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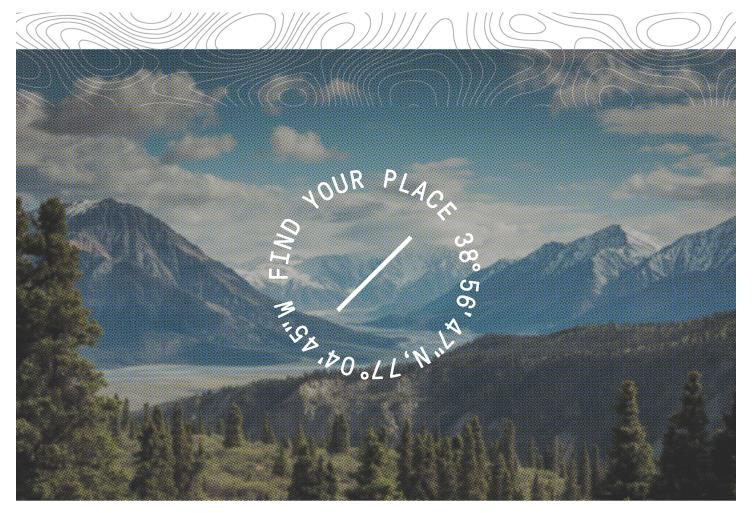
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Troop 100 Roster

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2023 Anniversary Dinner Program

Troop 100 | 103rd Anniversary Dinner March 11, 2023, 6pm

Social Hour

Dinner Invite

Grace

Welcome & Introduction

Dinner

Presentation of Charter

Skit I

Recognition - Advancement, Camping, Service Hours

Council Fire Recognition and Dedication

Skit II

Cake

Skit III

Songs

Scoutmaster Minute/Closing



Scoutmaster's Minute

Edwin Acajabon

Another year has gone by, and Troop 100 remains. We teach our Scouts to "Be Prepared!" It is the motto of Scouts BSA, but what does it mean? When Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, was asked, 'Be prepared for what?' His response was simply, "Why, for any old thing." Scouts should not only be prepared to go camping, to recite the oath and law, to tie knots, or to help someone cross the street, they should be prepared for whatever life throws at them. In this way, they become resilient. A Scout that is prepared is adaptable. They look at a situation and can find more than one way to approach it. If they do not have the tools at hand that they may want, they will figure out another way. When they go out Scouts carry first aid kits in the event of an emergency. Yet, they are ready to turn any object into a first aid kit. The neckerchief they wear can become a sling, it can be used to tie a splint, it can be used in unison with other neckerchiefs to make a stretcher, and it can be used





as a bandage or tourniquet if it becomes necessary.

Scouts learn skills to help them succeed, but they also learn that failure is not the end. Failure something they must be prepared for, and they should learn from. They do not give up when faced with adversity. They rise and go forward again, having learned, and having become better prepared for what they face. Scouts heading to camp pack their

gear and learn how to survive. Yet, if something is left behind, they do not turn back, they find a solution. Scouts are taught twelve values by which they should live their lives, not just when they are with the troop, but in life. A Scout who is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent, is a better citizen, a better family member, a better student, and a better person. They are prepared for life.

This year Troop 100 was proud to celebrate three Scouts that attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Daniel Snee, Alex Penberthy, and D'Jhanir Harris Smith, each rose to the challenge of completing the highest rank in Scouting. Their service projects contribute towards feeding the hungry and giving back



to St. Ann's, our Chartering Organization. You can see their names on the plaque in the scout meeting room honoring all of Troop 100's Eagle Scouts since its founding. Yet, there is still room for more to come.

Life in Troop 100 has returned close to normal since the pandemic sent us home three years ago. In person meetings continued every Wednesday, new Scouts joined throughout the year, we held the



Pancake Annual Breakfast, celebrated with a family picnic, and will have our **Potluck** Annual Dinner. Troop 100 continued to serve holding food by drives to support those less fortunate and troop families donated to help those suffering after the recent earthquake that has devastated Turkey and Syria. This past year, Troop 100 spent a week at the Goshen Scout Reservation,



where they were named the Troop of the Week. They also spent a week at Camp Rodney, where they were named Honor Troop.

The momentum does not stop. We say farewell to Scouts as they head off to college, knowing that we will see them again. In fact, during the Winter Holiday Party, we had a visit from six of our alumni. We say welcome to new Scouts that one day hope to see their names on the Eagle Scout Plaque. This summer, Troop 100 returns to Goshen as it does every year, while a crew of Scouts will be making their way back to the Philmont Scout Ranch for 10 days of backpacking through New Mexico. Between now and then, you will find Scouts readying themselves for the month's camping trip. You will know it's Troop 100 when you see them, by their uniforms and their distinctive neckerchiefs. You will know them because they will "Be Prepared" for whatever adventure presents itself.



Daniel Snee's Eagle Project

February 2022 | Luke Voss

It was a cold February morning as I arrived at the snow-covered Franciscan Monastery here in DC. Our goal by the end of the weekend was to build five raised beds for Daniel Snee's Eagle Project. The process sounded simple enough — cutting the wood planks to the exact length and screwing them together. However, just like many things in Scouts, it did not turn out to be so easy.

Since the planks were big, we needed to have a few Scouts hold them together while another person drilled them together. Because it was hard to work in the snow, we had to do some of the work in a dimly-lit underground tunnel, with water pooling on the ground. It was definitely not ideal, but it was better than being out in the snow. In addition to Troop 100 volunteers, some friendly Scouts from other troops also helped us out.





While we were building, I remember hearing the sound of breaking glass, which we later learned was just one of the Scouts fooling around and accidentally breaking part of the greenhouse. Oops! As each raised bed was built, it would be carefully inspected and then onto the next stage. This next part consisted of covering the beds in netting and using a staple gun to attach them together. Finally, we brought the completed beds up the hill to the greenhouse.



Daniel's Eagle Scout Project was the first one I attended since I joined the troop, and I think it helped me learn what these projects were typically like and all the teamwork that goes into them. The next two Eagle projects I volunteered for were Alex's and Quentin's projects, which also involved building raised beds at the Franciscan Monastery and it was great to see all these projects benefiting the Monastery. Despite the weather, Daniel's Eagle Scout Project was fun and was a good introduction to the hard work necessary to be part of the troop.



Marsh's Farm Campout

February 2022 | William Holzwanger

Marsh's Farm was my first campout and in Troop 100 tradition, it is where I got my neckerchief.

I went to this campout in February of 2022. Something big that happened at the campout was that when we were trying to set up our tents, they would blow away. It was very windy where we were.

While we were trying to retrieve the tents and set them back up, it started snowing. It didn't snow a lot, but it still snowed. During the campout it got very cold, especially at night.





Because it was so cold, the food lost its heat very quickly, so it didn't warm us up. I was wearing four or five layers but I was still cold. I was hoping I wouldn't get frostbite or hypothermia or something like that. It was my first campout with Troop 100.

Alex Penberthy's Eagle Project

March 2022 | Ray Matano

I attended Alex's Eagle Project at the Franciscan Monastery on March 13, 2022. It was snowing and freezing that day, and Alex's mother brought donuts and cocoa for us which made me warm. We built almost 10 tables to create another level for the planting beds in the greenhouse, put nets on top of the tables, and carried them to the greenhouse. I specifically focused on building tables and carrying them.

This greenhouse provides food to local food banks to help people who do not have enough food. This project helped teach us how to build a table and the equipment that I used while building them. The project helped the volunteers who work at the greenhouse.





I also learned how an Eagle Project works. Additionally, I learned that a lot of people in the U.S. can't get enough food. People who help those people are essential, and I was happy that I could help them.

Izaac Walton Campout

March 2022 | Ian Condon

It was a normal Saturday morning camping trip, getting up at 7 am and checking over my pack as usual. I arrived at the church close to 8 o'clock and started getting things ready with the rest of the troop. We gathered all the essential gear and supplies. Once we got everything, we packed it in our bags and headed to the cars to set out. We left the church and headed to our normal stop at 7-Eleven to get some snacks for the road. I got my usual bag of party mix, candy, and a soda. After our brief stop, we continued on our way. The route was very similar to the way we drive to my grandparents' house, but then again, most of the campouts are, so it wasn't that strange. When we arrived, we had to wait for someone to bring us the keys to open the gate to our campsite.

We parked our cars and got our gear, then hiked a little bit until we reached a bridge that had a massive branch on it. We carefully went around it and then had to duck under some overgrown



bushes. We walked up a small hill and found our campsite and set up. We had a quick lunch consisting of roast beef sandwiches and chips. I then went off to set up my hammock with some help. Afterwards, Will H., Ray, and I went to find animal tracks and plants for a couple of rank requirements. While this was happening, my dad was cutting the branches around the entrances to make it easier to enter and exit. Soon it was time to make dinner. Dinner was pretty simple: Mac'n'Beef. After dinner, Gabo was in charge of making a Flan (it is like a Crème Caramel). He got it made and then let it cook in the Dutch oven. Once he took it out, he gave it one look and ruled it uneatable due to it not cooking properly. That was okay because he planned for this just in case by bringing Flan pudding in some containers. We then built a fire and had our usual skits and songs, followed by Scout vespers to finish it off.

In the morning we got up and started packing and making breakfast, which was "Hungry Man" in a Dutch oven. Everything was going fine for a little bit until we found out the eggs weren't cooking properly. This was because the liquid eggs we bought were vegan eggs, and they would not cook in the Dutch oven for some reason. So, our breakfast was us scooping the small amounts of "Hungry Man" we could eat onto our plates. After breakfast we did KP (clean up), cleaned/packed everything up, and set out back to the cars. We drove back to the church, put the gear away, and were dismissed.

Spring Appalachian Trail Backpacking Trip

April 2022 | Gabriel "Gabo" Rodriguez Seoane

The Appalachian Trail (AT) backpacking trip was one of the most challenging treks the troop has done this year. We ended up doing a little over 14 miles in total, starting in Maryland and ending in Pennsylvania, while sleeping at camp in the middle. The first day backpacking went well, but we were late to arrive at the campsite. When we finally arrived at the campsite for the night, there were 30-35 people there including another Scout troop. Luckily, the campsite was big enough for us to fit with some light trespassing. However, there were not enough tables for all the campers, so we ended up boiling water for the freeze-dried food on some logs that we found. Since there was no available spot



for a campfire, everyone went to do whatever interested them. I ended up wandering around camp, helping D'Jhanir with his AP Spanish homework, and going to bed early.

The second day of the AT trip smooth, was although everyone was groggy from waking up in the middle of the night to the sounds of backpackers passing through the camp. We woke up on time and were packed and ready to go a little late, but it was fine for the most part. We completed the 12-mile backpacking trip then left our bags by the cars. We then did an extra two miles by visiting a historic tower that was in the vicinity. It was an exciting trip and the first AT trip since 2019. Overall, a fun and challenging campout. I hope it is that fun in 2023!

D'Jhanir Harris Smith's Eagle Project

May 2022 | Jackson Mello

In the Spring, D'Jhanir held his Eagle Scout Project. The project was sponsored by St. Ann's Church, our Chartering Organization. We had to install some pavers to widen the driveway going through the alley behind the church. The pavers would convert a grassy area and allow for more room to drive a vehicle.

This was not an easy task because the first thing we had to do was dig up some very rocky soil filled with roots. The digging required two sessions to fully clear the area. Once we had finally cleared the



soil, we put it on a tarp and loaded it into Will W.'s truck. We then filled the area we dug up with about an inch of sand. After the sand was poured, we installed the pavers. Finally, we poured gravel into the



spaces between the pavers to lock them into place.

Once everything was complete, the result was a driveway that was about 3 feet wider. This extension made it easier for 2 cars to pass each other and made it easier to do a U-turn. Ten months later the pavers are still there albeit there is some damage. This was definitely one of the more fun Eagle Scout Projects I have been involved in.

American Chestnut Land Trust Campout

May 2022 | Ewan Conroy

In May, Troop 100 went on a camping trip to the ACLT. ACLT stands for American Chestnut Land Trust. The American Chestnut Land Trust is a wildlife preserve in Southern Maryland. This trip was special because people are usually not allowed to camp there. It was also special because there was a beach.



Since it was getting dark, we had to be driven back to the campsite. We were all very tired and fell asleep quickly. In the morning, we packed up, had breakfast, and made our way back to St. Ann's Church. I am looking forward to going back there again in 2023.

When we arrived at the campsite we walked through a field and into a clearing where we set up our tents. Then we had lunch. After lunch, we walked to a



different location where we did a conservation project. The project was to clear invasive species from trees in the forest. After this, we walked back to the campsite and had dinner. When dinner was finished we took a long hike to the beach. At the beach, we collected sharks' teeth in the sand.



Triple Eagle Court of Honor

June 2022 | Miguel Souto Learman

It was June 12th when Daniel Snee, Alex Penberthy, and D'Jhanir Harris-Smith earned their final Boy Scout rank: Eagle. We all went to the church's auditorium for the Eagle Court of Honor. This is no ordinary Court of Honor, because this one celebrates their last rank, making the Eagle rank especially important. It is important because it is one of those milestones in Scouting that will help you later in life, increasing your credentials for college, because you lead an Eagle Project that helps the community. An example of a project is making tables for a church.

Before they were awarded their Eagle rank by the Scoutmaster, seven Scouts recited cards of what they had learned to earn each rank along the way to Eagle. They talked about each of the ranks. First, Scout, the rank where you learn the basics of Scouting. Then, Tenderfoot where you start interacting more with the troop. Then Second Class, where you finally start having an administrative position. Then, First Class, when you can start signing off things in other Scouts' books. Then, Star and Life, where you are getting the highest administrative positions possible. Finally, Eagle, where you complete a project for the benefit of the community. Right after the awards were given, the Scouts' parents got medals for raising Eagle Scouts. We watched a video of the campouts the three of them went on when they were younger. Afterwards, we went upstairs for a buffet. The chicken and salad were delicious.

The event was impactful and well organized. I certainly enjoyed it. I am looking forward to attaining Eagle because then I will have gotten memorable experiences that I can look back upon just like Daniel, Alex, and D'Jhanir.



Family Picnic

June 2022 Nima Mehrdad

On June 22nd, 2022, Troop 100 held their annual family picnic. This years' annual picnic was held at Rock Creek Park. About 20-30 scouts and their family members came to Rock Creek Park to celebrate the renewed tradition.

This year's event was a potluck-style picnic; you could definitely find something delicious to eat. This year as a special request, older scouts were asked to bring their small uniforms to give to new scouts, who knew there would be a shortage of uniforms.

After about 30 minutes of playing frisbee and/or soccer (football), rain started to kick in. Everyone went under the picnic shelter. Although it seemed that the fun was over, it was not. Some of the scouts shared some skits such as the "Invisible Bench." It was a night of fun, food, and rain.





Goshen 2022

June/July 2022 | Jackson Mello

Over the summer I went to my first ever Goshen and I had a great time. I was worried about going to Goshen because it was both my first Goshen and my first time being a Patrol Leader on a campout, so I didn't know what to expect. Our trip out with started some campsite drama which was soon resolved, so we went to set up camp. The camp had an open area where we pitched a flagpole which will be relevant later in this story.





When I was at Goshen, some of the merit badges I tried to get were Swimming, Home Repair, Environmental Science, and Citizenship in Society. For the Swimming merit badge I had to prove my proficiency with swimming which was not too hard because I had done competitive swimming in the past. For the Home Repair badge, I had to learn various methods and safety precautions that you should take when doing basic household repairs such as replacing outlets or painting walls. For the Environmental Science merit badge, I had to both learn about ways we can preserve the environment, and the effects of large environmental disasters on the ecosystems around us such as oil spills. Finally, for the Citizenship in Society merit badge, I talked about and learned about current issues regarding discrimination and what to do if you see something like that happening.

The merit badges were fun, but what was really fun was Grady and I trying to build a trebuchet



out of some logs. We constructed our trebuchet in the large open area I mentioned earlier. We did this because we had been told that people had tried in the past, but no one had succeeded so we took that as a challenge and spent about 5 hours trying to build it. We eventually completed it, and I was able to fire one successful shot before the axle that the arm was swinging on broke, and we had to abandon it. Because we aren't supposed to leave a trace, we filled in the support.

At the end of the week, because I had done a good job leading my patrol, we were awarded the Honor Patrol, while I was awarded the first Ewan C Conroy Scout of the Year Award, which will be awarded to a new person next Goshen. I had a very good experience on my first trip to Goshen and will most likely be going back this year.

Chris Mendoza-Lazo

Goshen was really nice because it had a big lake and lots of trees, being Shenandoah the near Mountains. There were also a lot of classes you could take, but I didn't get to do a lot of them because I was a relatively new Scout who still had to complete many requirements. I was one of two older kids in the camp's New Scout group. Together we earned our









Totin' Chip and our Firem'n Chit badges, learning the proper use of a knife and how to build a fire.

I also earned the Swimming, American Heritage, and American History merit badges. We also had a free period during which we could hang out at the campsite and sometimes sleep. Another option was that we could go to the trading post, basically a Boy Scout version of 7-Eleven.

People said that Goshen would be bad because you had to cook your own food, but it wasn't. I didn't have to actually cook – that was handled by other senior Scouts (Gabo, Kunal, and Tomas) – but I did help by setting up the tables. A special part of having meals (at least some of them) was that we would invite a Scoutmaster to the table. This was pretty fun, because you couldn't mention anything about food when we



did the invitation. It had to be a story. You couldn't mention food, a meal, or a snack. For example, once when we invited Ewan, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, he sat in a chair and three people picked him up and carried him to the table for lunch, yelling "King Ewan, King Ewan!"

Regarding the food, we were lucky as we had specific recipes—for

spaghetti and meatballs, meatball subs, and macaroni and cheese. For breakfast, we had bacon and sausages. For lunch, we had sandwiches, so no one had to cook, plus maybe chips and a drink. Every meal was pretty good, although the bacon that first day was a little burnt!

As I think back about the camp, I learned some really important things: about Scout spirit, about

adapting to not being at home (it was my first from camp away home) and understanding that there was no Door Dash and only limited clean clothes. Basically, we were camping. We had cots, we had wooden platforms underneath us, and there were **LOTS** of spiders (mostly Daddy Long Legs), and I wouldn't be surprised if someone ended up with a spider in their mouth.







Finally, I really appreciated the painting that we received as an award for being the Troop of the Week. Another thing that was really great were the campfires on our first and last nights at Goshen. We all put on our Class A uniforms and we sang songs and performed skits. There was not a single experience that was actually negative. Goshen was a really good trip.



Kunal Bansal

Each year, Troop 100 week-long plans а camping trip to Goshen. It is located in the rural western part of Virginia. I had looking been forward to going to it as soon as it was planned earlier in the year. The camp took place in late June, one week after I completed my 7th grade. Our group started at St. Ann's Church on the morning of June 26,

2022. As per the camping-away tradition, we stopped at a local 7-Eleven store to purchase snacks and drinks for the road trip and the campsite. The Scouts arrived at Goshen around mid-afternoon. We did not get the intended campsite as there was some confusion with the new leadership at Camp Marriott. We checked in after showing the necessary medical paperwork and were led on a tour around the campground and eventually to the campsite. Our group had dinner with other troops, and afterwards, did the swim test. It was necessary to do it that evening so we could start working on the aquatic merit badge requirements the following day.

Every morning, we would wake up at 6 am to get started on breakfast. We would pick up our food to cook and then would make our own breakfast. Everyone else in my patrol would go to their first period merit badge, and since I did not sign up for one, I washed





the breakfast dishes. Throughout the day, everyone worked on merit badges and came back to the campsite during their free periods. There was a scheduled break for lunch and dinner everyday.

For lunch, we picked up the food and prepared it at our campsite. The meals varied every day, and there were vegetarian options for me and an adult leader. For dinner, the same process was followed as for lunch. For each meal we invited 2 or 3 of the youth staff and adults to eat with us. Everyone washed the dishes together after the meals.

Every night, the Scoutmaster would hold a Citizenship in the Society merit badge class that everyone could take, and at the end of the week-long camp, one requirement was remaining to be completed once we were back home.

There was a shower house on the Camp Marriott premises which had toilets and showers for the



campers. There were also latrines in each campsite that were used more often because of the close proximity from our campsite. Our troop shared a latrine and campsite with another smaller troop. It was not required to shower everyday, but it was required to shower at least once during that week.

On the Thursday of that week, during the evening, Troop 100 hosted an Ice Social. Cream During this event, we all dressed up made and ice cream for the camp counselors. The Fox Patrol dressed up as lumberjacks, the Beaver **Patrol**





dressed up as Wars Star characters, and the Stag Patrol dressed up as frat boys. Every patrol made different flavors of ice cream that we all planned ahead. The Fox Patrol won the best



costume
award, and the
Beaver Patrol
won the best
ice cream
award.

Each day, there was a Best Patrol of the Day award. At the end of the week, the Honor Patrol Award was won by the Beavers. A new

award was added named the Ewan C. Conroy Award that was presented to the best camper in the Troop. Troop 100 won the Troop of the Week award for the 3rd year in a row. This award is normally an oar, however, there was some confusion, and instead, a piece of painted wood was awarded and we got to bring it back home.

On the last day of the camp, after our daily routine, we cleaned and packed up our belongings, loaded them in the U-Haul, and headed back home. I highly recommend camping at Goshen as it offers many opportunities for earning merit badges and getting many requirements completed for rank requirements. I personally enjoyed it as did many other Scouts.



Independence Day Parade

July 2022 | Ewan Conroy

In July, members of Troop 100 participated in the annual Palisades 4th of July Parade. This was fun because we got to march in the parade with younger Scouts. We also handed out paper bags to the parade goers so they could collect candy from the various floats. It was a hot day, but it was all worth it because there were hotdogs and water being handed out at the end. This was a great experience, and I am excited to go back again next summer.



Renovating Scout Room

July 2022 | Ian Condon

In the summer, we needed to move some stuff out of the old Scout Room and into the new one. There were only a few Scouts and parents there and we had quite a few things to move. One of the very difficult things we had to move were two desks. When we realized that the desks were not going to fit through the door, we had to start taking them apart. This was difficult and very tedious, but we got it done.

There was also a large number of desk chairs, and since we didn't know what to do with them, they were up for the taking. When we were done, we had to





take some stuff to the car and to the trash. This would prove to be harder than it seemed due to the immense amount of rain we were having. In the end we got wet and finished our task and I went home with a new chair.

Rodney 2022

July/August 2022 | Grady Jiggens and Matias Ford

Rodney is a 7-day extended camp that Troop 100 often attends in August.

Day 1 (Sunday, July 31): I arrived with my dad before the rest of the troop because I was coming from a hockey tournament. We waited in the parking lot for a while, and it started to rain before Blake and the rest of the troop arrived. Our site guide assigned us our campsite and we picked tents. Rodney always has a ton of bugs, specifically daddy long legs, but this year there were also a lot of lanternflies, which are invasive (more on those later). Once everyone had put their things into their tents, we planned our activities for the week. These included the polar bear plunge, night climbing, sailing, free shoot, and other things



besides merit badges.



Day 2 (Monday, August 1): Day 2 was the first day that we had merit badges. After everyone had gotten up, we did a flag ceremony with the troop we shared a site

with and then went straight to breakfast. At breakfast, we discussed



the plan for the day, and went our separate ways. We met up back at the dining hall for lunch, had lunch, and then went to our afternoon merit badges. After these, we met up for dinner and went to free shoot. Some people went to shotguns, others to archery or rifles. After evening program ended, we went back to camp and went to bed.



Day 3 (Tuesday, August 2): On Day 3, we did our flag ceremony with our neighbors, killed some more lanternflies, ate breakfast, went to our merit badge classes and walked. A lot. Rodney is a large triangle shaped camp. At one end is the swimming pool, at another are the crafts, and near our campsite, Fisherman Beach, is the sailing base. We shared our campsite with one other troop and sometimes in the mornings we would do flags with them. After our afternoon merit badge classes, we ate dinner and left the dining hall. Everyone got ready to bed down except for the few Scouts that went to do the polar bear plunge. They came back and we all went to sleep.

Day 4 (Wednesday, August 3): On Day 4, we had our little flag ceremony with the other troop and rushed to breakfast. The food at Rodney was almost always good. For breakfast, we would have pancakes, cereal, or some other breakfast food. For lunch, we would have sandwiches, and for dinner, we usually had warm food like chicken or meatloaf. There was also a fruit bar and a yogurt bar for breakfast, and milk at every meal. After eating breakfast, we went to our merit badge classes, ate lunch, went to our merit badge classes, and came





back to camp and relaxed. We killed a lot of lanternflies, cleaned up camp, and then ate dinner. After dinner we came back to camp and got ready to do our night climb. The people who chose to night climb went to do it, and everyone else got ready to go to bed. A few people got some rank requirements signed off and then we all went to sleep.

Day 5 (Thursday, August 4): Thursday was a different day because we auditioned to perform a skit at next night's closing campfire during lunch. We first practiced extensively then and presented the skit to a staff member who approved it. Other than that, merit badges went as normal, and I believe the evening program we selected for the day was free shoot again. However, Thursday was also the day the storm came through camp. On the way to dinner, the siren that signaled severe weather rang out, and we all went to the cabin at our shared campsite. waited there with the troop





patches, pins, fans, and other Scout related things that they had made or brought with them. Some of us bought some things from them, and then had dinner. After dinner, it began to rain, so we stayed at the dining hall until it was time for the campfire.

that shared the site with us for about 2 or 3 hours, while the cabin dripped and the wind blew our tents around. At some point the leaders ordered pizza because we hadn't had dinner yet, and we all gladly ate that. The storm eventually calmed down, and a counselor came out to our site and told us it was safe to go to our tents and sleep.

Day 6 (Friday, August 5): This was the last day of merit badges, and also the day of the campfire. We all finished our merit badges on Friday, and during my (Grady's) rowing badge, my whole class got in a boat and rowed from the boatyard to the sailing base and back (about two miles round trip). We were very late getting back, and I think my counselor got in trouble. Consequently, I was also late to dinner. At dinner, a troop from Tunisia was there and had a fundraiser going on. They were selling hats, neckerchiefs,





Once the counselors had set up chairs and a fireplace mantle as a stage, the whole camp sat down. After an introduction from one of the counselors, skits and songs from different troops and the camp staff followed. About halfway through, I asked one of the counselors leading the program if our skit had made it or not. He didn't know, so he just said to go up after the next skit. So, we lined up in the wings and waited. The skit went pretty well, with only a few mistakes. We also got a decent amount of applause from the audience. After the skit we went back to our seats, watched the rest of the campfire, sang the Rodney song, and went back to our campsite.

Day 7 (Saturday, August 6): Day 7 was very short. It consisted of packing up, having our empty tents inspected, hiking out with our gear, and, finally, heading home.



Antietam Campout

September 2022 | Matteo Sdralevich

Antietam was a good campout. It was by no means exceptional nor was it sub-average. We drove for a while then got to the campsite which was a clearing that worked as a campground for multiple groups, including other Scouting groups. We did do historical tourism and learned a bit about the history of Antietam as a battlefield during the U.S. Civil War. We then watched cannons being fired by a properly trained group. It was interesting and loud. If you want better adjectives go ask someone else. We then went on a somewhat





pleasant walk around the outskirts of the once-battlefield.

I have little memory of the food other than that it was fine. I have no memory of it so it was neither bad or exceptional in either case I would remember it quite vividly. The weather was warm and pleasant. All in all it was a somewhat bland and ordinary campout.



Gettysburg Battlefield Campout

October 2022 | Joshua Monash

Our October camping trip was in Gettysburg, PA. The campsite was at the bottom of a hill, and we shared it with a Cub Scout Pack. It was cold but we were able to manage with our Scouting skills and experience. We had a pretty creative dinner that was thankfully hot. There were a lot of fun things that we did over those two days.

The most memorable thing was when we went into the town of Gettysburg. This was special because we do not usually leave our campsite to explore a town. While on the main street, we walked around and stopped in the many antique stores. We read more



about the many statues related to the battle.



We also went to a very interesting museum. The main exhibit was in one room with a massive painting depicting the Gettysburg battle scene. It was a great opportunity to learn about the Civil War, and we took home souvenirs to remember the campout.



Pancake Breakfast

November 2022 | Aarik Luke

I woke up in the morning and felt nervous about my first Pancake Breakfast serving experience, but I was also excited to do it. I put on my Scout uniform, and I got into the car. Once we reached St. Ann's Church, I walked to the gym. The gym was already set up for the Breakfast, so I put on my apron. I felt really nervous and sat down in a chair with other Scouts waiting for people to come. I moved down the line as each Scout before me got up to help people.

Finally, it was my turn. I walked up to the customer and said "Hi, where do



you want to sit?" I walked them to the first table. I waited for them to look over the menu and asked, "What would you like to drink?" I went to make the hot chocolate first. I got warm water, then I added hot chocolate powder to it. I also got some coffee, trying not to burn myself, for them. They asked for three pancakes and 4 sausage patties. They also wanted two pancakes and one sausage link. I went to get their food, but there was a long line. I waited for a couple of minutes, got their food, and gave it to them. I went back to my seat and waited for some more people to come.

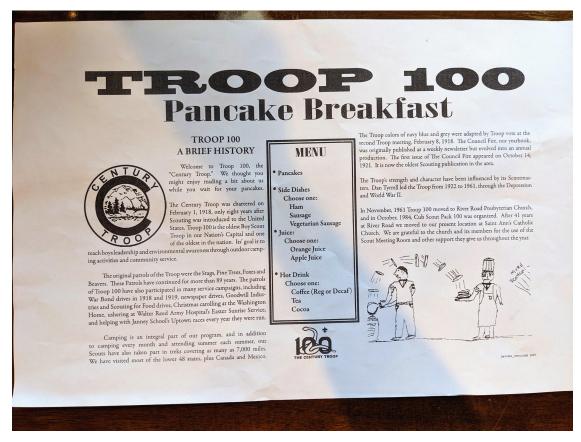


Eventually, I seated another family, feeling much more confident the second time doing it. After the first hour, a more people arriving, but then there was a pancake shortage. The family who I was serving placed an order for 12 pancakes, and it took what felt like 10 minutes to get their complete order. I was worried that they were going to be mad, but I told them in advance, and they were nice about it. I waited in line for the food to be ready. Once I finished with the



second family, my parents and my friends showed up. So Nathan and I helped take care of the seven people in the group. It was really awkward having my family around, but it was fun at the same time. There wasn't as much of a pancake shortage after that, but I still had a large order to fill. After I got their food, I sat down and then waited for everyone to finish eating.

At the end of the Breakfast, we started picking up all the menus and putting the supplies back. It only took about 45 minutes, since everyone wanted to get home. That was the end of the pancake breakfast. This was a really memorable experience, and I had a lot of fun. I'm glad to have had my first experience doing a special activity with the troop. I look forward to knocking on people's doors selling Pancake Breakfast tickets again next year.



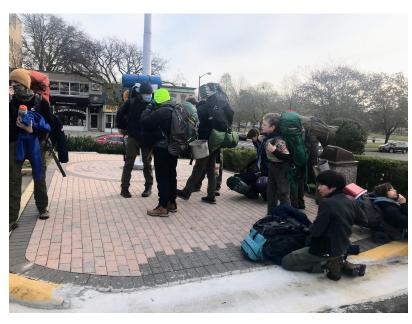
Fall Appalachian Trail Hike and Campout

November 2022 | Tomas Parodi

The November campout wasn't an ordinary one this year. First of all, it was a backpacking trip, as per our request after our April Appalachian Trail trip. We liked the fact that after all the hiking we could spend some time just resting. We found a spot on the trail further up north from our April hiking route, where Will W. said that there would be pine trees, but also a half-burnt section, because there had been a forest fire there. We liked the change of scenery, different from the same old trees that are typical of the campsites in our region, so we went for it.

But there we ran into the second reason this campout was different from most. It got cold, with a capital "C." It got crazy cold. The forecast said that it would be 27 degrees there. However, as usual, the forecast was wrong. At night it became 9 degrees, accounting for the windchill. So, basically, it was a combination of Marsh's Farm and the AT, which traditionally are our 2 hardest





campouts. Except it was colder than your average Marsh's Farm campout, and moreover, it was longer than your average AT.

So, going into this campout, knowing that it was going to be the most nefarious mish-mash of campouts we could think of, I have to be completely honest and say that I was surprised at our optimism. Everyone was a little bit wary at the Church the morning we left, but it's a normal kind of wariness that happens before every campout. After a little delay because of transportation issues,



we finally made it on the road. After a textbook 7-11 stop and about an hour or two of driving, we arrived at the starting point.

Armed with 4 backup Snicker's bars, in case I needed calories to keep myself warm, I felt confident, about the hiking part at least. You see, the part I was worried about wasn't the backpacking,

because it wasn't

hot out. We hiked about 2 miles through a lightly snowed-on pine forest and the burnt section on the Dead Woman Hollow Trail (I didn't make that name up) before we had lunch.

It was a spot with picnic tables and a small cabin. Lunch was short, and I'm only mentioning lunch because we found a large chest with a whole raw chicken inside of it. We joked about maybe taking it along for the rest of our trip, because the expiration date on it was in 2 days, but then we realized that taking a raw chicken out of a random box in the middle of the woods and eating it sounds like the start of some kind of low-budget horror movie.

Almost immediately after lunch, we realized that only the beginning of the trek involved the scenery of pine trees and burnt forest, so we felt a little underwhelmed. On day one of our backpacking trip we hiked about seven miles. We arrived at our campsite about 20 minutes before sundown, and we immediately started boiling water and setting up tents. The thing is, both of those things are incredibly hard to do when it's already freezing cold. As soon as we stopped





moving, the cold set in. The sun going down didn't help at all either. At this point, the hard part of the campout started.

Remember how I mentioned that we wanted another backpacking trip because we wanted to rest after? Well, that kind of blew up in our face, because we needed to move around to keep warm, also water was taking forever to boil for our freeze-dried dinner. So, while we were awaiting our warm food, the warmth was quickly being drained out of us. It was at this time that I ate a Snickers.

At this time, one of the strangest things happened. Right after our campfire, which was surprisingly early, someone saw a group of headlights in the distance. I remember thinking it was a group hallucination. But no, it wasn't. It was the Christian Youth Service Brigade. Apparently they had also booked the campsite. They had a big paintball civil war reenactment (I should remind you that this was in complete

darkness.) We all collectively went to sleep, still freezing cold. It was at this time that I ate another Snickers.

I woke up late (because of course I did) and ate yet another Snickers because as soon as I left my sleeping bag, the cold slapped me in the face. But the Snickers was frozen, because this was sub-Marsh's Farm temperature. The morning was the hardest part because it was the coldest, and we needed to get out of the campsite fast so that we could hike for another couple hours, and drive back, and get to St. Anns by noon. But, when you're tired, sore, cold, and under stress, you tend to be a little less productive. So, in true Troop 100 fashion, we left the campsite an hour late due to the fuel freezing inside a stove (because of course that happened) and hiked back pretty slowly because there was a lot of uphill. In the end, we didn't get to the cars until around the time we were supposed to already be at St.

Needless to say, this was the toughest one-night campout I've ever been on, and it was another brutal reminder that we need to come up with less difficult ideas for campouts. Still I give it a 10 out of 10; I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Ann's.



Tree Sale

December 2022 | Nathan Katzman

I thought the Troop 100 Christmas tree sale was overall really fun. The beginning was kind of rough though. We started while it was pouring rain, with very few customers, and everyone getting soaked. We had to stay under pop-up tents for a lot of the time. Setting up the trees for display was hard. But then we got a fire going and everything was feeling better. We were drying off and getting more customers.

Then we got donuts and drinks like hot chocolate and coffee (I didn't drink the coffee). Everyone was





standing around the fire drinking hot chocolate or coffee and eating donuts waiting for customers to arrive. The rain stopped, and the sun came out, and everyone was drying off. We got more sales, and we were having fun.

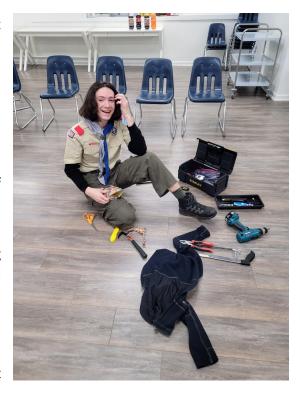
Then the best part was doing deliveries. We got to sit in the nice warm cars while driving around dropping off trees. I did around three deliveries, and then we went back and got more customers. My parents even came to the tree sale. Many Scout parents came actually. Then we decided to do some advertisements. We all made signs and colored them then we stood on the sidewalk facing traffic driving by, with the signs displayed. I got a few sales from advertising. After that, the sale was almost over. After it ended, we cleaned up, and I left. The tree we ended up getting from the sale was great, the pines didn't make a mess at all, and it smelled great. I thought the tree sale was very fun and a great experience.

Holiday Party 2022

December 2022 | William Wales

The annual Holiday Party is a Troop 100 tradition that closes the troop's calendar year before Scouts part ways for a short winter break. The meeting is less formal and focuses on a gift exchange in which Scouting gifts are traded through a lottery system. The exchange is a competition, and the winning present is the last present opened within the allotted hour. The task of wrapping a gift is taken very seriously, and some Scouts begin drying layers of concrete and plaster around their gift months in advance.

As Senior Patrol Leader my role includes managing the competition and regulations, such as "No Welding", each of which was created following an unwrapping attempt so hazardous the Scoutmasters determined it could not be repeated. This year an issue arose even before the night of competition with concerns relating to the feasibility of the ten dollar gift limit. A meeting of the Key Three was called to



discuss the effect of inflation on gift acquisition, and the dollar limit was raised to fifteen dollars.

When the big night finally arrived an array of presents hidden behind an assortment of intellectual and physical challenges was laid out on the table. Scouts stood ready with their tools, and the race was on.



Another debate arose when Miguel, the reigning champion, attempted to negotiate with a unique drill bit only he possessed, but the argument passed once I pointed out the Scotus were not

allowed to use power tools.

The night ended with a new champion and a new rule. Beaver Patrol Leader, Jackson, gained the honor of a spot on the banned substances list for his use of wax. The night concluded with a chance for some of the younger Scouts to meet troop alumni bottomless root beer floats just in time to send everyone home to their families.







William Wales' Eagle Scout Project

January 2023 | Gabriel "Gabo" Rodriguez Seoane

The first day of William Wales' Eagle Scout Project was very monotonous, but still very tiring. Will's project was to replace a natural trail bridge that allowed passage across a stream through Linnean Park. The natural bridge was a very stout tree that had been placed in the stream and needed to be replaced with something sturdier. Will wanted to build a wooden bridge that would sit on top of the tree. The first day we carried material from the trail head down to the stream. We also spent a lot of time removing portions of the old tree to allow the stream to flow more easily. It would also permit secure placement of the new bridge.

Digging out the old tree and removing chunks of it was very labor intensive and time consuming. After lunch, we continued work on the bridge. By the end of the first day, we had removed enough material from the old tree that the bridge would be able to be installed the next day.



The next day, the troop gathered again to complete the Eagle Project. The frame of the bridge was assembled over the old tree bridge. With that completed, measuring out the material and fastening it to the frame went much faster. Success was shown when the first trail walker crossed the bridge. We received many questions and praise about the project.



Patrol Leaders' Council Retreat

January 2023 | William Wales

Every year the PLC, or Patrol Leaders Council, gathers in January to plan the events for the coming year. This year, the group met at St. Ann's Church. The new Patrol Leaders and other Scouts with leadership roles in the troop discussed meeting plans, camping trips, and troop events. We drew up detailed plans with themes for each month and researched games. Additionally, we listed possible campsites and events for the coming months, trying to take the troop to new and exciting places while keeping important traditions.

The Scouts discussed canoeing, rock climbing, and beach camping in the coming year. As the last Scout from an old group of leadership,





planning to step back in the near future, it was important to me that the younger Scouts understand the process and have a say in the future of the troop. The PLC leans into the youth-led aspect of Scouts and allows members of the troop to decide for themselves how involved they want to be.

We ended the day with food and discussions about future plans including Philmont, which most of the group will be attending.

2022 Troop Advancement

Scout



Miguel Souto Learman Matteo Sdralevich Joshua Monash

Tenderfoot



Matteo Sdralevich

Second Class



Gabriel Rodriguez-Seoane Ian Condon Kunal Bansal Luke Voss

First Class



Grady Jiggens Jackson Mello Ray Matano Gabriel Rodriguez-Seoane Ian Condon

Star



Ewan Conroy Tomas Parodi Ray Matano Grady Jiggens Jackson Mello

Eagle



Daniel Snee D'Jhanir Harris Smith Alex Penberthy

2022-2023 Nights of Camping

	Total Nights 2022 - 2023	Total Camping Nights with T100
Kunal Bansal	16	26
Ian Condon	11	27
Ewan Conroy	22	50
Matias Ford	15	15
D'Jhanir Harris Smith	3	53
William Holzwanger	12	13
Grady Jiggens	13	41
Nathan Katzman	1	1
Miguel Souto Learman	10	11
Aarik Luke	1	1
Ray Matano	12	31
Nima Mehrdad	1	1
Jackson Mello	8	23
Christopher Mendoza-Lazo	10	10
Joshua Monash	2	11
Tomas Parodi	13	37
Archer Pollak	0	0
Alex Penberthy	0	111
Matteo Sdralevich	11	14
Gabriel Rodriguez-Seoane	19	31
Daniel Snee	1	108
Luke Voss	8	14
William Wales	9	71



Troop 100 Eagle Scouts



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

61	Steve Kunk	July 27, 1973	98	Georgios S. Papadopoulos	June 9, 1997
62	Jean-Jacques Schoch	July 27, 1973	99	Jonathan C. King	August 15, 1997
63	Jeffrey E. Segall	March 1, 1975	100	Conrad Z. Risher	November 25, 1997
64	Derek C. van der Tak	May 9, 1977	101	Jonathan S. Cates	January 31, 2000
65	John A. Dorian	May 9, 1977	102	Thomas P. Healey	May 3, 2000
66	Lewis A. Segall	May 19, 1977	103	Alex E. Stover	May 11, 2000
67	Laurens van der Tak	April 26, 1979	104	Matthew A. Hall	January 22, 2001
68	John H. Ostar	October 28, 1979	105	Robert C. Bond	October 25, 2001
69	Erik R. Hanson	June 12, 1980	106	Bradley D. Hutchison	November 4, 2002
70	Mark Hoge	June 12, 1980	107	Brian P. Haskell	June 22, 2004
71	William M. Warncke, Jr	July 1, 1982	108	John R. Hoke III	June 25, 2005
72	Eric P. Stanley	March 1, 1983	109	Thomas B. Silverman	June 25, 2005
73	Bryce M. Quayle	November 25, 1983	110	Michael J. Newman	August 21, 2005
74	James C. Kreidler	December 18, 1984	111	Allan Rey	November 19, 2006
75	Thomas L. Lalley, Jr	December 5, 1985	112	Rafael Suarez	March 29, 2007
76	John Mark Neiman	June 23, 1986	113	Manuel Robles	March 29, 2007
77	Richard A. Craig	August 13, 1986	114	Alexander Francisci	January 29, 2010
78	Mitchell S. Tartt	October 23, 1986	115	Scot G. Hoke	January 29, 2010
79	Michael T. Sharkey	March 5, 1987	116	Matthew M. Bond	June 15, 2010
80	James D. Young	August 25, 1987	117	Michael A. Robles	August 10, 2010
81	Christopher L. Olsen	March 21, 1988	118	Jourdan K. Wooden	January 30, 2012
82	Mark L. Anderson	November 27, 1988	119	Nicholas A. Francisci	January 30, 2012
83	Jacob Russin	January 9, 1990	120	Andrew Kunk	January 22, 2013
84	James Barrett	April 30, 1990	121	Francis X. McCarthy	January 22. 2013
85	Colin Sellar	August 25, 1990	122	Marcus M. Swentkofske	September 5, 2013
86	Philip W. Manley	May 23, 1991	123	Garrett M. Gregory	September 5, 2013
87	Jeffrey N. Olsen	April 2, 1992	124	Alexander M. Casasola	October 8, 2013
88	David Cortez	June 11, 1992	125	J. Seamus Kirkpatrick	February 27, 2014
89	Russell Shultz	January 28, 1993	126	Erik N. Gross	February 27, 2014
90	Andrew Neilson	March 9, 1993	127	John F. Giordano	June 20, 2014
91	Miles King	July 20, 1993	128	Christopher J. Kunk	October 28, 2014
92	Stephen R. Preer	July 28, 1993	129	Richard S. Randall	October 28, 2014
93	Charles Roberts	July 21, 1994	130.	Liam D. Kirkpatrick	March 7, 2016
94	Charles d'Adhemar	October 26, 1995	131.	D. Danny Swentkofske	March 7, 2016
95	Randall P. Cates	July 5, 1996	132.	Alexander D. Ray	June 20, 2016
96	Christopher J. Le Mon	July 5, 1996	133.	Jonah Garland	June 20, 2016
97	Christopher Roberts	December 16, 1996		Elliot M. Cornfeld	November 3, 2016
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135.	Akil J. Mondie	November 3, 2016	142.	Patrick Snee	October 8, 2019
136.	Michael J. Vigdor	November 26, 2016	143.	Thomas Casasola	December 19, 2019
137.	Johnny C. Casasola	August 8, 2017	144.	D. Nicolas Acajabon	December 19, 2019
138.	Dev B. Hippenstiel	December 17, 2017	145.	Daniel Snee	March 6, 2022
139.	Alex N. Schonberger	December 17, 2017	146.	S. Alexander Penberthy	May 21, 2022
140.	Pablo R. Laguarda	December 19, 2017	147.	D'Jhanir Harris Smith	May 21, 2022
141.	Tigran J. Anlian	January 6, 2019			



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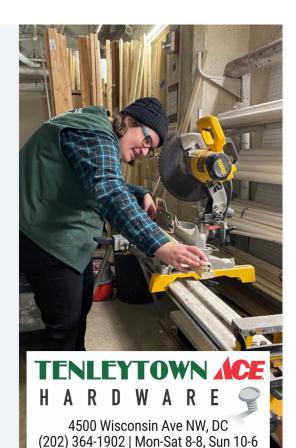
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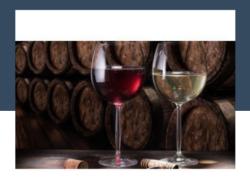


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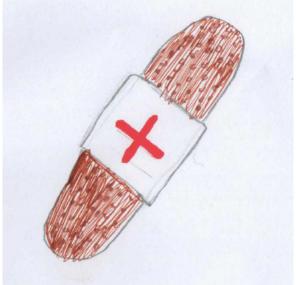
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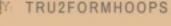
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