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101st Anniversary Dinner
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Evening Program

Social Hour.....	6:30pm
Grace	7:00pm
Dinner	Troop 100 Families
Welcome and Introductions	Kerri Cox
Camping Recognition	John Cates
Advancement Recognition.....	John Cates
Remarks	Edwin Acajabon
Entertainment	Thomas Casasola, SPL, MC
Fox Patrol	
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Pine Tree Patrol	
Moment of Silence	
Scoutmaster's Minute and Closing.....	John Le Mon

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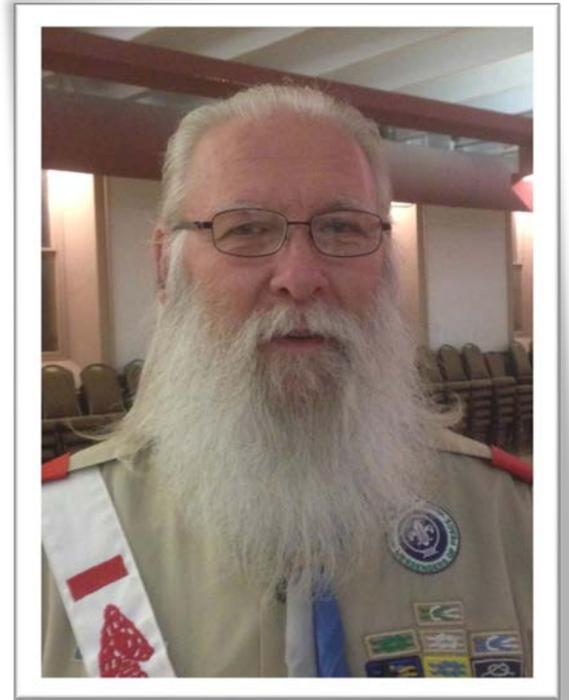
Council Fire Dedication

John Le Mon

Troop 100

Scoutmaster

I've known John Le Mon for more than three decades, through Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting and right up into Scouts BSA. John was the Cub Scout dad, sitting in the back row at pack meetings, who was later introduced—without his prior knowledge—as “the next Cubmaster of Pack 100.” (To this day, voluntold is one of John’s favorite words in Scouting). He was the Cub Scout father who did not ignore the invitation to a Troop 100 Eagle Court of Honor, and after hearing all the stories that night realized that the transition from a blue to tan uniform is only the beginning. (As someone who has attended hundreds of Eagle Courts, I can attest that John still runs the best.) John has been my tent mate, best friend (and I his), thorn in my side (and I in his), mentor to my own son, and drinking buddy (coffee, not beer; the other I leave to Disco). John was my choice to take over the troop after my two decades as Scoutmaster, and he has led it admirably for that same period of time. Tonight, we honor John’s many years as Scoutmaster and look forward to the future.



Everyone who has been paying attention knows that John Le Mon has been Scoutmaster of Troop 100 since 1997. But did you know he was Cubmaster of Pack 100 for eight years before that (and Webelos Den Leader and Pack Committee Chair before that!)? Following (and leading) his sons through Cub Scouting, John ran pack meetings, family campouts, Webelos camp at Camp Ross, blue and gold banquets, pinewood derbies, Scouting for Food, and the rest. But in 1991, he was recruited to help drive Scouts from the troop 1100 miles on our annual feature campout (anyone know anyone with a 15-passenger van?), and somewhere between here and there he volunteered (not voluntold this time) to join John Cates and others as Assistant Scoutmaster. It’s a troop tradition that new members are inducted into the troop around a campfire on their first night camping, but the US Navy frowns on building fires on the deck of their aircraft carriers. So, on April 19, 1991, John Le Mon was inducted into Troop 100 around a large puddle on the deck of the USS Yorktown in Charleston, SC.

As Assistant Scoutmaster, John camped every month with the troop, set aside his summer vacations to attend Goshen, and took his first trip to Philmont in 1995. Ever since I had known him, his hair and beard had been a prominent feature of his visage, but for that first Philmont trip, he showed up with his hair cut short and his beard neatly trimmed (for the

first time since Charleton Heston delivered the Ten Commandments). It was a dramatic moment. Over the years, John became more and more embedded (and indispensable) in the running of the troop, and when it was time for me to step down as Scoutmaster, John was there to take the reins. (In case you haven't been counting, he continued on as Cubmaster for his six years as Assistant Scoutmaster.)

John has been to Goshen each year since 1988, hiking Lenhok'sin several times and becoming a fixture at Camp Marriott (in 2013, he received the Hanson Friends of Goshen award). He has led trips to the Adirondack High Adventure Base, Kruger National Park (that's in South Africa, y'all), and seven times to Philmont Scout Ranch (along with seven tours of Southwestern states, and seven trips down inside the Grand Canyon). John has taken the troop to the King's Point Invitational Camporee on Long Island and the West Point Invitational Camporee (Troop 100 won third place overall in 2005 out of more than 200 troops—6,000 Scouts). He has camped well over 500 nights with the Scouts (maybe 600? maybe 700?).

John has led service projects and fund-raising events, sung carols, sold trees, shoveled snow, hiked trails, barbecued chicken, flipped pancakes, inspected camps, replaced a toilet, and built a well (yes, built a well!). (In fact, the only thing he hasn't done is dress up as Santa Claus... but Joan did!) He ran the District Pinewood Derby four times (of course he built his own track!) and was cook crew adviser for six Ordeals. He is fully trained in every Scouting position he has held and holds the Cub Scouter and Cubmaster awards plus the Scouter's Training Award, Unit Leader Award of Merit, and Scoutmaster's Key. He received the District Award of Merit (the highest award the District can give), the Silver Beaver (the highest award the Council can give), and two years ago was honored with the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor (yes, the highest award the OA can give). Just last year he received the Bronze Pelican award from the National Capital Area Council Catholic Committee on Scouting.

As District Commissioner, I can attest that Troop 100, under John's leadership, uses the patrol method best of any troop in the District, largely because of their weekly Patrol Leaders Council meetings and the yearly program that is truly Scout-led. His Scouts develop leadership skills through an annual PLC training weekend and through being allowed to make—and learn from—their own mistakes. So, when a 17-year-old becomes Senior Patrol Leader on his way to being an Eagle Scout, he really is the leader of the program, and John and other adult leaders are his advisers, role models, and mentors. Oh! Speaking of Eagles: With John as their Scoutmaster, 41 members of Troop 100 have become Eagle Scouts, an admirable record!

For all these reasons, and because, fact is, without John's leadership we would not be the troop we are today, Troop 100 is proud to dedicate this issue of *The Council Fire* to Scoutmaster John Le Mon!



Ralph Wooden



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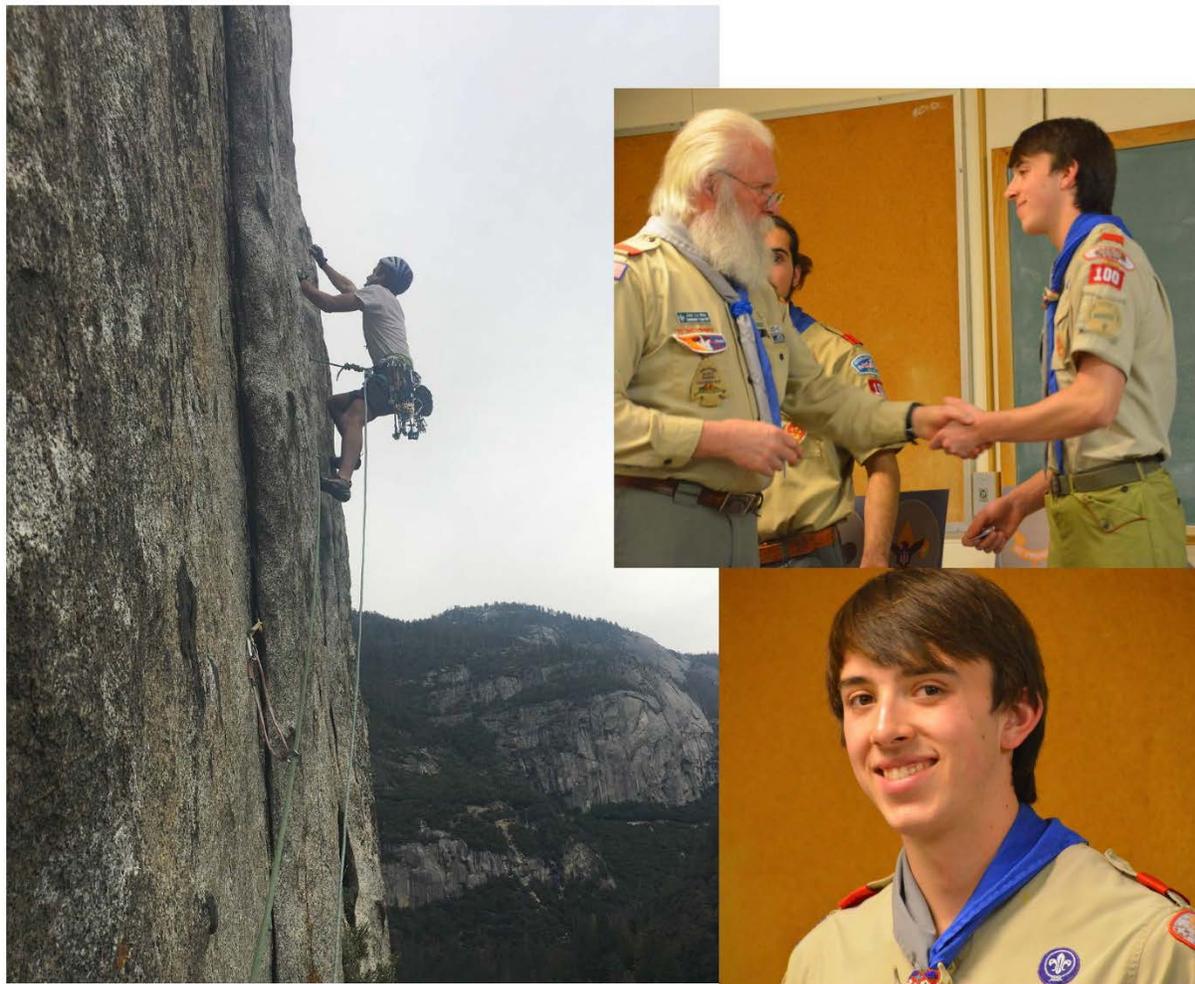
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Thank You John Le Mon

for your dedication to Scouting and Troop 100
and for inspiring me to climb higher!

Richard Randall
Eagle 2014

Scoutmaster Minute

This year, as I write this, I am reminded of all the joy I have had being able to be a small part of the influence in so many young lives. I have spent the last 50 years being a teacher, counselor, and mentor to many youths including 41 Eagle Scouts.

My 4 years as a Cub Scout leader, 6 years as an Assistant Scoutmaster and 21 years as Scoutmaster have enabled me to continue the fun I had as a youth camping and learning new skills. My mentors in Scouting, David Schechter and Ralph Wooden, helped me take my skills with youth and hone them into Scout skills for youth and I will always be grateful to them for that.

Troop 100 has always been known for strong leadership, camping, hiking, service and Eagle Scouts. I have said to many parents over the years, that if a boy comes into the Troop and does what he is expected to do, there is a virtual guarantee that he will become an Eagle Scout even if he does not bother to earn the badge.

This Troop has always been considered a “traditional” Troop following what the standards that we believe Baden-Powell intended when he began the first Scout group at Brownsea Island. The Scouting program is intended to be for the benefit of the Scout and an aid to his maturational growth process.

As you read the stories of this year’s activities, keep in mind that these are only the ones that were written about—the big and most memorable ones. Others did not receive write-ups but were just as important to many of the Scouts.

There were some changes this year as there are in every year, and some disappointments such as the cancellation of the Philmont trip due to the fires at Philmont, but the Troop will continue and boys will learn and grow just as they have for the last 100 years under strong leadership and high standards. I am thankful to be a part of this tradition.

John Le Mon



Troop 100 100th Anniversary Dinner

March 3, 2018 — On March 3, 2018, Troop 100 held its annual Troop dinner. I was the assistant patrol leader of the Stag Patrol at the time. The party started off with lots of guests including former scouts, former leaders, and leaders from other Troops, along with other members of the Scouting community. The party started with people walking around seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I remember that there were several displays showing off the Troop's history and accomplishments. One of the Scouts prepared a slideshow of the older Scouts back when they

were 14 or so. I spent with time talking with the other Scouts and hearing stories about events that happened before I entered the Troop.

Then the “pot luck” dinner was provided by the parents of the troop. I remember speeches from current Scoutmasters and former and other Scout leaders. Julie Seton, the granddaughter of the founder of Woodcraft Indians, was our featured speaker. Her grandfather, E.T. Seton, was involved in the founding of the Boy Scouts. She spoke about how his ideas about respecting nature and building skills remain a part of

Scouting today and also the impact Scouting has had on the nation and the world. She specifically talked about how Scouting impacted the war effort in both World War I and World War II. After that, each Patrol presented two skits and one song to the crowd. This was both good and bad, as we had some really good skits and we also had someone fail to sing the ABCs. All and all it was a pretty good event that both was fun and also meaningful.

Alex Penberthy

Troop 8 Camp Site

March 17–18, 2018 — This year was our first visit to the new Troop 8 Campsite. For several years in the 1990s we would camp in December at a site called Camp Livingston in Southern Maryland that was owned by Troop 8 and that had been used for years as their summer camp. It had a cabin and several Adirondack style lean-to shelters and a building that had been used as a cook house. Usually this was our “Fellowship” campout with another Troop, but

when we started having the Tree Sale, we stopped camping in December.

The new site is about 10 minutes away from the Marsh's Farm site in the Catoctins near Camp David. The geology and topography of the site is about the same as Marsh's Farm, but there is no hike “down to the hollow.” The site is nice with separate Patrol sites that have a picnic table and fire ring.

After arriving and setting up, the Scouts played a game and then got ready for lunch.

The afternoon was spent exploring the area and working on Advancement before dinner.

After our campfire we all went to sleep only to arise the next morning for the ride back to the church.

Editor

Happy Anniversary, Troop 100

Thank you, John Le Mon, for your years of service to Troop 100.

The McCarthys - Francis (Troop 100 Eagle Scout #121), Dottie, and Mike

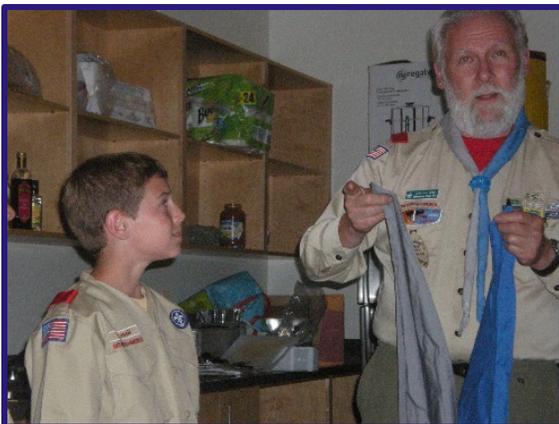


2009 Philmont/Grand Canyon Trip

Pictured in photo (L to R): Robert Bond, Rafael Suarez, Francis McCarthy, John Le Mon, Alex Francisi, Michael Robles, Matt Bond, and Jourdan Wooden

Congratulations, Tigran Anlian, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Thank you, Scoutmaster John Le Mon & Assistant Scoutmaster John Cates for your leadership and support.



From the Anlian Family



Appalachian Trail

April 28–29, 2018 — On April 28 of 2018 the members of Troop 100 boarded their assigned cars, ready to go on the Troop's yearly Appalachian Trail hike. The Troop has been going on AT (Appalachian Trail) hikes once a year for many years.

This year we started at Snickers Gap and ended at Keys Gap. It was a total of 13.4 miles which we hiked over 2 days. We hiked 10 miles the first day and 3 the following day. The first day was probably the most painful as the terrain was far worse and also putting jelly on a tortilla is a bad idea. After the long hike we

arrived at our campsite. There were several other Troops around us and we all shared the same water source which was a little stream.

We set up tents and gathered firewood. Due to the fact that you heat up while hiking, once we stopped hiking, we realized how cold it was. Dinner was comprised of GORP (trail mix) and MREs. After dinner, which was rather delicious, we did what little KP (KP is cleaning pots and pans) had to be done and gathered around the fire for our closing ceremony. This involved skits and songs from all the Patrols, and a

closing speech from the Scoutmaster. After that we retired to our tents and fell asleep.

Then next morning was chaotic to say at least. We quickly prepared breakfast which was very simple to minimize KP. I believe we had pop tarts, fruit, GORP, and beef jerky. We also quickly took down the tent. After everything was ready, we got back on the trail. This time it was colder, so everyone walked faster. We ended up having to wait 45 minutes in the cold for the cars to pick us up. This time was spent talking and joking around. After the 45 minutes wait, we got in the cars and returned to the church. All and all a successful camp out.

Alex Penberthy

Parent-Son Campout

June 12–13, 2018 — This year's Parent-Son trip was at the American Legion Southern Maryland Youth Camp in Clinton, Maryland. Those who were there

had a great time in the competitions between the Scout Patrols and the Parent Patrols. We all enjoyed the food and camaraderie of the event and even

inducted some new Scouts on their first campout.

Editor

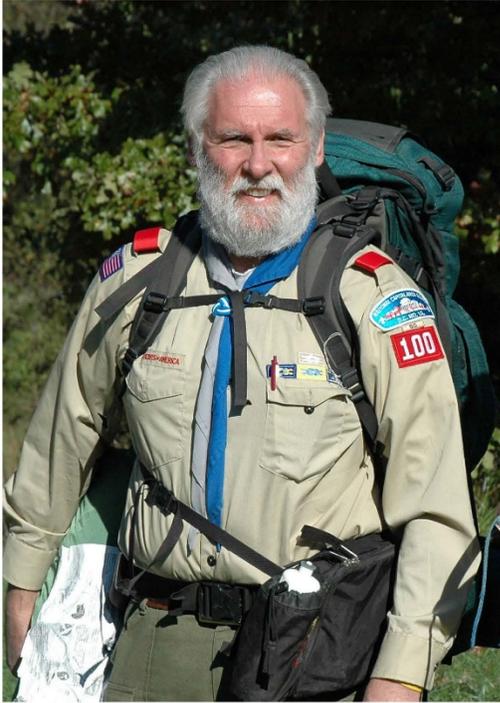
Troop Picnic

June 6, 2018 — Every year Troop 100 has a picnic. This is mostly a get together at the end of the year. This is also when some new Scouts get their first taste of Scouting and Troop 100. Games, and conversation are the main forms of entertainment, and what most people do for a majority of the picnic. This with the addition of food is what makes the picnic such a fun experience.

I remember this year after I ate dinner which comprised of a Subway sandwich, we mostly just threw around a frisbee or ball, and I somewhat remember us playing Ultimate Frisbee. I also remember talking about future plans for the Troop with my fellow PLC members. As the Scouts played, the adults talked about the Troop, bragging about their kids, or complaining about the current

political matters. I didn't participate in these conversations as I was either too busy playing games or talking with friends about their summer plans. This was concluded by a campfire where all the Patrols performed skits and songs and lastly a speech by our Scoutmaster. All in all, the picnic was a fun and laid back experience.

Alex Penberthy



John LeMon - Scoutmaster Troop 100

Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to Troop 100.

You have contributed much to the Scouting tradition and to our community as a whole.

Most importantly, you have helped our sons build the confidence they will need to succeed in life.

For that, we are forever grateful.

Steve & Rina Kunk



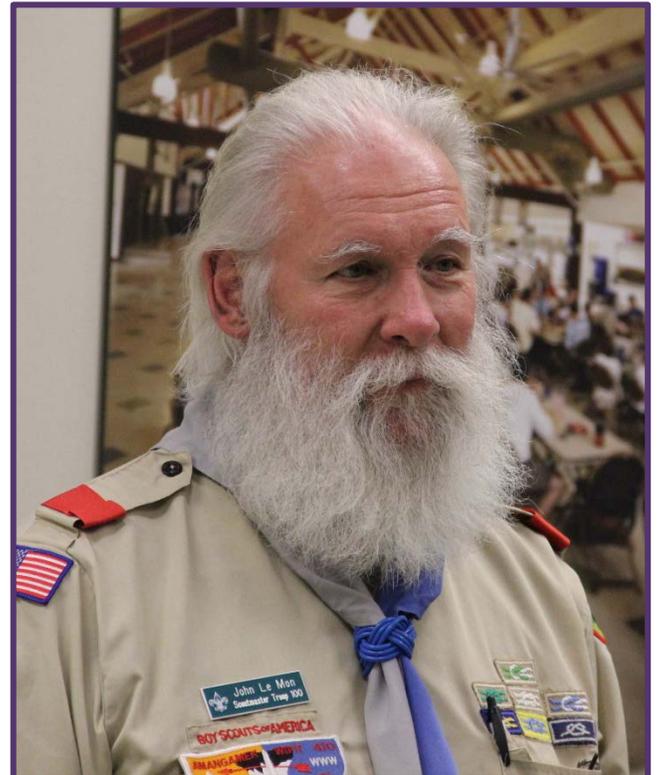
John Le Mon

Thank you for your many years of dedication and for the positive impact you have had on the scouts of Troop 100 as Scoutmaster. You will be long remembered by your scouts.

Alex Francisci - Eagle Scout 2010

Nicholas Francisci - Eagle Scout 2012

Donald Francis - Former Treasurer, Troop 100



Goshen

June 30–July 7, 2018 —

Goshen is a Boy Scout camp where Scouts earn Merit Badges and enjoy being in the outdoors. Goshen is a one-week event which Troop 100 goes to every year. When Troop 100 goes to Goshen, we do Patrol competitions where we build pioneering projects and do other daily competitions. One camp-wide competition called “Troop of the Day” has an oar as a prize.

Some daily challenges include cleanest campsite, best invite, and pioneering. In order to achieve any of these awards, the Patrol has to excel past all other Patrols in that category. One last competition is an ice cream/costume party near the end of the week where we dress up in costumes. Teamwork is a key deciding factor in who comes out on top of each competition. My personal experience at Goshen

2018 was great. I was in the Stag patrol at the time, with Jedidiah, Felix, and Alex. My Patrol ended the week with the award for the best Patrol and best costumes at the ice cream party. I attended two Merit Badge classes, Forestry and Cooking. Over all, I had a great time at Goshen and loved it.

Daniel Sneer

Goshen

June 30–July 7, 2018 —

Goshen is the big challenge of the Scouting year, besides Philmont. I chose for this Goshen to take part in two fun but non-essential Merit Badges: Canoeing and Archery. Goshen usually has one of two types of weather, very hot or very rainy. This year Goshen was very hot. It rained only once the whole week and got all of the week’s rain in one day. As SPL, Goshen was fairly standard for me; having been ASPL on the previous Goshen, I was ready to lead and accept meals. The Patrols were fairly balanced with competition expected to be tough. The Patrols all had a good week with no serious disasters throughout the week, and if there were disasters they were covered up.

The first night is often a difficult one for new Scouts, but this Goshen the terrors came for me.

Goshen had been tracking a bear which had been moving throughout the area. The bear was within our campsite and was looking for peanuts or maybe trash. The bear was within the campsite for almost all night and while it was around, I vowed, without my own knowledge, to not sleep. I would not be a bear’s midnight snack and not its breakfast either. The bear was not alone, however; it had a companion more in nature with trash. The raccoon and bear seemed to have made a pact to annoy our camp. While one ran around knocking things over, the other rested for the next bout. The raccoon seemed to love my tent most of all. It ran beneath my tent on multiple occasions. Thus, although it was the first time I had seen these animals, it would not be the last. The animals seemed to know when we would leave and

wished to say goodbye. The last night was their send off for us. They came back with a purpose and caused major chaos that rattled the camp. All in all, this Goshen was very memorable and unique in its own way.

Patrick Sneer

Turkey Run

September, 2018 — It was a cold winter morning in September. I had to wake up fairly early because I did not pack the night before and had to get all my equipment together. I was extremely excited as this was the first campout I would be going on with Troop 100, and I would earn my neckerchief at the end of it. Despite being in the troop for 8 months, I had been too busy to make any campouts with the troop. During that time, I had made friends with many of the people in the troop and I was eager to finally go on a camping trip with them. I was picked up at my house by Mr Snee and his sons, and we drove to the church. We had to divide all the food amongst ourselves and put it into our packs. Then we had to go through each tent and make sure that they all had the necessary amount of poles and stakes. After finally checking the items and packing our bags, we headed off to the National Museum of the Marine Corps

The drive to the Museum was relatively short, and I had a great time talking to the other scouts on our way there. Once we got there we spent the morning walking around the museum and looking

at all the interesting items they had on display there. I was particularly intrigued by an exhibit on World War II that showed all the weapons that were used by people on both sides of the war. They had an exhibit called “Making Marines” that showcased the process you must go through to become one, including how they recruit Marines, the training you have to go through, and the drills that the Marines learn. Once we were done touring the museum, we headed to the campsite.

To get to the campsite we had to hike through a very hilly area that seemed to slope up and down at random. I had two pots attached to my bag, and with every step they hit each other and made an irritating sound. Eventually Patrick made me take one of them off because they were annoying everyone. Once we got to the campsite, we had lunch (ham and cheese sandwiches on pita bread and trail mix) and then started setting up tents. Daniel taught me how to set them up as I had never worked with these types before. After we had finished, Nico directed us to go collect wood while he and Patrick set up the tarp and made dinner. Nico also

brought cake mix that we were going to bake in the fire. For dinner we had macaroni and cheese and ham. Then we sat around the campfire warming up, as it was fairly cold outside. At the end of the campfire, I finally got my neckerchief after 8 months. Then we took the cake out of the campfire and, much to our dismay, it was mostly burnt. We ate the parts that were still ok, and afterwards went to sleep.

When I woke up in the morning, it was to the sound of extremely heavy rain. Unfortunately, I had left my bag outside and forgot to put it under the tarp, which means it had gotten extremely soaked. We couldn't set a fire to make the breakfast, so we had to pack up everything including our tents, which were very wet and muddy. We threw everything in Mr. Acajabon's car and headed to the nearest Waffle House for breakfast instead. After cheering up over some waffles, we went back to the church and said goodbye. Even though it ended very soggy, I thoroughly enjoyed my first campout with Troop 100 and had a great time

Quentin Colon

District Camporee

October 19–21, 2018 — We got to the campsite around sunset. We pitched our tents. The whole time I was learning. It made me feel like I could use all of this stuff in the real world. The next morning, we woke up bright and early. I did not mind that I did not get a lot of sleep that night. I was excited to start the day. We made breakfast and Ralph, our District

Commissioner, came around with coffee. I had a little bit of coffee. Eight o'clock hit, and it was finally time to go to the flag ceremony. After the flag ceremony I was so happy that I could not stand still. Throughout the day I met a lot of new people in the stations the scouts were working. I also met a lot of the other Troops and their Scouts.

I was having a lot of fun throughout the whole trip. Overall the best part was when I got my neckerchief. I also got to know the rest of the Troop a lot better. I learned how to make a successful fire. I was having so much fun I did not get home sick. This was my take on the 2018 camporee.

Neil Heffner



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District Camporee

October 19–21, 2018 — This was my first campout with the Troop. I hadn't been in the Troop a long time, yet I was starting to warm up to the Scouts there. I was practically clueless about what to bring on my first campout.

We left St Ann's Church around 5 pm on Friday. The weather was pretty warm, so it wasn't necessary to pack heavy. The trip seemed long, however the time was well spent playing ice-breaker games in the car. Neil and I, the newer Scouts, were in the van with Quentin and Daniel.

Scoutmaster

John Le Mon was driving. As we arrived, the environment was eerily quiet as we drove down an unknown road in the dark. We began to quiet down as we gradually crept down the road where, finally, a crossroad

became visible in the distance with a single stand that had a faint glow coming from it. We eventually came to a gentle stop, lightly startling me. We got out of the van to stretch our legs for a moment before we got back into the van to go to the campsite which wasn't very far down the road.

We finally had arrived at our campsite as the other vehicle

pulled up beside us. We gathered all the gear, looked around to see that the terrain was not very rugged and had lots of trees as well as a couple of picnic tables and fire rings. We then started to set up camp; Neil and I were shown how to properly set up a tent by Daniel. He also showed us how to set up a tarp for our packs and gear. I never would have known that rope could possibly "strangle" a tree. Putting sticks between tree bark and the rope is an ingenious idea and a big contribution to the tarp set up. Patrick also taught us how to set



up a fire. Neil was very knowledgeable in the type of sticks we used. Kindling and tinder would never come to my mind when referencing the smaller sticks. Now I know the different types of structures to build a fire.

Then it was finally time to eat the "bag suppers" we brought with us, so as we gathered for dinner, we recited the "GOSHEN" grace:

For Goodness
For Opportunity
For Strength
For Happiness
For Enjoyment
For Nourishment
We thank Thee, O Lord

After dinner we cleaned up, set up our sleeping gear in the tents and gathered for a campfire. It was time for Neil and me to be properly inducted into the Troop. It was a very eye-opening experience. We were given our Troop neckerchiefs and learned about the history of them.

The next morning, we woke up early and it was moist outside. It was different waking up in a tent. We prepared breakfast and cleaned up. It felt good to officially be part of the Troop. We then went to the Parade Grounds where all of the Troops met for the activities. The Flag ceremony filled me with pride, finally being recognized as a Boy Scout.

After the ceremony, we went to our different stations. Soccer was first; pretty competitive, then lasso throwing; very difficult, orienteering was fun and football was also fun. First Aid was a real learning experience and Tug-of-War taught all of the other Troops that Troop 100 is here to stay. The whole experience was very nice for my first campout – I really enjoyed it and am glad to be a Scout.

D'Jhanir Harris-Smith

Troop 100's 30th Annual Pancake Breakfast

November 3, 2018 — The pancake breakfast! A classic Troop 100 event, which serves many purposes for our Troop; it raises money to fund our activities and equipment, helps us to connect with the community and offers us the chance to recruit local kids into our Scout program. This year, like all the other years prior, was a great success. We had a large turnout and we rose nearly \$2,500 for the troop.

The breakfast is a very rewarding experience for a Boy Scout, as you get to realize the impact of your actions and efforts on the entire Troop. We stay involved throughout the process. We start working on it weeks before the day of the breakfast, going around the neighborhoods to sell tickets. Then, we help gathering all the food and tools, and setting up the

room the day before the event. On the day of the breakfast we start early in the morning to work. We serve until the last customer has left, and then we help clean up.

At the breakfast the Boy Scouts serve as waiters, while the adults cook. This allows the costumers to interact with the Scouts. They often ask questions about the Troop, camping trips and what it is like to be part of the Boy Scout community. The Scouts also perform some great skits.

We meet a vast range of people: parents of Boy Scouts, people who want their sons to become Boy Scouts, as well as other people who are part of the Boy Scout community either because they have had a son in the program, or because they regularly donate to the Troop. We also see

some former Scouts from our Troop who are now Eagles. It is nice to catch up with them.

The annual Pancake Breakfast is a lot of fun, and a great way for the Scouts to meet different people and show them what it means to be a Boy Scout. It teaches us to be organized while preparing and serving food, and to be polite to the costumers. Overall it is a great opportunity to enhance several skills which we need to use later in our life as well as a great way to help our Troop.

Marco Errico



Pohick Bay & Gunston Hall

November 17–18, 2018 —

When we arrived at the campsite, the Troop next us was setting up an 8-foot-tall tripod. When we asked why they were setting it up, they said it was for a campfire big enough to cook Thanksgiving dinner for over 100 people. I thought that was pretty impressive and considered sneaking in to the celebration to swipe some turkey and stuffing.

inside the campsite and played a couple rounds of that for a while. After that, we took a small trip to the nearby museum/house of George Mason, a lesser known founding father, where we took a tour. It was relatively small but the craftsmanship of the walls and furniture was very top notch. We decided to stop in the gift shop to look around and Sam Snee ended up buying a book on cooking with a campfire. The house was upon a

that there were no burnt parts of the brownie because that rarely ever happens. After that we performed two skits and songs then went to bed.

In the morning, pack up was very efficient and everything looked like it was going as planned. For breakfast, we were going to have French Toast, bacon, and the leftover potatoes. However, we had run out of fuel for our stove while we were starting the bacon. As a result, it was a very light breakfast with every person getting one piece of French Toast and only a little bacon. I decided at that moment that I would always bring at least a back-up fuel bottle to every campout from now on. After that, we got in the car and drove home.

Thomas Casasola



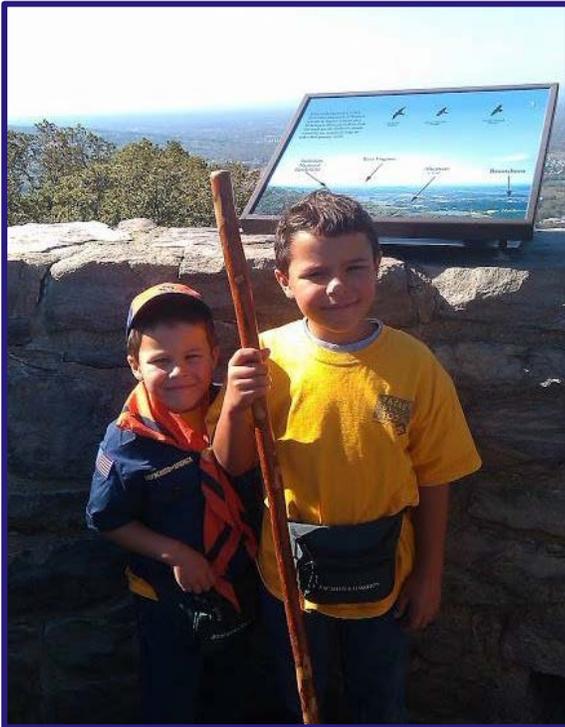
We were able to quickly set up our tents because the area was relatively flat and the ground was soft from recent rainfall. Our campsite was very close to the water spout and bathrooms so I decided that I should probably fill up my water bottle now rather than later. When I got back to the campsite, two of the scouts were trying to hit an empty Gatorade bottle out of the air with a stick. Neither of them could, so everyone took a turn trying to hit it out the air. Eventually, we set up a makeshift baseball game

giant hill that we rolled down and then ran back up. It was very scenic considering that it was almost sunset. Naturally we decided to take a picture at the top of the hill.

We then returned for dinner where Patrick and I were cooking beef stew with a tomato base. Overall it was good, however, the meat wasn't well distributed and we should have used beef stock instead of water. After that we cooked the brownies in the Dutch oven with the campfire we were building. I felt very accomplished

**Congratulations Patrick Snee on your Scouting Journey to Eagle!
Thank you Troop 100!**

The Snee Family



**Thank you John Le Mon
from the Laguarda Family**



Pohick Bay & Gunston Hall

November 17–18, 2018 —

Pohick Bay began as all other campouts did with meeting at the church at 7am. The weather was cold and windy, but it would later rain. The plan was to leave from the 7/11 and drive to a drop off point to hike into the campsite from about 1.5 miles away. I rode in the car with Thomas, Nico, and William. The ride was like most of the others, catching up on sleep not gotten last night. I was able to see some of the farms and pastures of the mid-Atlantic which accompanied most of the campout rides. This camp out was meant to have very nice weather and it lived up to expectations.

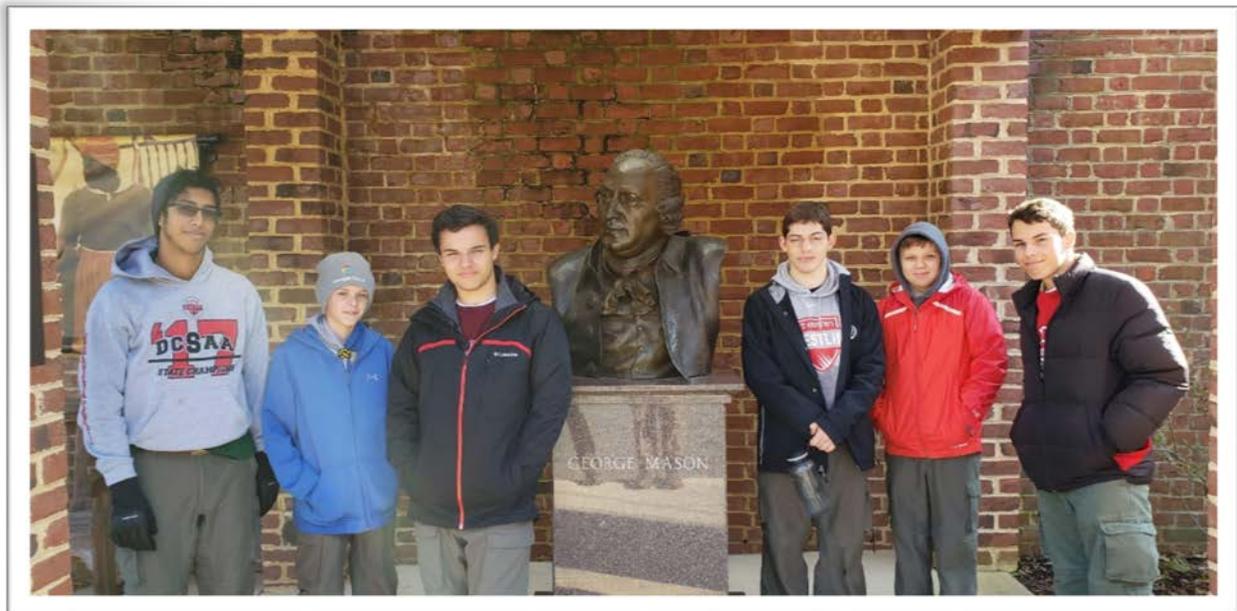
We got into camp and set up. This was pretty easy apart from choosing where to put our tents because the campsite was sloped down a hill so no flat ground was to be seen. The rain that was

expected held off until evening, when it began to pour. Before the rains we got some good advancement in where many requirements were earned and subjects were learned. This advancement was so enthralling that William left his book on the table overnight in the rain. If you look you can see that Will's book is significantly larger than everyone else's. Will was not the only one to leave something to get wet. Nico left his shoes somewhere and his shoes ended up very wet and very unusable. Nico has to borrow my Sperry's and he ended up taking them home by accident. This accident was fortunate however, he polished them and they look different from all other Sperry's I have seen before.

In the morning the rain continued and it was cold. The Scoutmasters

put their heads together and decided to scrap breakfast and find food on the way home. Once camp was thoroughly down and soaked, we left camp not knowing where our next meal would be. We would end up at the gates of Waffle House where we were unsure if it was colder outside or in. Food came and was consumed. The rest of the trip was simple for me: sleep and put away gear. The challenge would be finishing homework once home.

Patrick Snee



Tree Sale

December 1, 2018 — Troop 100 held its annual tree sale on a rainy Saturday in December. The trees were as fresh as ever.



National Cryptologic Museum

December 15, 2018 — Our trip to the National Cryptologic Museum happened in early December. Since we don't normally camp during the month of December, we decided to go on a day activity. The museum is located just outside the National Security Agency (NSA) headquarters. The museum gave a history of the United States of America and how codes and code breaking have helped the nation with security and protection dating back to the deeds of the Culper Ring during the American Revolution, through recent surveillance techniques. The tour guide offered a chronological tour of cryptology, but also allowed Scouts that wanted to explore the liberty to do so. There were a lot of artifacts visible in the museum, which I found rather interesting. There were also many stations that allowed you to interact with methods that people relayed messages in code. One station had an ENIGMA Machine (a German encryption device) that encoded messages using preset letter swaps by use of metal discs, that rotated as you typed each letter. Once it was done it would show the coded counterpart. The museum also showed a short documentary with footage of the NSA building, which before the documentary you couldn't find. While the film talked about the capture of Osama Bin Laden, I feel like there was an extreme amount of lights

that were added to the shots inside the building, making it look like a scene from the movie War Games, right before the missiles "launch" (spoilers). Overall the trip was fun and I feel like everyone learned a lot. We left, but not before everyone had a turn in one of those stereotypical

office spinning chairs, that were setup in front of a mock NASA control board filled with buttons and switches. The buttons and switches didn't do anything of course, but we pushed our chairs from one side to another pressing them nonetheless.

Nico Acajaron

Congratulations, D'Jhanir!



We're proud of you, Buddy!

Mommy, Daddy, Papa, Joi

Mama Nyce, Abuelita, Auntie Ciara,

and Baba Abadeu

Holiday Party

December 19, 2018 — For most people the words Holiday Party probably bring to mind images of friends and family gathered around a warm fireplace wearing Christmas sweaters and drinking eggnog. But ask any Troop 100 Scout and the picture they describe will be very



different.

This year's was like any other, beginning with the drawing to determine who got which gift, but to understand the exchange you need to understand the rules. Each person must wrap his gift in an attempt to have it be the last one opened and rules include things like, no gift may be welded shut. As the drawing began everyone stood back anxiously waiting for the hat to reach them. Once we had retrieved our packages and retreated to our corners of the room the announcement was made, "You can now open your gifts" and the frenzied banging of hammers

took over. The gift I was tasked with unwrapping was a box inside a box inside a box inside, you guessed it, a box all held in place with packing tape. Even as we tore open our gifts we couldn't help looking over to see how the gifts we had wrapped were faring.

As time went on, one by one puzzles were solved and gifts were unwrapped through layers of duct tape and cardboard. We sat back to inspect our prizes and walked around showing off

our new multi tools and Scout gear. The final people continued to work on their gifts. Just as time ran out Neil broke open the final layer of his gift. And the winner was declared.



Finally, we sat back along the table at the end of the room talked about the year's accomplishments and ate our traditional Troop 100 Holiday Party root beer floats and cookies as the room began to feel like Christmas.

William Wales



PLC Retreat

January 19-20, 2019 — I guess I should give some background. Background can be defined as “lore” and as we all know lore is important. Another thing I should preface is yes, I’m aware this was a terrible use of the word lore but that’s about the quality of how people were using the word on the trip but I digress.

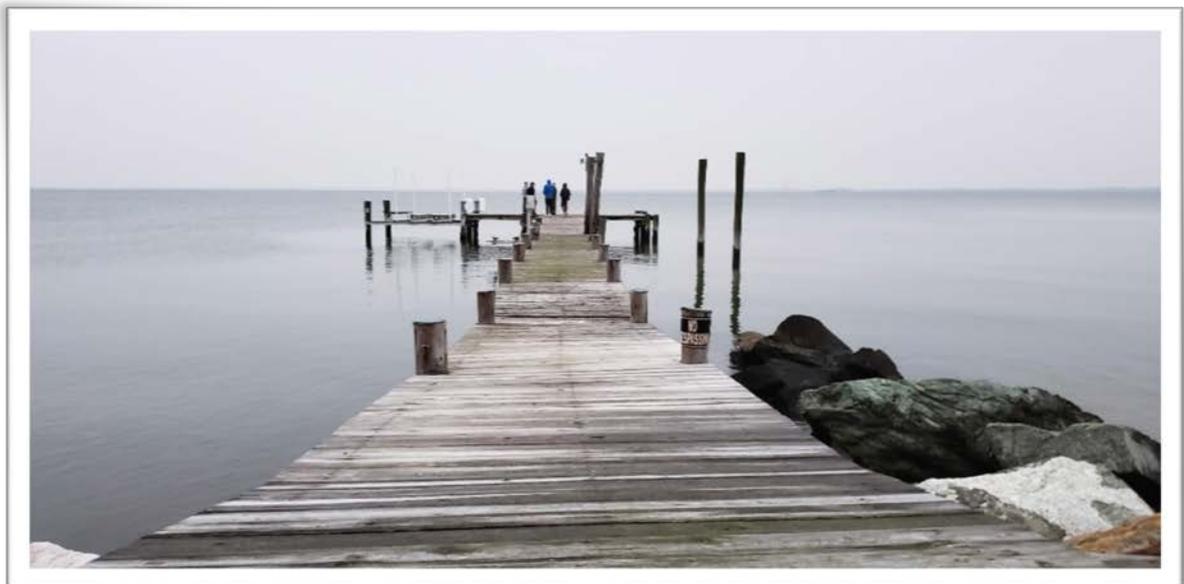
The Patrol Leader Council is a retreat the Troop does to organize and plan out the events for the following year set in the month of January. Now some people may be thinking to themselves, wait if this happened in 2019 how could it go in the 2018 Council Fire and to that I say.... This year the trip was open to all the Scouts to allow them to be leadership certified so that the future of the Troop is filled with efficient and effective leaders. The house we stayed at was on the Chesapeake; it had a very nice view, and we took a good number of pictures (speaking of which, someone still



needs to send them.) Patrick, Thomas, and I were the seasoned veterans, Patrick having gone the most out of all of us, a grand total of four times (WOW). To a twelve-year-old that’s a third of his life. Alternatively, to an 8-year-old that’s half his life and to a 4-year-old that’s well I would hope you don’t need me to explain that one. We watched some inspirational videos and some not-so-inspirational ones. But a video that parallels dancing and leadership was a close second.

The entire trip was a really good trip and while my father had to forcibly take me out of bed (I’m not a morning person) I did have a great time from the childish pillow fights to the card games and conversations to even the actual work. In the end we left that windy Sunday morning but not before another excess of photos were taken and not before a couple slips occurred on the wet grass and just like that, we headed home.

Nico Acajabon



Scout Sunday

February 10, 2019 — Scout Sunday is a new tradition* at Troop 100 where some of the boys help out with a Mass on the Sunday closest to the date in February when Scouting in America was born.

This year's Scout Sunday was exactly the same as last year's

except there was more participation. The main parts of the Mass stayed the same and the only changes were that Tigran and I were up on the altar. Tigran and I read the first and second readings respectively and there were no problems with them. The Mass continued as usual and was finished as usual. After the Mass

the Scouts stuck around for a bit to tell interested boys about the Boy Scouts.

Patrick Snee

*Ed. Note: Scout Sunday has long been a tradition in Troop 100 but after moving to St Ann's in 2007 was not continued until 2017.

Walkersville Watershed

February 16–17, 2019 — Walkersville Watershed was the winter “snow” campout for Troop 100, though originally planned for us to go to Marsh's Farm. This camping trip was very cold and windy, but there was no snow. At the site, the host informed us that we could claim a lot for the Troop, which we would have to maintain in exchange for using it on a regular basis. We considered taking a spot, but when we went to see some of the unclaimed spots, we decided against it.

The food was great, especially the chilli made by the Stags and the cakes we made were among the best the adults said they ever had. I had a fantastic time being with my friends and having fun with the Troop.

Daniel Snee





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March 2nd 2019

Scoutmaster John Le Mon

Dear John,

I'm writing to congratulate you on achieving more than 20 years of service with Troop 100 and to express my best wishes to you on your future endeavors.

The Boy Scouts, with their strong emphasis on personal health, preparedness, and teamwork, have proven to lead by example to produce strong and self-confident members of our community. Your contributions to that effort over these past two decades have been tremendous, and I thank you for them. You are a valued member of the greater Washington community, and I am proud to serve you as a member of the Council of the District of Columbia.

Congratulations on all your accomplishments, and I anticipate great things from you in your future.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary M. Cheh".

Mary M. Cheh
Councilmember, Ward 3



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February 5, 2019

John Le Mon
Boy Scouts of America
Troop 100
4001 Yuma Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Mr. Le Mon:

I write to extend my very best wishes as you step down from Boy Scout Troop 100 after 20 years as Scoutmaster.

For two decades you've prepared young people to make ethical choices by instilling in them values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The positive impact you have had on your community, our youth, and volunteers is immeasurable.

I truly admire your work and send you my best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. White, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert C. White, Jr.
Councilmember, At-Large
Chair, Committee on Facilities and Procurement
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2018-19 Nights of Camping

Since our last edition of *The Council Fire*, the Scouts of Troop 100 have camped a total of 151 nights.

Scout	Trips	Nights	Total Nights Troop 100
Nico Acajabon	6	13	120
Tigran Anlian	1	1	68
Thomas Casasola	6	13	81
Quentin Colon	2	3	3
Marco Errico	1	1	29
Felix Garland	3	9	73
D'Jhanir Harris-Smith	3	4	4
Neil Heffner	3	4	4
Remy Mayen	1	1	1
Stefan Morgan	1	1	13
Sammy Nikolova	1	1	14
Alex Penberthy	5	11	47
Jamie Quinn	2	9	124
Daniel Snee	9	16	53
Patrick Snee	9	16	136
Henry Stefanick	2	8	8
Jake Stefanik	4	10	79
Jamie Sworobuk	4	10	29
Jedi Sworobuk	4	10	24
Jethro Sworobuk	2	8	8
Willam Wales	6	7	19

Scout Advancement

In addition to the rank advancements listed below, Troop 100 Scouts earned **57 Merit Badges** this past year.



Scout

Emerson Rising
Aaron Rosen
Jethro Sworobuk
Henry Stefanick



Tenderfoot

Second Class

Samuil Nikilov
Jedi Sworobuk
William Wales



First Class

Samuil Nikolov



Star

Thomas Casasola



Eagle

Tigran Anlian



Troop 100 Eagle Scouts



1	Thomas W. McConville	September 13, 1920	35	Walter Souder, Jr	June 15, 1937
2	Victor Hartshorn	(1920)	36	George Souder	September 20, 1937
3	John F. Marquis	February 21, 1921	37	Leigh Nettleton	(1938)
4	William J. Stephenson	March 12, 1921	38	Richard H. Rule	June 12, 1939
5	Robert Hartshorn	August 18, 1921	39	Toby Brunner	September 24, 1942
6	Alden Snell	(1922)	40	Lake G. Churchill, Jr	October 7, 1942
7	J. Lewis Atkins	May 17, 1923	41	William Gleaves	(1947)
8	Nelson Fortson	May 17, 1923	42	Michael W. Dix	December 24, 1952
9	Carlos Marcum	(1923)	43	Robert A. Major	April 13, 1956
10	John D. Wackerman	April 12, 1924	44	Ronald M. Hintze	January 11, 1957
11	Eugene Roberts	October 23, 1924	45	William Payne	April 21, 1960
12	Loren Adams	December 17, 1924	46	John W. Skow	March 15, 1961
13	Arvan Reese	December 17, 1924	47	George Cresswell	January 23, 1964
14	Lane Robert Mickey	January 30, 1925	48	George A. Hintze	January 30, 1964
15	Francis Wayland	May 19, 1925	49	James E. Harris	January 30, 1964
16	John Fredrick Marshall	May 28, 1925	50	Heinz F. H. Winkler	February 25, 1965
17	James Edward Weedon	October 9, 1925	51	Milton Friedman	()
18	Kelsey Saint	(1925)	52	Thomas A. Dorian	March 24, 1966
19	Francis M. Thuney	February 2, 1926	53	Reginald Haseltine	September 22, 1966
20	Matthew Trimble Sautelle	February 23, 1926	54	Ralph L. Wooden	February 26, 1970
21	Roger Marquis	February 23, 1926	55	Steven H. van der Tak	February 26, 1970
22	Arthur L. Conn	February 2, 1927	56	James W. Evans	January 25, 1971
23	H. Burdge Caton	February 13, 1927	57	James J. Mammarella	January 25, 1971
24	William H. Dix	February 18, 1927	58	Bernard P. Schoch	March 17, 1971
25	Robert McMillen	February 18, 1927	59	Wesley D. Crosby	March 16, 1972
26	Hallock Snell	February 18, 1927	60	Douglas M. Bonham	March 22, 1973
27	Alfred Toombs	February 25, 1928	61	Steve Kunk	July 27, 1973
28	Larry Blumenthal	(1929)	62	Jean-Jacques Schoch	July 27, 1973
29	Robert Newell	October 16, 1930	63	Jeffrey E. Segall	March 1, 1975
30	Robert A. Fessenden	October 16, 1930	64	Derek C. van der Tak	May 9, 1977
31	John J. Amante	February 13, 1934	65	John A. Dorian	May 9, 1977
32	William Crockett	April 7, 1934	66	Lewis A. Segall	May 19, 1977
33	Alex Adrian	September 12, 1934	67	Laurens van der Tak	April 26, 1979
34	Edward Taggart	September 19, 1935	68	John H. Ostar	October 28, 1979

69	Erik R. Hanson.....	June 12, 1980	110	Michael J. Newman.....	August 21, 2005
70	Mark Hoge.....	June 12, 1980	111	Allan Rey.....	November 19, 2006
71	William M. Warncke, Jr.....	July 1, 1982	112	Rafael Suarez.....	March 29, 2007
72	Eric P. Stanley.....	March 1, 1983	113	Manuel Robles.....	March 29, 2007
73	Bryce M. Quayle.....	November 25, 1983	114	Alexander Francisci.....	January 29, 2010
74	James C. Kreidler.....	December 18, 1984	115	Scot G. Hoke.....	January 29, 2010
75	Thomas L. Lalley, Jr.....	December 5, 1985	116	Matthew M. Bond.....	June 15, 2010
76	John Mark Neiman.....	June 23, 1986	117	Michael A. Robles.....	August 10, 2010
77	Richard A. Craig.....	August 13, 1986	118	Jourdan K. Wooden.....	January 30, 2012
78	Mitchell S. Tartt.....	October 23, 1986	119	Nicholas A. Francisci.....	January 30, 2012
79	Michael T. Sharkey.....	March 5, 1987	120	Andrew Kunk.....	January 22, 2013
80	James D. Young.....	August 25, 1987	121	Francis X. McCarthy.....	January 22, 2013
81	Christopher L. Olsen.....	March 21, 1988	122	Marcus M. Swentkofske.....	September 5, 2013
82	Mark L. Anderson.....	November 27, 1988	123	Garrett M. Gregory.....	September 5, 2013
83	Jacob Russin.....	January 9, 1990	124	Alexander M. Casasola.....	October 8, 2013
84	James Barrett.....	April 30, 1990	125	J. Seamus Kirkpatrick.....	February 27, 2014
85	Colin Sellar.....	August 25, 1990	126	Erik N. Gross.....	February 27, 2014
86	Philip W. Manley.....	May 23, 1991	127	John F. Giordano.....	June 20, 2014
87	Jeffrey N. Olsen.....	April 2, 1992	128	Christopher J. Kunk.....	October 28, 2014
88	David Cortez.....	June 11, 1992	129	Richard S. Randall.....	October 28, 2014
89	Russell Shultz.....	January 28, 1993	130.	Liam D. Kirkpatrick.....	March 7, 2016
90	Andrew Neilson.....	March 9, 1993	131.	D. Danny Swentkofske.....	March 7, 2016
91	Miles King.....	July 20, 1993	132.	Alexander D. Ray.....	June 20, 2016
92	Stephen R. Preer.....	July 28, 1993	133.	Jonah Garland.....	June 20, 2016
93	Charles Roberts.....	July 21, 1994	134.	Elliot M. Cornfeld.....	November 3, 2016
94	Charles d'Adhemar.....	October 26, 1995	135.	Akil J. Mondie.....	November 3, 2016
95	Randall P. Cates.....	July 5, 1996	136.	Michael J. Vigdor.....	November 26, 2016
96	Christopher J. Le Mon.....	July 5, 1996	137.	Johnny C. Casasola.....	August 8, 2017
97	Christopher Roberts.....	December 16, 1996	138.	Dev B. Hippenstiel.....	December 17, 2017
98	Georgios S. Papadopoulos.....	June 9, 1997	139.	Alex N. Schonberger.....	December 17, 2017
99	Jonathan C. King.....	August 15, 1997	140.	Pablo R. Laguarda.....	December 19, 2017
100	Conrad Z. Risher.....	November 25, 1997	141.	Tigran J. Anlian.....	January 6, 2019
101	Jonathan S. Cates.....	January 31, 2000			
102	Thomas P. Healey.....	May 3, 2000			
103	Alex E. Stover.....	May 11, 2000			
104	Matthew A. Hall.....	January 22, 2001			
105	Robert C. Bond.....	October 25, 2001			
106	Bradley D. Hutchison.....	November 4, 2002			
107	Brian P. Haskell.....	June 22, 2004			
108	John R. Hoke III.....	June 25, 2005			
109	Thomas B. Silverman.....	June 25, 2005			



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