supporting the Crew. Tickets

Applebees, who will handle all of the cooking for the event! I hope you'll come down to support the Crew!

If you would like to purchase tickets for the Pancake Breakfast or, if you would like to get yourself or someone you know involved in Venturing, please reach out to me at

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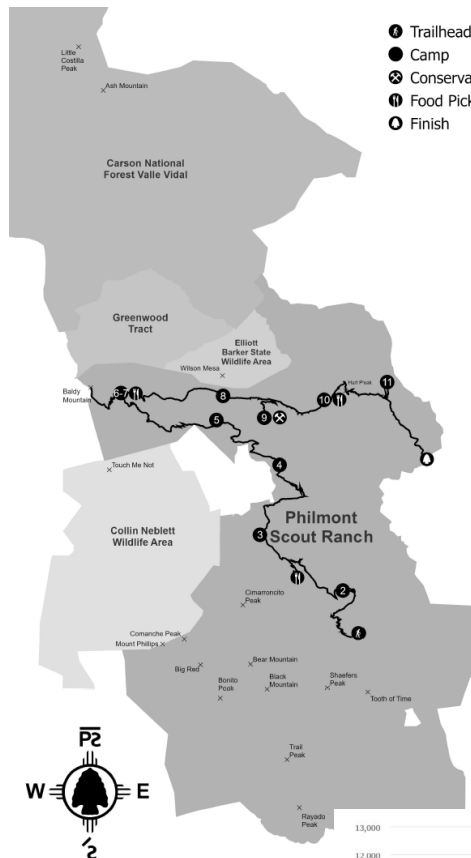


In January, the 21 Scouts and leaders heading to Philmont Scout Ranch this June gathered for a planning meeting to discuss their upcoming adventure. A key focus of the meeting was selecting potential trek.

Special guest Cullen Faulk (Eagle #156), a former Philmont staff member who has spent multiple summers working at the ranch, shared his firsthand experiences and insights. He was joined by others who had previously completed Philmont treks, including Christopher McMahan (Eagle #153), the lead for this year's trip. Their knowledge helped the group gain a better understanding of what to expect on the trail and provide context for what activities are available at different locations.

After reviewing the available options, the crew carefully selected their top 10 preferred treks, which were then submitted to Philmont's lottery system. The results are in, and Troop 101 has secured its #3 pick, Itinerary 12-18 (A copy on the next page)

With their itinerary set, the crews will be eagerly



preparing and conditioning for 64 miles of hiking, primarily in the North Country of Philmont.

Some highlights from this itinerary include:

- Camping & Hiking -

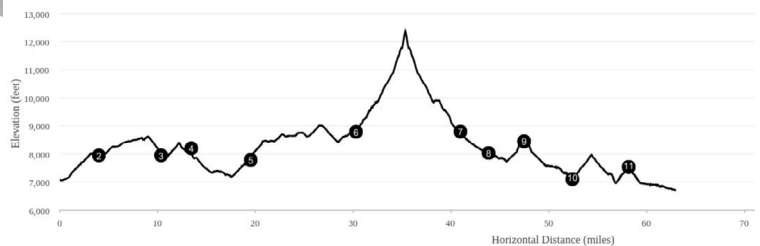
Baldy Mountain - 12,441 ft
Hart Peak - 7,975 ft
Dean Skyline
Deer Lake Mesa

- Program -

COPE
Continental Tie & Lumber Company
Baldy Mining District
Western Lore

- Conservation -

Elkhorn
New Trail Construction



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2025 PHILMONT ADVENTURE ITINERARY

Itinerary 12-18

Strenuous (significant hiking time with some program time) - 64 miles

This tour of the Philmont central and north country is for crews looking for a true wilderness backpacking experience with moderately high mileage days and nights at 5 trail camps. Start with two days hiking through the 2018 Ute Park Fire recovery area crossing Deer Lake Mesa and passing through Ute Park Pass on your way to Minnette Meadows trail camp. Cross into the north country at Bear Canyon and spend the night at Mistletoe trail camp. Traverse above Dean Canyon and across the head of Santa Claus Canyon on your way to team building and challenge events at Head of Dean. Work your way up the Baldy Skyline with excellent views of Baldy Mountain ahead of you and the plains behind. Spend two nights at Baldy Town to support your summit of Baldy Mountain (12,441'), the highest mountain at Philmont. Pass through French Henry on your way down the gently flowing South Ponil Creek to Pueblano for the Continental Tie & Lumber Company meeting. Climb up onto the ridge for one more night at a trail camp before heading into Ponil for the Cantina and a western chuck wagon dinner.

Day	Camp	Miles	Gain	Loss	Program Features	Food Pickup
1	Camping HQ				Opening Campfire	
2	Deer Lake	5.5	1,586'	383'	Ranger Training; Fire Recovery Zone; Trail Camp	Camping Headqua
3	Minnette Meadows ^d	8.6	956'	1,362'	Fire Recovery Zone; Dry Camp	Ute Gulch
4	Mistletoe ^d	6.6	1,521'	1,064'	Passthrough Archery & Fire Ecology Program @ Cimarroncita; Dry Camp	
5	HEAD OF DEAN	5.3	1,017'	570'	COPE Program	
6	BALDY TOWN ^s	6.6	1,514'	450'	Historic Baldy Town Program; Baldy Hike Prep	Baldy Town
7	BALDY TOWN ^s	5.8	2,592'	2,592'	Black Horse Mine; Baldy Mountain; Historic Baldy Town Program (continued)	
8	PUEBLANO	5.3	479'	2,236'	Passthrough Mining History Program @ French Henry; Continental Tie & Lumber Company Program; Campfire Show	
9	Elkhorn	4.0	1,080'	647'	Trail Building Project; Trail Camp	
10	PONIL ^s	5.0	297'	1,634'	Western Lore Program & Cantina; Chuckwagon Dinner & Campfire Show	Ponil
11	Coyote Howl ^d	5.9	1,587'	1,176'	Hart Peak; Dry Camp	
12	Camping HQ	4.9	319'	1,166'	T-Rex Track; Hike to Six Mile Gate; Closing Campfire	

(d) = Dry Camp (s) = Showers may be available

Departs from Camping Headquarters on Day 2 for Webster Trailhead to go to Deer Lake Camp

Returns to Camping Headquarters on Day 12 from Six Mile Gate Trailhead

Itinerary crosses a burn recovery area. Crew must be prepared for sun exposure, weather hazards, and early hike times.

Campsite Elevations: 7,078' Minimum, 9,777' Maximum **Camps:** 4 Staffed, 5 Trail, 1 Layover, 3 Dry Camps

Conservation: Elkhorn

Sectional Maps: North, South

Ken LaPolla	President
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Jeff Faulk	Director at Large
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Share Your Story

We want to know what you're doing now

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? With the Troop 50th coming up, we want to know your

favorite scouting memory.

Just email us at:
newsletter@troop101.net

Thank you for making the Troop great, and for sharing the great stories you have to tell.

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! All donations of at least \$101 qualify.



Upcoming Troop Events & Activities

March

2 - Crew 101 Sap's a Risin'
7-9 - Chickagami

April

12 - Crew 101 Hiking OA Trail
13 - Spaghetti Dinner
25-26 - Camp Butler Bike

May

3 -Crew 101 Pancake Breakfast
16-18 - Raccoon Creek
24-25 - Crew 101 Mosquito Lake

June

7-21 - Philmont
7-9 - Family Camp Mosquito

July

6-12 - Summer Camp Manatoc

August

13-17 - Point-2-Point WW2

