



Troop 49 Newsletter

2020

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Previous Scoutmaster Side Street

It can sometimes be said that old scouters don't die, they just coach from a little different side of the street. As too with this my last Scout Master Corner. Troop 49 is really quite fortunate in the scouting world. It has always had adults that understand the lessons of scouting, Oath, Law, Motto and purpose beyond. Said simply the reason we believe in scouting is that it helps create better people. Not just leaders, but people that understand leadership, team work, successes, failures, and the idea that we accomplish, learn, and create more together, than apart.

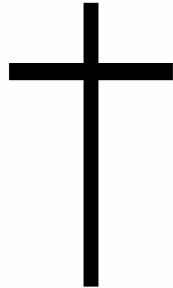
I see this every day in the scouts. As the New Scouts come in they are almost always a squirrely crew. Fresh out of Cub Scouts ready to have the same fun at a grander level. Major learning time here, that none are really ready for until they are learning it. They are able to do everything for themselves, they have the tools, brains and physical abilities to take care of themselves and each other in a scouting environment.

New Scout Camp is the first physical embodiment of this. Overnight camping without your parents. Responsible for the meal plan, camp set up, packing gear, working as a patrol to accomplish scouting tasks. Learning, that if you are willing to take a second you can do it yourselves and even have fun. I remember my son's first NSC, I was helping haul his stuff, might have been a cot; I was directed to take it back to the car so Andy could get it or arrange for another scout to help him if needed. Asking for help from another scout, pretty big step, and concept here. Mom & Dad aren't doing the work here, the scouts are. It's part of letting them know they can do it themselves, it being Scout Lead, and also at some point, if they want to bring the house to the woods, it takes a lot more effort than it may be worth. This was the last time he even let me get close to hauling his stuff for a camp out.

It is an awesome moment when your scout says "I got it". They do and they need to be allowed to. The more they believe they can handle or do, the more they truly can. And in Scouts and Life that is the goal. Scouting can get them there, we just need to step out of the way and let them take those first few steps on the scouting journey that will guide them for life...

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Mr. Townsend



Lord, we thank you for this day. Help us to do our best every day. Amen

**Troop 49 Meets The Veterans at Three Pillars Retirement Community-
by Mr. Ewald**

Thanks and a Shout out to all the Scouts that attended the Wisconsin Honor Flight Meet and Greet Thursday January 9th at Three Pillars Retirement Community! That evening 21 Scouts of Troop 49 and 6 visiting Webelos listened to the stories of many World War 2 and Korean War Veterans that live at Three Pillars. The Wisconsin Honor Flight was founded in 2010 with a simple mission to fly World War 2 Veterans to Washington DC to see the WW2 Memorial. As the Program grew it was opened to Korean and Vietnam Veterans and has flown almost 7000 veterans to date. That evening, we watched part of the Honor Flight DVD movie that explained how the Honor Flight came to be, and the stories of some of the veterans featured. This made an impact on all that attended because there was also a lot of actual wartime footage from World War 2. We also heard from Mr Jim Kliese who is on the Wisconsin Honor Flight Board of Directors- he told the scouts and guests more about the Honor Flight and its mission. Mr. Ewald (Mason's Dad) also spoke about the Veteran residents that live at Three Pillars and about the Operation Freedom fundraising program that pays to fly the Veteran and a guardian on the Honor Flight. Probably one of the best things that evening was after the program we had cookies and hot chocolate and we had time to visit with all the veterans. Some brought old photo albums and memorabilia they shared, but best of all was to hear their stories. There were veterans present from all branches of military including

the Army, Navy, Airforce, and Marines. A special thank you to the staff at Three Pillars for hosting our Troop and to get to know the men and women that gave so much to protect our Freedoms!



Troop 49 Open House Report (Event Date 1/30/2020)

by Mr. Eckert

One of our last meetings at the Aurora Hospital was our winter recruitment which was led by Spencer and Cedric Hong. We hosted 15 scouts from Packs 91, 212, and 73. Several stations were set up and manned by troop members. Attendance from the scouts was great and really showed our strengths. One group was even doing cooking out in the parking lot with Mr. Townsend. Our efforts paid off as we later recruited 3 scouts that were in attendance that evening. Troop 49 welcomed Zach Harris, Brooke Lippold, and Rachel Meyers later that year. All three are great scouts.

Troop 49 G is born- June 18, 2020

By Mrs. McCarthy

Just in time to attend Summer Camp with Troop 49, Jess V., Karissa T., and Cai W. became the first members of Troop 49 G. After years of attending scout functions for her brothers, Jess had started in Boy Scouts as a Lone Scout earlier in the year. But as soon as a Mrs. Voiles found a few more girls, they were able to form a troop. Troop 49 G is linked with the Troop 49 boys troop and currently works as a Patrol- the White Tigers- in the linked Troop. Jess is the first Patrol Leader. Later in the year Ellie M. and Brooke L. joined. Brooke had been a Cubscout in Pack 91. At the end of 2020 they also added Sophia H. The scouts have had a ton of fun- attending Summer Camp at Camp Long Lake, New Scout Camp, the Fall Camporee, and Boundless Adventure Aerial Adventure Park. They have been working on Rank Advancements and Merit Badges too. Send your sisters and friends to Troop 49 G!



Legion Flag Sorting and Flag Retirement **by Nicholas Hoffman**

For the Legion Flag Sorting and Retirement, I was the SPL. Personally, it was actually very nerve racking for me, as it was the first time where I was acting as an SPL. On the day of the sorting, we had many Scouts and adults show up to help. There must have been at least 20 people all working together to fold and prepare the flags. In the end, we must have sorted more than 100 different flags. It was interesting to see all the different kinds of flags that were turned in. There was also one lady there from the Legion that offered to repair some of the flags that weren't beyond repair. During the flag retirement ceremony, although there were less Scouts, we managed to run the ceremony very smoothly. Not only did the members of the Legion help to retire the flags, but they also enlisted both the audience and the Scouts. Since there were so many flags, the fire grew bigger and bigger and became hotter and hotter. It was wonderful seeing everyone take part in the flag retirement preparations and ceremony. I'm looking forward to participating in another one.

TROOP 49 Helps at the Freemasons Picnic **by Mr. Ewald**

On August 15 th eight Troop 49 Scouts led by SPL Mason Ewald helped serve lunch at the Lake Country Freemasons Lodge #42 Masters Picnic. It was a beautiful Day and it was a great opportunity to get to know the members of the Masonic Lodge better as they had been letting the Troop use the Lodge for meetings. Every year the Lodge has the picnic to honor the Past Masters (Like a Scoutmaster) of the Lodge. In total there were almost 50 people in attendance. Scouts served the food in a safe Covid-friendly way wearing protective gear like plastic gloves, face masks and serving each individual through the line. It was a great opportunity for those in attendance to pick up community service hours too. Thanks to all those who pitched in!





The **Order of the Arrow** is the National Honor Society of Scouting and its members are tasked with cheerful service to others. That is the official description of the OA. What being in the OA has meant to many is it is a society of like-minded in the scouting organization who have a passion for the outdoors and where service to others will always be above themselves. Every year our troop holds its annual OA election in hopes that one of our own will be elected to the OA. The requirements to be on the ballot are simple; 15 nights of scout camping over a 2 year period that has no more than 1 long term camp like summer camp and the remaining nights made up of short term camping or high adventure camping. So once a scout is elected Troop 49 has held our own call-out ceremony. We first started this in 2008 when one of our scouts was unable to attend summer camp. The ceremony is of a native Indian theme from the Leni Lenape tribe in Delaware. Once the scout is called-out they must go on and serve their ordeal at Camp Long Lake. This is called an ordeal because once completed they are now Ordeal Members in the OA. All Ordeal members are encouraged to solidify their membership by testing for their Brotherhood as early as 6 months after their Ordeal. The final level in the OA is Vigil Honor, anyone in this level has been nominated and selected by members in the OA and this may happen only after many years of service. Those who have been chosen to be a Vigil Honor member are also given a special name that represents who they are. Being in the OA should always be held in honor as it is those around you that have chosen you worthy.

Ed Marek

Vigil Honor

Woapalanne Kichkinet – which means Eagle Guide.

Scuppernong Trail Hike on August 22, 2020
Sebby Eckert

by

It was on the orange loop which is 4.1 miles. We stopped on the scenic overlook where the picture was taken. There were a total of 10 scouts and after the hike, we ate lunch and kids played ball tag and adults played ladder ball.



Congressman Bryan Steil Meets Troop 49 by Mr. Ewald

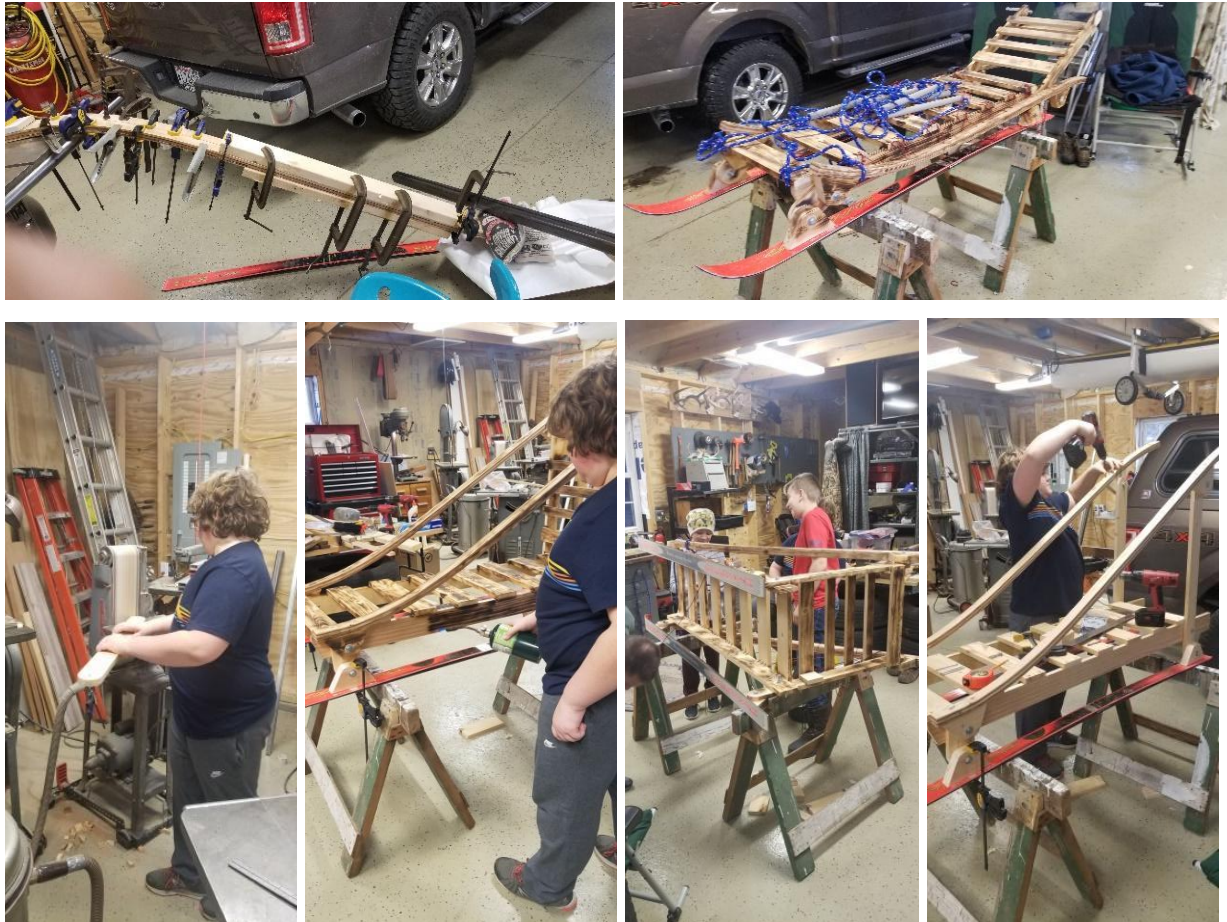
On Thursday October 8th , The Scouts of Troop 49 had their best Class A uniforms on to meet Congressman Bryan Steil at the Legend at Brandybrook in Wales. Mr. Ewald in coordination with the Congressman Steil's staff arranged the meeting and Scouts got to ask just about any question about his job as Congressman, government, and even some current issues. In total we had about 45 minutes with the Congressman and in turn, Mr. Townsend signed off on numerous rank or Merit badge requirements related to meeting a public official for all the Scouts that needed it. The meeting was also a welcome break to meet in person vs the long string of Zoom calls we had to have due to Covid.



Klondike Gold Rush 2020

By: JJ Huber

This year Troop 49 participated in PAC's 2020 Klondike Gold Rush. Klondike is a winter outdoor skills competition hosted by Troop 43 in Watertown. To participate you need a sled but we decided to make a traditional Klondike dog sled.



We started the sled by laminating the top rails to give them a bend. Then we cut and drilled all the components for the sled.

Finally, we got to assemble the sled. It was designed so we could fold it down for easy storage.

We wanted the sled to look old and gold rush authentic. We used a Japanese technique called Shou Sugi Ban to char the outer surface of the wood to make it look aged. The technique also helps to waterproof the wood since the sled will be used outside in the snow.

The sled was designed similar to a traditional Klondike dog sled except we bolted it together instead of lashing it. Traditional sleds were pegged and lashed together using sinew from animals. Sinew is tough fibrous tissue uniting muscle to bone or bone to bone like a tendon or ligament. Sinew is chewed to get it wet and soften it up then you can lash the sled pieces together, some of us tried lashing the handle with Sinew for the fun of it. When the Sinew dries

it shrinks to tighten the joint and the proteins create natural glue. Sinew lashing, unfortunately, isn't waterproof, so it must be covered with pine pitch or varnish if out in the wet weather.

Once the sled was assembled, we lashed the sides with Paracord to hold our stuff in the sled. We also found a very old canvas forestry pack and wool army blanket to add more authenticity.



The design started with a sketch in a notebook which became an almost exact replica. We ran out of time to make a bent front bumper like real dog sleds have.

Zach says, "It was cool building the sled and racing with it/pushing it around was the best part."



The average sled dog weighs 45 pounds and is expected to pull 85 pounds up to 90 miles a day. That means a team of 10 can pull 850 pounds. We made a harness to strap in 5 dog boys pulling around 50 pounds and one person.



At the Klondike event, for one of the stations, each scout had to make a pancake and eat it as fast as possible while having to take into account where on the pan they were and how big their pancake was.

In another challenge, we had to build a fire that could burn through two ropes as fast as we could with the materials that we brought or found. Some scouts had to stand blocking the wind so the fire wouldn't burn out and it could reach the top.

One of our adult leaders Mr. Eckert ran one of the stations, log cutting. In this station, boys would have to work together to cut part of a log with a two-man bucksaw while switching off with other scouts.

In the lashing station, we had to make a chair with 5 wooden spars, some rope, and a tarp. We had to use knots like a sheet bend and two half hitches. The rest we lashed using square lashes to hold up the chair.

Mason E said "My favorite part of the day was making and eating lunch to warm up. Also learning to make a tripod for a hammock was a lot of fun with everyone." We had a great Dutch oven lunch of spaghetti and cherry cobbler for dessert.

Grants say fire building was fun; we worked together as a team to get the job done.



One of the activities was the five-man skis where the boys had to work together more than ever; they had to coordinate their feet and hands to make it around a simple turn. With a lot of trial and error after 50min, we finally finished the course. We need to work on that one. Most of the challenges were timed for points. Being our first Klondike, we did not know the challenges so all of our times weren't the best. Next time we will know what has to be done to score higher. We did well on the Fire building, slingshots, and cooking. At the final award ceremony, we also won the awards for the best sled design and most unique sled.

"It was cold and wet, but working together with my friends made the day fun." Chase L



High Adventure Hike in the Porcupine Mountains by Mrs McCarthy

Members from Troop 49 and Venturing Crew 196 were scheduled to attend Philmont Scout Ranch in June of 2020. The adventure was cancelled due to the COVID Pandemic. The group then decided to do a six day backpacking trip through the Porcupine Mountains in the UP. Most of the scouts and adults had trained for Philmont by hiking locally, but setting up camp, backcountry cooking, wearing a fully loaded backpack, and hiking up and down the terrain of the Porkies was indeed an adventure and a challenge. Most of the campsites were on creeks or Lake Superior. It was nice to have a source of water nearby and also fun. On the hike from one campsite to the next on Lake Superior the group was attacked by black flies- for almost all of the way. Once at the campsite, the scouts dropped their packs and jumped into the lake! Everyone agreed that this hike should be done again by the Troop- the Porcupine Mountains are beautiful and a fun challenge.

Luminary Hike

by Emory Winiecke

I was the SPL for our December 18 troop meeting that was held at Dayspring Church on Silvernail Road in Pewaukee. We participated in a 1 mile luminary hike through the story of Christmas. Since this was a recruiting event for our troop we invited visiting Webelos to join us and had a great turn out of 12. These scouts were from 4 different packs-73, 294, 49 and 91 and were divided into 3 patrols-Crazy Cat, Cobra and Grizzly. Since it was a cold windy day it was nice to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate at the end. Also, we collected a total of 101 pairs of socks for the Milwaukee area homeless! Thank you to all who donated and especially to Mr. Eckert for covering this cost so all of us could get together again in person.



2020 ELECTION RESULTS!

SPRING	FALL
SPL: Ben Voiles	SPL: Nick Hoffman
ASPL: Spencer Ishizaki	ASPL: Toby Hayden
ASPL: Patrick Byrnes	ASPL: Ryan Konet, John Muraco
Patrol Leader (Fox): Toby Hayden	Patrol Leader (Fox): Aiden Polacheck
Assistant Patrol Leader (Fox): Aiden Policheck	Assistant Patrol Leader (Fox): Emory Winiecke
Patrol Leader (Burnt Toast): Matthew Frkovich	Patrol Leader (Burnt Toast): JJ Huber
Assistant Patrol Leader (Burnt Toast): Nicholas Hoffman	Assistant Patrol Leader (Burnt Toast): Matthew Frkovich
Patrol Leader (Dragon): Sebby Eckert	Patrol Leader (Dragon): Josh Hedgecock
Assistant Patrol Leader (Dragon): Josh Hedgecock	Assistant Patrol Leader (Dragon): Cullen Patterson
Historian: Matthew Jacobs	Patrol Leader (Disco Dogs): Braiden Winkels
Instructor: Spencer Ishizaki	Assistant Patrol Leader (Disco Dogs): N/A
JASM: Spencer Hong	Patrol Leader (White Tigers): Jess Voiles
JASM: Cedric Hong	Assistant Patrol Leader (White Tigers): Ellie Mudler
Quartermaster: Nick Voiles	Historian: Emory Winiecke
Quartermaster: Mason Ewald	Instructor: Matthew Frkovich
Quartermaster: Josh Hedgecock	JASM:
Quartermaster: Tyler Hanson	Quartermaster: Nick Voiles
Quartermaster: JJ Huber	Quartermaster: Josh Hedgecock
Quartermaster: Aaron Maloney	Quartermaster: Aiden Polacheck
Webmaster: Nicholas Hoffman	Quartermaster: Karissa Tobias
Librarian: Mason Ewald	

Librarian Assistant: Patrick Byrnes
Chaplain Aide: John Muraco
Chaplain Aide: Patrick Byrnes
Bugler: Matthew Frkovich
OA Rep: Andy Townsend
Troop Guide: Andrew Fujimoto
Troop Guide: John Muraco
Troop Guide: Ryan Konet
Troop Guide: Evan Hovila
Den Chief: Spencer Ishizaki
Den Chief: Emory Winiecke

Webmaster: Nicholas Hoffman
Librarian: Mason Ewald
Librarian Assistant: Patrick Byrnes
Chaplain Aide: Peter Koutropoulos
Chaplain Aide: Chase Lippold
Bugler: Matthew Frkovich
OA Rep: Brandon Tobias
Troop Guide: John Muraco
Troop Guide: Nick Voiles
Scribe: Stellan Ulland

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