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Troop 100 Scouts backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM

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Three Eagle Scouts in our family are living proof of your impact. Thank you for igniting sparks of curiosity, fostering leadership skills, and building responsible citizens.

May your legacy continue to inspire generations to come!



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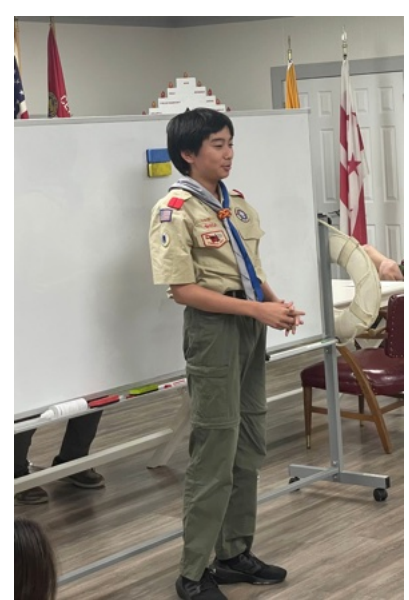
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2024 Anniversary Dinner Program

Troop 100 | 104th Anniversary Dinner

March 16, 2024, 6pm

Social Hour

Dinner Invite

Grace

Skit I

Welcome & Introduction

Dinner

Skit II

Recognition - Advancement, Camping, Service Hours

Council Fire Recognition and Dedication

Skit III

Cake

Skit IV

Sponsor Recognition

Scoutmaster Minute/Closing



Scoutmaster's Minute

Edwin Acajabon

Upon the uniform of every Scout in Troop 100 sits a crest that dates to Scouting's origin. You can see it on the Scout uniform. It is a purple patch, with a white fleur-de-lys encircled by a rope tied by a square knot. Each of these are powerful symbols of Scouting. From the fleur-de-lys which is worked into the various Scout rank patches, to the rope Scouts practice their knots with, and the square knot which is used to bring two ropes together into one. These symbols also show the world that every Scout throughout the planet is one



large family. The fleur-de-lys is Scouting's compass, pointing north. The rope represents the whole community of Scouts across 216 nations. While the square knot brings every Scout together and as the knot holds fast, so does the Scouting movement. Lord Baden-Powell issued the first crest on BrownSea Island, where the first group of Scouts learned directly from him. Over one hundred years later the crest remains a symbol of the Scouting family. Over 250 million Scouts have worn that crest upon their uniform.

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is...

TRUSTWORTHY	OBEDIENT
LOYAL	CHEERFUL
HELPFUL	THRIFTY
FRIENDLY	BRAVE
COURTEOUS	CLEAN
KIND	REVERENT



I look at our Scouts and see how they have come together with purpose. How they live the Oath and the Law that makes them citizens of their community, nation, world, and society. Every Scout should remember that they are one family. The Scout Law instructs them to be kind and friendly to other people and to each other. When they speak the Oath they promise on their honor, to help other people at all times. They will help other people and one another. One of the benefits of Troop 100, is that our Scouts are able to make friends beyond those

friendships they enjoy each day at school. The Troop's Scouts come from many different schools, many different experiences, many different outlooks, and learning from one another's journeys make each of them better citizens.

Our Scouts are on a joint adventure that will take many of them to Eagle. They cannot do it alone. They must rely upon one another to complete their journey. They share the burden of carrying their gear to camp, preparing meals and breaking bread together. They call upon each other for help in accomplishing tasks so that together they may succeed at something they could not do alone. No ill will, no angry words should be passed among this family. On their adventures they build new understanding of each other and create bonds that will always be treasured.

Since the last Council Fire, twelve months ago, Troop 100 has experienced many adventures and changes. There are now 38 Scouts in Troop 100 with several more that will be joining from Pack 100 later in March. Four full patrols assemble each week for an evening of learning and fun. Troop 100 went on many campouts and hikes, including a few new campsites and a hike to learn about the origins of Scouting in America. Over the summer Troop 100 Scouts traveled back to Camp Marriott on the Goshen Scout Reservation, Camp Rodney on the Chesapeake Bay, and to the Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico. You can read about all of the year's adventures in their own words in the pages of this year's publication.



September marked two historic events for Troop 100. William Wales was honored as the Troop's 148th Eagle Scout. The newest name to be added to the roll of Troop 100 Eagle Scouts. The current Life Scouts are now vying to see who the next Eagle Scout will be. Additionally in September, for the first time in the Troop's history, the Century Troop welcomed girls to its ranks. Our newest Scouts have already joined the Troop on many campouts and activities as they make their indelible mark on the Troop forevermore. Supporting this burgeoning Troop are many new adult volunteers, serving on the Troop Committee, as Merit Badge Counselors, and as Assistant Scoutmasters. Please give them your thanks for all that they do to provide an extraordinary Troop 100 experience for our Scouts.

Scoutmaster's Minute

Stephen Voss

This past Fall marked the beginning of Troop 100G, an all-girls Troop based at St. Ann's Church, and started with the support of Troop 100. The first female Scouts to join the Troop came from Cub Scout Pack 100, which was rechartered in 2019. Since then, two additional girls have joined the Troop, bringing the total to seven Scouts. Troops 100 and 100G have their weekly meetings together and all Scouting activities are inclusive of both groups.

The success of Troop 100G would not have been possible without the participation of many adult female leaders who have joined the girls at meetings, on hikes and at camping trips. Additionally, the leadership of Troop 100 was instrumental in the chartering process, working over the summer to establish and finalize the formation in time for the Fall meetings. The Troop is also fortunate to have been joined by Anabelle Sartain, an Eagle Scout and American University student from Dallas, Texas, who has served as a great role model for the girls.

The girls have worked hard this year on advancement and many will be attending the week-long Scouts camps this summer.



Backpacking: Harper's Ferry / Appalachian Trail

March 2023 | Luke Voss

It was a warm Saturday morning in March when Troop 100 met at St. Ann's Church. We made pack lines with our backpacks, distributed resources, and then loaded up into cars. When we arrived in Harper's Ferry, we said goodbye to some of the drivers and brought our packs to a hill between the Shenandoah River and the town. Then, we were told that we would have a few hours to explore the area, wherever we wanted. A few other Scouts and I walked around aimlessly in town for a while, trying to find a map of some sort, until we just gave up and resorted to using Google Maps. We stopped to grab some sandwiches at a local shop, running into some other Scouts along the way. After having what would be our best meal of the trip, we explored some more, finding our way up some stairs, still unsure of where we were going. Eventually, we stood at the edge of a cliff with a spectacular view of the town and the mountains beyond, where we would be camping.

We then made our way back to the meeting point and began our hike. After walking for a while in the beautiful weather, we finally made it to our campsite. We set up our tents, and took what seemed like a quarter-mile trek down to the water spout, stuck between piles of rocks.



We had to wait about five minutes to fill up each jug, and hurried back to start our dinner preparations. We had the genius idea to make our water boil faster by putting both of the stoves we brought under the pot. After having some delicious freeze-dried meals, the temperature started to drop and we went off to find firewood for the campfire. A few new Scouts received their neckerchiefs and Ian led the ceremony for his Communication merit badge. After we sang Scout Vespers, we all headed to our frigid tents. Two other Scouts and myself shared a two-person tent which definitely helped to retain warmth a little better with the freezing temperatures overnight.

We woke up early the next morning to find our water bottles, our only source of water apart from the water spout now far away, both frozen and cracked. The whole Troop took our tents down quickly to try and leave as soon as possible. After devouring our breakfast, we got started on our short hike out, just three miles. We finally got picked up by parent volunteers at the side of the road and were taken back to St. Ann's Church. Of all the camping trips I'd been on, this was definitely one of the best because of the spectacular view from our campsite and having the freedom to explore the town of Harper's Ferry on our own. I'm looking forward to coming back, and would recommend that all Scouts put it on their list for next year!



Camp Pohick Bay

April 2023 | Miguel Souto Learman

The Pohick Bay State Park is a campground in Virginia. Troop 100 had a camping trip in it last year during the fifteenth of April. We went there so we could do an orienteering course during the campout. The Scoutmasters found this to be a great opportunity because it is one of the requirements for the First Class rank, and to earn the Orienteering merit badge. The Scouts that came on the camping trip were Aarik, Gabo, Grady, Ian, Nathan, Ray, Tomas and me.



The camping trip was on a sunny Saturday morning with little chance of rain. When we arrived, we thought there was a mile hike in, but we were quite mistaken. It was a short walk and when we arrived, seconds later, we set up camp.

After setting up, we went on a hike. Halfway through the hike, it started to rain. We all were lost trying to find ourselves on a map. Sadly, we couldn't find ourselves, so we used a phone, and we rushed back to camp. As we arrived, the rain stopped, and we got ready to go to an orienteering course. We found out it got canceled so, for the rest of the time, we played games like manhunt, and hide and go seek. It was very fun!



The only challenging part of this trip was enduring the weather during the night. My sleeping bag was very cold, and my tent did not retain my heat. I should've brought a better tent and most of all, a great sleeping bag so I could've stayed warm.

In conclusion, I would like to go on the trip again because it was a wonderful experience where we got to know each other, played a bunch of games, and had a great time. I encourage other Scouts to go next year. Just remember to bring a good sleeping bag and a warm tent!

Camp: American Chestnut Land Trust (Canoe Trip)

May 2023 | Leon Geiger

All the Scouts met at St Ann's Church at 8 am in the morning. We left the church on time and got in our assigned cars. After around 10 minutes we stopped at a 7/11 to buy drinks and snacks for the rest of the car drive and for the camping trip. It was around a 2-hour drive to the land trust. As soon as we got there, we walked to a field that was very close by, where we put our stuff down and got ready for lunch. Lunch was Ritz crackers with some cheese and other sandwich toppings.



After lunch we went back to our campsite to set up our tents and sleeping bags etc. After we did that, we got our day packs and started hiking down to the canoes. It was around an hour or so of hiking. After about an hour, we stopped at a house with life jackets inside and paddles which we got and then we kept hiking down the path to the Chesapeake Bay.

Once we made it to the Bay we carried the canoes to the water and started canoeing. We canoed on the bay for a little while; but then we turned into a bit of a narrow river, which we followed for the next 2 hours. We stopped once we made it to a little wooden dock, where we turned back around and started canoeing to the Chesapeake Bay again. Once we returned, we put the canoes back where they belonged and we played along the beach for a few minutes.





Then we hiked back to our campsite and got ready for dinner. My patrol (Beavers) cooked chili for dinner (which was delicious). With full stomachs we did kitchen patrol and then got ready for bed. The next morning we ate a quick breakfast and got ready to leave. Tired, we made it back to St Ann's Church.



Backpacking: Philmont Prep Hikes

April - May 2023 | Ray Matano

Philmont Hike prep happened from April 8 to July 23 to prepare for Philmont by practicing hiking with weights and checking all the gear that I needed. It was very important for preparing for Philmont because it helped me understand what it would be and helped me train for the hike. When hiking on the trail, I put on some water and other goods for the weight to train myself for heavy weight which was about 30 pounds, but I carried more than 40 pounds in Philmont, which surprised me.

Throughout the prep, we walked a lot. We sometimes walked 7 miles and 3 miles at other times. We hiked Blackhouse Point Park which I think is one of the longest ones that we walked, Fletcher's Cove to the church, Hardy Recreation Center to the church, and more. We checked what gear we had throughout the prep. We used a checklist in pairs and ensured everyone had everything. I remember doing it when we met in Hardy Recreation Center and the Final Shakedown.



The most memorable thing in the prep was Final Shakedown, which was a few days before Philmont. I remember the excitement and the nervousness while checking my backpack. Experienced people like Ewan and Will were very helpful during the prep because they taught us what we needed and didn't need, and what we had to prepare for the Philmont trek. The last meeting was the Final Shakedown on July 23, where we met at St. Ann's Church to check all the

gears and get ready for Philmont. We put all our gear on the table, checked all the necessary gear, and checked if there was any unnecessary gear, so that people didn't have to carry extra weight. I found some unnecessary gear in the Final Shakedown and it was very helpful. In the end, Philmont was way harder than the hike. But this practice made my experience better and fun and I want to say thank you to Jane and Stephanie for all their support.

Camp: Goshen's Camp Marriott

July 2023 | Kunal Bansal

Each year, Troop 100 plans a week-long camping trip to Goshen. It is located in the rural western part of Virginia. I had been looking forward to going there as soon as I came back home from my camping trip the prior year. This year, the camp was from July 2 - 8, 2023. Our group started at St. Ann's Catholic Church on the morning of July 2nd. Our first step was to gather items needed from our Scout supply room and then load it all into a U-Haul. 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. We checked in after showing the necessary medical paperwork and were led on a tour around and eventually to the campsite.



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. 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 cooked it at our campsite.

The meals varied everyday and there were vegetarian options for me, since I am vegetarian. 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 Troop and camp would have a flag ceremony. First, we did the Troop flag ceremony at 7:30 pm, and then went to campwide one at 8:00 pm. Every night, a different troop would be the color guard, and we were color guard on Wednesday night.

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. It was not required to shower everyday, but it was required to shower at least once during that week. Thankfully everyone still showered many times throughout the week.



On the Thursday of that week, during the evening, Troop 100 hosted an Ice Cream Social. During this event, we all dressed up in costumes and made ice cream for the camp counselors. Every patrol made different flavors of ice cream that we all planned on. All the patrols had different costumes, with different themes. This year, not as many staff members came, because it was their day off, and they spent the evening away from the camp. Also on Thursday, the Troop, along with the Scoutmaster staff and

Webelos, had a Viking Style dinner, instead of what the camp supplied. Instead of eating by patrols like we normally do, we put all the picnic tables together and ate as a Troop. There was a lot of food and lemonade, and everyone had a great time together.

Each day, there was a best patrol of the day award. As usual, there was the best patrol award and a ton of other awards handed out at the end of the week. A relatively new award was awarded called the Ewan C. Conroy award that was awarded to the best camper in the Troop, which was won by Nathan. The past few years, Troop 100 has always won an award called Troop of the Week, however, this year we did not get it. The Troop of the Week award always goes to the best troop in the entirety of Camp Marriott.



At the end of Goshen, Camp Marriott hosted a water carnival, and a closing campfire. During the carnival, Troop 100 demolished some other troops in volleyball in the water. During the closing campfire, some members of the Troop, including me, did a skit in front of the entire camp and staff.

On the last day of the camp, we cleaned and packed up our belongings and loaded them back up and headed back home. I highly recommend camping at Goshen as it offers many opportunities for earning merit badges and getting many requirements completed in your Scout handbook. I personally enjoyed it and know that many other Scouts did as well.

Camp: Goshen's Camp Marriott

July 2023 | Gabriel "Gabo" Rodriguez Seoane



Here are some of the main events at Goshen that stood out as highlights for me:

The Wilderness survival overnight: Where Ian and I created a shelter out of emergency blankets, duct tape, and rope and survived off of only the stuff in our pockets. We made friends with a group from another troop.

The Ice Cream Social: With various flavors of ice cream and my patrol's costume theme of Soccer. Chris, Kunal, and I had a skit revolving around a game of soccer and soccer ball ice cream to go with it.

The Chess Merit badge: By going to two back-to-back chess classes I managed to get the merit badge in two hours.

Service Projects: The Troop did three hours of service. An hour of service was cleaning the shower house to help the staff, and the other two hours were trail maintenance next to Lake Merriweather.

Water carnival: After getting there a little late we managed to squeeze into the bracket for volleyball and beat all the other troops there.

Backpacking: Philmont Scout Reservation

August 2023 | Philmont Crew Journal (summary by Jackson Mello)



Philmont Journal - Collected by Jackson Mello from Crew 100 Scouts

Preface: What you are about to read is the unedited story as told by the Scouts who went to Philmont. At Philmont, we had a journal. At the end of each day, one Scout was asked to write about the events of the day and their feelings. I tried to keep it as organic as possible. I made some edits for clarity or if I straight up couldn't read what was written down. Other than that, these are the exact words as they were written at the end of each day.

If you see (#), look at the very end for additional information/context on this sentence.

Day 1: DC to Kirtland Air Force Base - Gabo

First day thoughts & feelings:

Plane rides were fun as well as layovers. Many photos were taken of people sleeping. The second plane got delayed, which made the layover 5 hrs. Airport food was good (Wendys and Popeyes). Got some sleep on the plane. We explored the airport in Georgia. The US Air Force base (1) was very nice in terms of scenery and food. We played frisbee, basketball, and cards. Jet lag would be to our advantage (Mountain Time (-2 hours)). Food from the cantina is delicious and cheap. Sleeping on the floor with a sleeping bag and pad. 90% of the Air Force base is flat desert. Feelings so far - restless.



Day 2: Kirtland Air Force Base to Philmont Base camp - Kunal

Thoughts and feelings (in chronological order):

We woke up at 6:00 a.m. (MT) at the Air Force base, packed, and left for breakfast. Breakfast was at 7:00 a.m. at the Thunderbird Inn on the base. The food was pretty good, with lots of variety. The car ride to Philmont Base Camp was three and a half hours. At one point during the ride, we went straight for 192 miles. We also stopped at a gas station along the way. We ate lunch, which was a burger and fries, at Philmont Base Camp as soon as we arrived.

At base camp, we got the food for the first few days all sorted and into packs. We also got our gear (like tents, pots, pans, etc.) all sorted. The activities were very fun. A few T100 Scouts played volleyball with



other troops for a few hours (after dinner, before the welcoming campfire) - The game was mainly 7 vs 7, with teams chosen by drafting. The welcoming campfire ceremony was very cool to watch. Some staff members dressed up as some of the people who used to live in the Philmont area. They told us the history of Philmont and its people through skits and songs. We had dinner at 5:00 p.m., which was mashed potatoes, corn, steak, and a cupcake. End-of-day thoughts/feelings: The day was pretty fun. It was a bit

overwhelming just thinking about what we were about to endure starting the next day. Some parts of the day were a bit hectic.

Day 3: Base Camp to House Canyon - Tomas



At base camp, we had a really early start. As we got out of our tents at the crack of dawn, we made our way to get food. Base camp breakfast was really bad, sort of like most of the base camp food at the beginning. Our meal was a sorry attempt at a breakfast burrito featuring dry chicken, cold rice, and a stale tortilla. Right after, we made our way back to our tents to do our gear shakedown. Our ranger [who accompanied them for the first two days] told us to take our cots out of our tents and empty our bags onto

them, and then we went over the entire list of items we were supposed to bring. We then relaxed for a little while. Lunch was the best base camp meal so far. We had chicken tenders, fries (2), corn, and

berry crumble (which was a little disgusting, but it was still miles better than the rest of the food we were having). After Jackson almost choked on his chicken tenders, it was time to leave base camp.

We took a very bumpy bus ride to Maxwell Trailhead, where we officially started our trek. The hike was pretty short, only around 2 miles, but it was still challenging. The terrain was a lot rougher than what we were used to, and we really started to feel the altitude at the end, when we had to go up a really steep hill. At around the halfway point, we saw a fossil of a T-Rex footprint, which was the big event of the day. Once we got to the site at House Canyon, we set up our tents with varying degrees of success (the tent I was sharing with Gabo may or may not have flown away once or twice). We had a freeze-dried dinner, and we did our KP (with a little bit too much detergent). Some of us went to take pictures of the view of the canyon as the sun set, and then we all went to bed at around 10 pm.

Day 4: House Canyon to Chase Cow - Ray

Took a lot of time to wake up and pack (2 hrs). Breakfast was fine. Rough start because it was steep. We took a lot of breaks. Flat and downhill after which it was easy. I hated the campsite because of the hill we needed to go over. Lunch was tuna and other stuff. It was fine. Rock climbing and bouldering was really fun. We climbed three places with varying difficulty. 1st: Easy, pretty difficult in the start. 2nd: It was really difficult for everyone. You needed to grab and lean. For me, moving my hand to another rock was really difficult. Moving your legs was the most difficult part for others. 3rd: Big Spoon. Easier than the second one. We also climbed a real rock wall. The first one was pretty difficult at the start where there's not a lot of places to grip. The second lane was easier where there's places to grab and to climb. Dinner: Medical type food with rice: it was ok. It was a pretty good day for hiking and activities.



Day 5: Chase Cow to Coyote Howl - Ewan

Today, we woke up at 6:00 A.M. We were tired in the morning and left the Chase Cow Camp slowly. We got water and walked 6 miles to Coyote Howl camp. The camp was on a mountain with no tree cover, so it was really hot and we all got sunburned (3). It was also very windy. The view is great on the mountain. The camp is a dry camp, so four of us had to go down to the Indian Writings site to get water. We hiked off the trail and got lost for a bit. Eventually, we climbed up some rocks and found ourselves on a cliff overlooking Indian Writings. When we eventually got down, got water, and got back to camp, it had been hours. After that, we relaxed and looked at the view. Dinner was nice, and then we went to bed.

Day 6: Coyote Howl to Ponil - Grady

Day 05 on the trail was a very early wake-up. The camp was on top of a ridge (Coyote Howl) and had an absolutely beautiful view of the sunrise over the Ridge to the East. The sunrise was about half an hour after we woke up and a little over half an hour before we left. We ate at a ring of rocks near a cliff overlooking North Ponil Canyon. We later found out that it was an excavation site of a house foundation of the pre-Pueblo Native Americans and that we should not have disturbed it (4). We found this out at the petroglyph tour at Indian Writings, which is about a mile away from Coyote Howl and in



the canyon. We did the petroglyph tour at Indian Writings, which viewed five panels of carvings, likely from the same pre-Pueblo tribe as the house foundation. After this, we started our eight-mile hike to Ponil. The hike took about four hours in total, and during it, we summited Hart's Peak, a 7,500-foot peak on one side of the valley Ponil is in. After summiting, we took a picture with the sign at the top and then descended about two miles into Ponil. After signing into camp, we ate lunch and then set up camp. After this, most of the crew went to take showers, during which I washed my clothes and then showered. We then went to the branding station where we got a variety of things branded with the "P bar crazy S" (a capital P and a backward capital S under a line), the "slash crazy S" (a backwards capital S under a slash) and the Zia symbol (the New Mexico state symbol). The items we branded included water bottles, belts, hats,



and crosses (5). After this, we went back to camp, and Jackson and I left to cook our chuck wagon dinner with two "volunteers" from each of the three other crews at Ponil that day. We made chili biscuits and peach cars [cobbler?]. After the rest of the crews came down, we all ate and then cleaned up (6). Then we went back to camp, set up the bear bags, and then left for the show. At the show we all had some famous Ponil root beer. The show was great, and the staff

sang and played songs from Home on the Range to Big Iron to an Irish pub song. After the show, we went back to camp and finally went to bed.

Day 7: Ponil to Dan Beard - William (Big Will)

Today was the halfway point and the start of the more difficult portion of the trip. We started early in Sioux, a site I stayed and worked at during my last trip, for a conservation and trail work talk. Since my last visit, almost a mile of switchbacks had been cut into the hill up to the meadow.



After a lesson in trail anatomy, we followed Ponil Creek up the valley to the Dan Beard staff camp. Dan Beard is the northernmost staffed camp on Philmont property, and we really seemed to be getting into the backcountry. The creek had dried up, and we found the camp nestled in a canyon at the foot of the Valle Vidal.

The camp was extremely isolated, and we had our choice of program as the only crew of the day. The activity, COPE, was a team-building course frequently used by the local bears, Sinnamon and Nuber. The obstacles were challenging, especially in silence, but we managed to communicate and work together through the balance and obstacle courses.

We ended the night with dinner and a thorough review of the map. Tomorrow, we will go off the trail and Philmont property into the Valle and find our site by compass.

- William Wales
Crew leader 727-B

Day 8: Dan Beard to Iris Park - Jackson

Today, I woke up at 7 am having gotten a decent night's sleep. We got a slow start to the day because we didn't have any programs to attend. Today was our first day of proper orienteering. We decided to



use windmills marked on the map to plot a course to Iris Park. Morale was initially low, but when we found our first windmill, it quickly improved. After each windmill, we took about a 20-minute break to find our next bearing and to just hang out. Between the first and second windmills, we saw a massive herd of maybe 40 elk. Along the way, we also found a lot of bones and antlers. After crossing some flash flood scars and very rocky terrain, we finally made it to Iris Park. Tomorrow, we will hike to Rich Cabins. It will be far, but it will be nice to get back on the regular trail.

Day 9: Iris Park To Rich Cabins - Gabo

Today, we woke up at 5:38 am, 23 minutes late. However, we were able to recover and managed to leave with only a slight delay. We did a mile of bushwhacking back to the trail, where we had a trail breakfast, and then did 8 miles on the road to Rich Cabins. When we made it, we went to set up tents and have lunch before the program. We ended up doing a house tour and then went outside with the goats and burros. After that we cooked dinner, which was instant mashed potatoes with chicken,

which had no flavor (7). It took a long time to eat and even longer to do KP. After we cleaned and prepared the site, somebody went to put up bear bags. Later we all went around and helped with chores like herding cattle, feeding and giving water to goats, or scooping poop inside the barn. Then we got to meet some other troops and attended a show where Jackson won a pudding cup for a yodeling contest. The



Troop also sang songs, taught us some German, and taught us some history. Then we stargazed (8) in an area with very little light pollution and went to bed.

Day 10: Rich Cabins to Ewells Park - Ray

The day started with waking up early, as usual, at 5:15 am. I struggled to wake up because I had been waking up at the same time almost every day, and I wanted more sleep. We started walking after breakfast and noticed we forgot to sign out for the first part of hiking, where we walked a road that was easy and fast (9). However, we struggled to walk the trail, which was very uphill. We saw a big mountain that we are going to climb tomorrow, which was really beautiful and exciting. We made it to the Pueblano, where we did spar pole climbing and railroad



tie-making and learned some history and vegetation. Spar pole is where you climb trees using spikes on the feet. It was really scary, tiring, and windy on top, but it was really fun. We ate lunch and talked about the troop paintball battle and going to Mt. Baldy together. We made railroad ties and flattened the lumber using mostly axes. It was very difficult to cut it, and I used a lot of strength to hold on to the axes and move it back and forth. One of the most difficult parts of hiking in the afternoon was hiking through the valley to the top of the hill, where it was uphill and long, especially the last part (10). I forgot to go to the bathroom, so I had to survive the pain. After struggling to hike and go to the red roof (bathroom), some other people and I cooked dinner, which was chicken, sausage, and rice. It was ok but we had a lot of food so people ate more than usual. Today was really fun but a tough day, and we are preparing for Baldy. I'm really excited about it and can't wait to climb the mountain.

Day 11: Baldy - Tomas

I woke up to Jackson frantically shaking my tent, as he usually does (11). I got out of my tent and realized the sun wasn't out yet. Even at the crazy times we usually woke up, the sun would still be out, but today was Baldy Day. We had to hike up the entire 12,400-foot mountain before 10:30 am because the daily storm hits early up there. So we started the hike as soon as we could see without a headlamp and started going crazy fast because we were so used to having our big, heavy packs on. We hiked about 2.5 miles to Copper Park, where we ate our breakfast. We hiked up the endless switchbacks until we reached a mineshaft. Then, we started a painful, rocky, and steep final stretch to the peak. I'm pretty sure our knees will feel it tomorrow (I felt it for the next 2 months). But in the end, we all got there, and the view from the peak was amazing. We slid down the rocks to get downhill, then had a quick lunch. After another hour of hiking, we got to Baldy Town, where we picked up food. We then got back to camp, exhausted. We could barely even think straight or keep track of our own pants. We all agreed to eat early and sleep in the next day.

Day 12: Ewell's Park to Touch Me Not Creek - Jackson

We got to sleep in today. Because we didn't have to go very far today, we got to wake up at 7:00 a.m. We got a slow start because we planned for it to take less than an hour and a half to get to Touch Me Not Creek. It was all downhill, which was a great change of pace from the hills of Baldy. We had lunch at Miranda, where we signed up to shoot black powder rifles. We were allowed to put up personal targets, so I put up a really trashy tank top that I cut with scissors and wore for 4 days straight. After shooting, we had lunch and then went to throw tomahawks. We finally made it to the site after the program, where we cooked dinner and hung out. At 7:00 p.m. we went to play mountain ball, which is weird baseball. There were four injuries. Will never found his pants.



Day 13: Touch Me Not Creek to Base Camp - Jackson

This recount will not be perfect, considering I'm freestyling because no one actually recorded their thoughts for this day. So I'm just going to tell you what happened from memory. You're going to pretend like this is from the journal.

So a silly little thing happened where (it doesn't matter how) I sliced my foot open on a tent stake last night (I also got a black eye playing mountain ball). I was having an extremely difficult time putting weight on my foot, which is pretty significant considering we still had about 2 miles to hike to the



trailhead. I wasn't much help in the morning, considering that I crippled myself, but I did get to the trailhead on my own two feet, albeit it wasn't very fast. Once we got to the trailhead, we hung out with some other Crews that were also ending their Philmont Journey at the trailhead. We hung out for about an hour, I think, and then a bus came to pick us up. As we rode back to base camp on the bus, it was very cool seeing Baldy and some of the landmarks we had come from. That bus drive really put into perspective

just how far we had gone. We got back to base camp and our Troop began the process of putting all the stuff away and showering. After showering, I went to the medical building, where they were shocked that I had made it out, considering how messed up my foot was (12). Also, they had to dig out a bunch of dirt and leaves from the cut, which was really not fun and that hurt a lot. After that, they put a big bandage on my foot and gave me some crutches so I could hobble my way back to our tents, by which point most of the camp chores had been done.

Day 14: Cimarron Activities - Jackson

This is the same scenario as day 13, so I'm back on my freestyling nonsense.

The first thing we did that day (I think) was check out the Scouting Museum at Philmont and learned about some cool Scouting history. We also went to the St James Hotel to get food, which was pretty good. After that, we decided to stop by a little jail that wasn't really a jail. It was like one of those



old crappy jails that were just a stone and mortar building with a plaque on it that said this was a jail 100 years ago. That was cool I guess. But the coolest thing was definitely the Scouting Museum. Then, towards the end of the night, we had to go to a closing campfire. Gabo let me climb on his back for part of the way because that was significantly easier/faster than getting around on crutches. On the way back, I had to move on my own, and that was really tough, because it was super windy, sand was blowing everywhere, and it was not a short distance to do it on crutches. After this, we did our final roses and thorns [ed. Scouts each consider what they feel they did well, could have done better, and what they will try to accomplish the next day] and went to bed.

Day 15: Philmont to DC - Jackson

More freestyling because nobody wrote anything.

Today wasn't too special. We said our goodbyes to the Philmont staff, who we thought were cool, and got out of there early in the morning. There's a little superstition that if you look back at the Tooth of Time [ed. A prominent geological feature at Philmont] when you're driving away from Philmont, you'll somehow find your way back there sometime down the line, so I



looked back. I'm going back next year, so maybe it is true. I'm not sure if my mom did, though. We drove for 3 and 1/2 hours, or however long Kunal said it was, and we dropped off the rental cars, got to the airport, and flew home. I don't remember the details of the flight. It couldn't have been too interesting, but we got to DC, waited at the pickup part of the airport, and Ewan's parents gave my mom and me a lift home. And that concludes Philmont.

General Trek Notes - Jackson Mello

1. A Troop made of kids whose parents live on Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque has a Scout Hut where Troop 100 stayed overnight as a home base, before leaving for the Philmont Base Camp. This overnight stay also allowed us to adjust to the higher altitude and rest after a long day of traveling.
2. I almost died eating those fries.

3. Coyote Howl was in an old burn area that had not fully recovered [ed. Philmont suffered from fires the year before Covid], so it was extremely rocky with no tree cover. The only plant life was small to medium-sized bushes. This, mixed with the harsh winds, caused it to be a very difficult night of camping.
4. Some ancient deities may have cursed us because of our actions.
5. I got my Croc branded.
6. Because Grady and I cooked, we got the privilege of choosing who from our crew would do KP. He picked Ray, and I picked Will because they were being annoying about something that I do not remember now.
7. I thought I would be smart and mixed my instant mashed potatoes with the chicken and some instant soup packets and made what can only be described as an amalgamation of processed foods and sodium which probably shortened my lifespan by 5-7 years. Might have been the worst meal I have ever eaten, if it's not, it's for sure in the bottom 5. Would not recommend it.
8. Best night sky I have ever seen. Saw all 3 bands of the Milky Way. Absolutely amazing. Makes me want to move to an uninhabited island in the Pacific so that I can see that every day.
9. We also saw a lot of cows just hangin' out in the middle of the trails
10. Easily the most challenging day. Not fun at all. Extremely difficult hiking.
11. I had a watch alarm set to 5:15 that I didn't know how to change so that just became the time I would wake everyone up. I was the rooster.
12. A few different nurses/doctors came in and they all initially thought my eye was the problem because the black eye was extremely visible.



Camp: Rodney Scout Reservation

August 2023 | Aarik Luke and Nathan Katzman



Day 1 July 30th: Nathan

On the first day of Camp Rodney, we arrived in the early afternoon. It was just me [Nathan], Aarik, Luke, and Luke's dad. All of us had never been to Rodney before. When we got there we had our guide take us to our campsite. There was a cabin and lots of tents at the campsite but since there were only a few of us they paired us up with another troop who were from Baltimore. They were also a small troop with only four kids at Rodney but they didn't arrive until day 2. They were going to have the cabin so we scouted out the

tents and picked which ones we were sleeping in. After we unpacked all of our stuff in the tents, we had to do swim tests to be able to do activities in the pool. We headed to the pool which was on the other side of the camp but we all did our swim tests and came back to get changed. After we got changed we were directed to go to the parade field for dinner.

We went and there were lots of staff cooking barbeque. We lined up for chicken, corn, watermelon, and other food. We all sat down as a troop and ate dinner on the parade field with the rest of the camp. After dinner, it was time to lower the flag so the staff went to the camp flag pole. As we were all at attention, they lowered the flag and folded it. After that ended we were told to line up and follow the staff to the bonfire they were having with the whole camp. We went with the whole camp to the bonfire and we sat in rows on benches. It was huge and had enough benches to fit triple the number of people that were there. In front of us, there was a stage where the staff did skits and songs and after the bonfire, we were dismissed back to our campsites. At our campsite, we had a flagpole so we lowered the flag, folded it, went into our tents, and went to sleep.



Day 2 July 31st: Aarik

We woke up ready to eat breakfast. I [Aarik] was the waiter for breakfast and it was cool to see how we had to set up all of the cutlery, bring a water jug, and then get our food. Since there were only 4 people we had a lot of extra food so no one was left hungry. After breakfast, we got ready to see how our merit badges would be. This was our first time going to them and we had to figure out where to go. We had a schedule with every location, so we went on to our first merit badge. After completing all of our

morning merit badges we went to lunch, which was like any normal day. At lunch we talked about our merit badges and what it was like. Then we went on to our afternoon merit badges. Afterwards, we went back to our campsite where we noticed trucks and a trailer at our campsite. The other troop at our campsite had arrived. Since there were only 4 people at our campsite we had enough space for another troop and there were only 6 more people, so we still had plenty of space at our campsite. Then we greeted each other, went to dinner and then slept.



Day 3 August 1st: Nathan

We woke up ready to start the day. We raised the flag and, Aarik as the server for breakfast, went to the cafeteria to prepare for the meal. We arrived shortly after, ready for breakfast. We said grace and ate our food. We got dismissed back to our campsites to go to our merit badge classes. Today was the second day of merit badges. We went to our first class and after we had all of our morning classes we headed back to the campsite. Luke was the server for lunch and he was already at the cafeteria when we

got to the site. We went to the cafeteria a few minutes later and we said grace and ate our food. We were dismissed to our campsites and Assistant Scoutmaster John Cates was there. He had just arrived. We greeted him and helped him unpack. Then we went to our afternoon merit badge classes. Once we got back, I headed to set up dinner and when we got back from eating it was late. We lowered the flag and went to bed.

Day 4 August 2nd: Aarik

The day was normal, nothing too special or out of the ordinary. We had breakfast and for lunch, we had one of the saltiest cheese steaks in the world before we went to our merit badge classes. When we were going to head out for dinner, we saw the other troop at our campsite had a whole deep fryer and made us some delicious fries as well as an amazing apple pie. But most importantly there was a projector and they had a bunch of DVDs. We decided we were going to watch Paul Blart: Mall Cop. It was a good movie and the addition of the fries made it even better. We also went for a shower and the lights weren't working inside of the shower house, so we had to shower in the dark. Suddenly, there was a loud banging sound on the door which was one of the Scouts in the other troop trying to scare us.



Day 5 August 2nd: Nathan

At the start of day five, we woke up, raised the flag, and Aarik went to set up breakfast. We ate, and then we went to our morning merit badges. Today was the second to last day of merit badges so we

were starting to finish them up. After our morning classes, we headed back to the campsite. Soon after, Luke went to set up lunch. We had lunch and went to our afternoon classes. Same as the morning we were finishing up our badges. After we went to the campsite, I went to the cafeteria to set up dinner. After we ate, we were going to go on a hike along the Chesapeake Bay that we signed up for. We went back to the campsite and got changed for the hike. We met up near the boating area. It was a group of about 10 people, including us. We started the hike before the sun was down. It wasn't too cold and we were enjoying it. But as we went on farther it got colder because the sun was going down. We learned some cool facts and passed the parade field, but it was right along a cliff so we couldn't see it. It took more than an hour and we went from one side of the camp to the other but only through the water. By the time it ended and we got out of the Bay, it was freezing. We were pretty far from the campsite so we started running, to keep us warm. Once we got there we got a change of clothes and went to the shower. We took a good shower, changed, and returned to the campsite. We lowered the flag, folded it, then we went to bed.

Day 6 August 3rd: Aarik

This was the day we got all of our merit badges and wrapped up everything. The day went by as usual but there was something sad about knowing that we were going to leave the next day. We said our goodbyes to the friends we made throughout the week. After all the merit badges were over, we went to eat dinner. This time you served yourself and sat with random people. Luckily, I sat with Mark, one of the Scouts I



knew, so I wasn't by myself. The dinner was normal and then we made our way to the campfire. We sat next to a Scout named Jude. We never knew who he was but it became a joke during our week, when on the first day we heard the largest troop at camp said, "Yeah Jude" at random times. So every time he passed by we decided to say that as well. We talked to him about that. Then, we met up with one of our best friends during our time at camp, Mark. We hadn't had any merit badges with Mark, but we just said hi when we passed by and then became friends with him and part of his Troop. After this, we tried to get everything that we weren't going to need that night, packed, and then went to sleep.

Day 7 August 4th: Nathan

The last day we barely did anything. We just woke up and packed fast. Then we cleaned the campsite and got ready to go. We took a few pictures and left Rodney. It was a great week and we want to go back next year.

Eagle Court of Honor

September 2023 | William Wales



William Wales was honored as the 148th Eagle Scout from Troop 100 in September. He completed his Eagle Board of Review in May of that year and was officially an Eagle. However, his formal recognition ceremony was held after the summer. Troop 100 gathered to honor William, who had served as Senior Patrol Leader and most recently as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Throughout the ceremony William's years in Scouting were recognized, through stories from his fellow Scouts, photos of his adventures, a sharing of his achievements, and in his own words. William's journey was not alone, and his family was also honored during the ceremony. Troop alumni and other Eagle Scouts were also present to wish him a well earned congratulation.



Camp: Big Mac

September 2023 | Katarina Apostolova Dobert

Camp Big Mac was a great experience for my first campout. I loved how we had tasks to do, instead of having the adults prepare everything like on the Cub Scout campouts. We arrived at St. Ann's Church around 7:45 am, getting ready to leave, with everybody gathering their things in lines corresponding to their respective patrols. We left soon after that, around 8:00 am. I drove with some of my friends for a short while, before we stopped at 7-Eleven. We had been looking forward to this, since it was our first campout, and I had heard other people saying good things about it. It was a quick trip, we arrived, got our snacks, and quickly left.



We arrived at the camp after about 1-2 hours of driving, we waited for the others to arrive, and then we went to set up our campsites. With the other Pine Trees, we started to work on our lunch. The lunch we made was quite simple, just cheese and crackers with salami. And we had to invite someone over with a skit. That part was fun although some of my friends found it embarrassing. We ate, then went to help clean up the camp.





For dinner, we had ramen, which is normally a food that is made on more difficult trips, but since it was our first campout, I think it was fine. We had to make the ramen a little more interesting and complex, because instant ramen is a little easy. We all took turns cutting up hot dogs into bits to add to the ramen. Our ramen was apparently a hit, because a bunch of people we did not have to invite, came over to help finish it.

Later, we all gathered around a campfire we had helped build, where we all did a skit and a song. I remember my patrol did the song, "Titanic" then, it was time for all the new Scouts to receive our neckerchiefs.

We later went back to our tents, to get some sleep, then woke up the next day to have breakfast. Breakfast was short, but one patrol took way too long to make it. With the added rain, it was definitely not the best part, especially because the KP took so long in the morning. Then, we all packed up to leave. We drove back to the church, and went home, putting an end to our camping trip.



Camp: Sugarloaf Mountain

October 2023 | Elliot Holland

Sugarloaf Mountain was my 2nd camping trip as a Scout. The theme was dutch oven cooking and so we made soup for dinner. The soup was delicious! We also made disassembled hamburgers which didn't involve that much KP, so we ate them for lunch. It got kind of cold during the night. One of the Scouts was wearing a reflective jacket, and we had fun shining our flashlights at it. On this camping trip, not only did I complete a few Second Class requirements, but I also earned my Totin' Chip badge. Overall, it was a very fun camping trip.



Pancake Breakfast

November 2023 | Sofia Bohr

On November 4, Troop 100 had their annual Pancake Breakfast in Saint Ann's gym. It took place from 8:00 to 11:00 in the morning. The pancake breakfast was a fundraiser for the Scout Troop.



Scouts had previously sold tickets for the pancake breakfast in the neighborhood, to their neighbors, family, and friends.

The adults in the Troop cooked the food, while the Scouts served the people who had come to the Pancake Breakfast. Each of the Scouts were assigned to a guest or guests who had paid for the tickets, and

took their order, then brought them the food and would check up on their assigned guest.

The funds for the annual Pancake Breakfast are usually used for things like going on camping trips and other Scouting activities. The Scouts collected those funds by going door-to-door in different places in the neighborhood to sell tickets for adults (\$10 each) and children (\$6 each). It helped out the Scout Troop, and also was nice for the community.



Camp: Frederick Watershed

November 2023 | Lare Adelekan

The drive to the campsite was about an hour away and I was really excited to go camping, so the trip felt very short. We got to the campsite almost immediately. We put our bags away and got into a competition. The competition was to see who could set up a tent blind folded with the patrol leaders leading their patrols. It was fun.

After the game we started preparing for dinner but it was windy so the wind kept blowing our things off the table. Once dinner was ready, finally ready, we invited Ryan's dad to come eat with us and he did. After dinner we made sweet bread on a stick over a campfire. It was really good. We all went to bed after eating.



Tree Sale

December 2023 | Will Holzwanger

Troop 100 had a Christmas Tree Sale in early December last year. On a Friday night, we set up the trees to prepare for the sale the next morning. After the first load arrived and we put all the trees in line, we waited in the cold rain for over an hour for the second delivery. After we put away the second load, we left.

The next morning we arrived at the church early in the morning to begin the sale. Not many people had bought trees early on, but as time passed, more people arrived to buy trees. A lot of people ordered trees online so we had to go deliver trees to several houses. We had pizza for lunch, and in between sales we played football in the parking lot. In the end, we sold all but four of the trees.



Hike: Battery Kemble

December 2023 | Adrian Samper

On December 16, 2023 Troop 100 went on a hike on the Battery Kemble Trail as a winter hike experience. Most people ended up coming and in my opinion it was a good experience. One thing I



remember that I could have improved on, was how much food I brought with me. I had to get food from a friend. I also remember the water looking very polluted. In the future I would bring enough food for me. I give the hike a rating of 17 out of 20 stars because if I had brought enough food it would have been better. But besides that, the hike was good.



Holiday Party

December 2023 | Rohan Bhat



St Ann's Church was filled with excitement as the annual Troop 100 Holiday Party got under way. Everyone was eager to get started because the Scouts had all gotten presents for each other, however, there was a twist. Each gift was supposed to be really challenging to open, and believe me, some people made it almost IMPOSSIBLE to open these gifts! I made two 3D printed boxes and hot-glued them together so I was hoping no one would be able to open them. I could not wait for the gift opening to begin! All the Scouts

started to try to open the gifts. The gift I was given was incredibly hard to open and it took me about 45 minutes to finally open it. I had to unwrap about five layers of sticky tape and then I had to use a hammer to bang open the wood.

After I had pried open the wood, I then had to use my Phillips screwdriver to unscrew some sharp nails and ended up cutting myself in the process. Whoever had designed my gift was skilled and creative. I was then able to use a wrench to get the rest of the box open.

After everyone had opened their gifts, I saw the box I had 3D printed in ruins, as someone had clearly used a hammer to bash open it's top. We all cleaned up and then our Scoutmaster, Edwin declared, "Let the festivities begin!" We then enjoyed tasty food and drinks. We talked for a while and then it was time to go. We all had a great time, and I will always remember our Holiday Party.



Hike: History of Scouting Trail

January 2024 | Leila Schatz



On a cold Saturday in January, 11 Scouts walked the History of Scouting Trail through downtown DC. We started at the National Geographic Museum which was under renovation so we couldn't go inside. We then went to Lafayette Square where we counted all the statues. We found the statue that was dedicated in 1910 (Kosciuszko) which is also the year that the Boy Scouts of America was founded. We took a picture in front of the White House and then walked to 17th street. All of the Scouts were freezing cold, so we stopped at a coffee shop to warm up.



Then we walked to the American Red Cross Building and counted all the crosses on the building. After this, we passed the Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) Building where Scouts helped the women in the Suffrage Procession in 1913. In front of the DAR building, we completed our Civic Good Turn, by picking up litter on the sidewalk. Next, we took a picture of where the National Christmas Tree used to be and then followed the compass there to the Boy Scout Memorial. The memorial is three bronze statues - a man, woman, and a Scout. The Scout Oath is on the side of the memorial. We counted all the Scout emblems on the benches and on the statues. We then walked over to the Hotel Washington and took a group photo in front of the hotel. We learned that Baden Powell and other men had founded BSA in that hotel in 1910. We went across the street to our last stop, Freedom Plaza, and found a map of the White House on the ground, with the original name of the White House, The President's House. It was an educational and cold three-hour hike – good preparation for the winter camp-out!



PLC Retreat

January 2024 | Lena Voss

This January, I had my first PLC, or Patrol Leaders Council Retreat. This meant I, the patrol leader of the Pine Trees, Troop 100's first-ever female unit, would help create a plan with other Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders, our Senior Patrol Leader and some of the Scoutmasters for our year of Scouting in 2024. This was the first time in Troop 100 history that girls were a part of a PLC Retreat, and it felt amazing that after about a hundred years, I was the first female leader to attend this meeting.

When I arrived at St. Ann's with my brother, Luke, and my dad, who is one of my Scoutmasters, my friend and Assistant Pine Tree Leader, Naomi, was already there. Ewan, Tomas, Jackson, Kunal, Nathan, Will (aka Little Will), and Big Will joined in along with our leaders, Edwin, Annabel, Sam, and Francisco, who were all tiredly taking a seat around the table. The meeting started sharp at 8:00 in the morning, and ended at 3:00 in the afternoon. It was almost like a regular school day, but on a Sunday. Thankfully, there was plenty of food and drink to keep us going through the long day—doughnuts, orange juice, apple juice, and granola bars, which we all ate happily.



Edwin then started by reviewing what we would be talking about, and said that along with planning the year, we would be completing training to become better leaders. That got me excited, and I looked forward to learning more about leading my patrol. We then went around the room and reviewed how our patrols have been doing with attendance, advancement, teamwork, uniforms, and skills. My patrol was doing very well with everything, especially advancement.

For about an hour, we talked about the vision of Scouts with Edwin, which was about being a good, respectful, and participatory citizen and we all shared our thoughts. Then we took a little break and played a game where we had to line up from oldest to youngest without talking. We all enjoyed it, and we completed it successfully on the first try, with Jackson in the front of the line and me in the back!

The older Scouts kept on talking about a “dancing guy video” that the younger Scouts didn’t know anything about, until we watched a video of someone oddly dancing alone at the beach. Then someone else joined him, also dancing strangely, and then more and more people joined and were dancing all together. We made a connection between the first dancer and a Patrol Leader, the first follower and an Assistant Patrol Leader, and the rest of the dancers as the other Scouts in a patrol. It was such a funny, random video, and we all had fun watching it.

After talking about leadership some more, we talked about communication and then the EDGE method, which was a way to teach someone something by Explaining, Demonstrating, Guiding, and then Enabling. A little later, we took a much-needed pizza lunch break and then planned our camping trips before making some meeting plans. Overall, it was a very interesting and productive PLC Retreat, where girls and boys worked together for the first time to plan the next Scouting year and we all learned a lot!



REMEMBRANCES: What does scouting mean to you?

By Kalyan Patel

For me, being a Scout in Troop 100 means I can do things I didn't think I could do before, for example lighting a fire and sustaining the fire. The reason I love being a Scout is because I am making new friends, meeting new people, learning valuable knowledge about the world we live in that will benefit me later in my life and much more. I want to continue being a Scout in Troop 100 because it means a lot to me to wear the Scout uniform every Wednesday.

By Ryan Bohr

To me, being a Scout means spending time with friends and sometimes family. It means being outdoors, camping and hiking. It also means learning new things, like how to take care of a knife and such.

ILLUSTRATION

By Alexander Wolski



2023 Troop Advancement

Scout



Aarik Luke
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Katarina Dobert
Leila Schatz
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Marcus Rozeboom
Naomi Mellet
Nathan Katzman
Oluwadamilare Adelekan
Rohan Bhat
Sofia Bohr

Tenderfoot



Aarik Luke
Miguel Souto Learman
Nathan Katzman
Nima Mehrdad
William Holzwanger

First Class



Kunal Bansal
Luke Voss

Star



Gabriel Rodriguez Seoane
Grady Jiggins
Ian Condon
Jackson Mello
Ray Matano

Life



Ewan Conroy
Grady Jiggins
Jackson Mello
Ray Matano
Tomas Parodi

Eagle



William Wales

Palms



William Wales

2023-2024 Nights of Camping

Troop 100 Boys			
		Total Nights 2023-2024	Total Camping Nights with T100
Oluwadamilare	Adelekan	3	3
Kunal	Bansal	25	51
Rohan	Bhat	1	1
Ryan	Bohr	2	2
Ian	Condon	12	39
Ewan	Conroy	24	74
Matias	Ford	6	21
Leon	Geiger	4	4
Ryan	Harlan	3	3
Elliot	Holland	2	2
William	Holzwanger	3	16
Grady	Jiggins	25	66
Konstantine	Kaliardos	1	1
Nathan	Katzman	16	17
Aarik	Luke	9	10
Ray	Matano	23	54
Nima	Mehrdad	1	2
Jackson	Mello	22	45
Christopher	Mendoza-Lazo	6	16
Tomas	Parodi	18	55
Kalyan	Patel	1	1
Archer	Pollak	1	1
Gabriel	Rodriguez Seoane	22	53
Marcus	Rozeboom	2	2
Adrian	Samper	2	2
Cameron	Smeltzer	2	2
Benjamin	Souto Learman	0	0
Miguel	Souto Learman	1	12

Troop 100 Boys Continued			
		Total Nights 2023-2024	Total Camping Nights with T100
Carl	Strain	3	3
Luke	Voss	10	24
William	Wales	15	86
Alexander	Wolski	3	3

Troop 100 Girls			
		Total Nights 2023-2024	Total Camping Nights with T100
Sofia	Bohr	2	2
Katarina	Dobert	2	2
Naomi	Mellet	2	2
Hannah	Nazaryan	0	0
Avani	Patel	1	1
Leila	Schatz	1	1
Hannah	Szwedzki	1	1
Lena	Voss	3	3





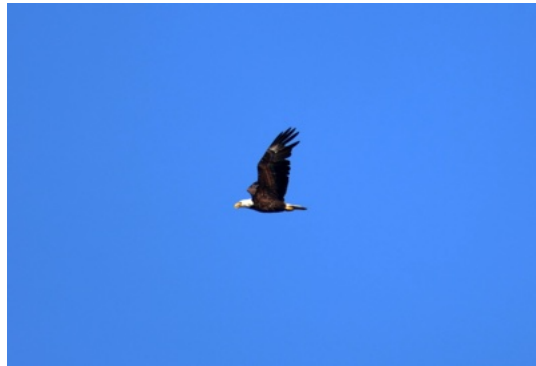
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1	Thomas W. McConville	September 13, 1920	31	John J. Amante	February 13, 1934
2	Victor Hartshorn	(1920)	32	William Crockett	April 7, 1934
3	John F. Marquis	February 21, 1921	33	Alex Adrian	September 12, 1934
4	William J. Stephenson	March 12, 1921	34	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	134.	Elliot M. Cornfeld	November 3, 2016

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	148. William Wales	May 24, 2023



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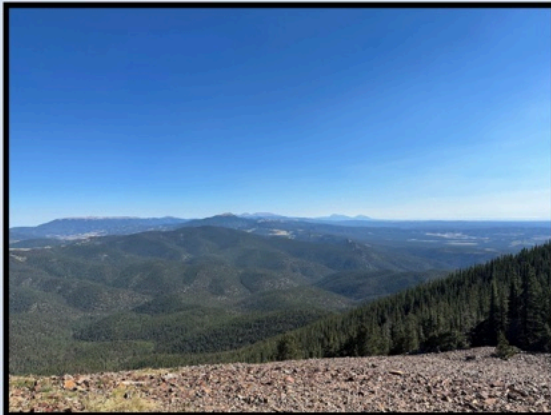
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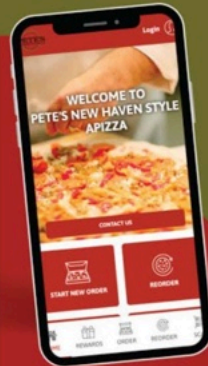
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