



## **Troop 49 Newsletter**

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### **Scoutmaster Corner by Mr. Voiles**

Be engaged.

It's easy for scouts to be engaged in the activities they enjoy, like camping, hiking, swimming, playing catch with a football, etc. The real challenge for a Scout is to be engaged when you have to clean the dirty dishes at camp, haul water, or miss out on a fun activity to complete chores.

Every chore you do comes with a choice of how you are going to do it. Nobody likes to take the tent home after camp, and I wouldn't expect you to be happy about it, but I would expect you to be engaged and do it right. You can be miserable doing a chore when giving it your minimal effort; or you can attack the chore, do a better job than expected and finish quickly by being engaged. Either way, the job needs to be done. But one way, the work drags on and the other way, you can walk away with a sense of accomplishment for completing a job well done.

In Scouting and in life, there are things you want to do and things you have to do. Sometimes the things you have to do, prevent or delay the things you want to do. If you engage and attack the "have to do" with an engaged or cheerful attitude, you will be surprised at how quickly things get done, so you can get on to the things you want to do.

Still working my ticket,  
Mr. Voiles

**Prayer by Emory W.**

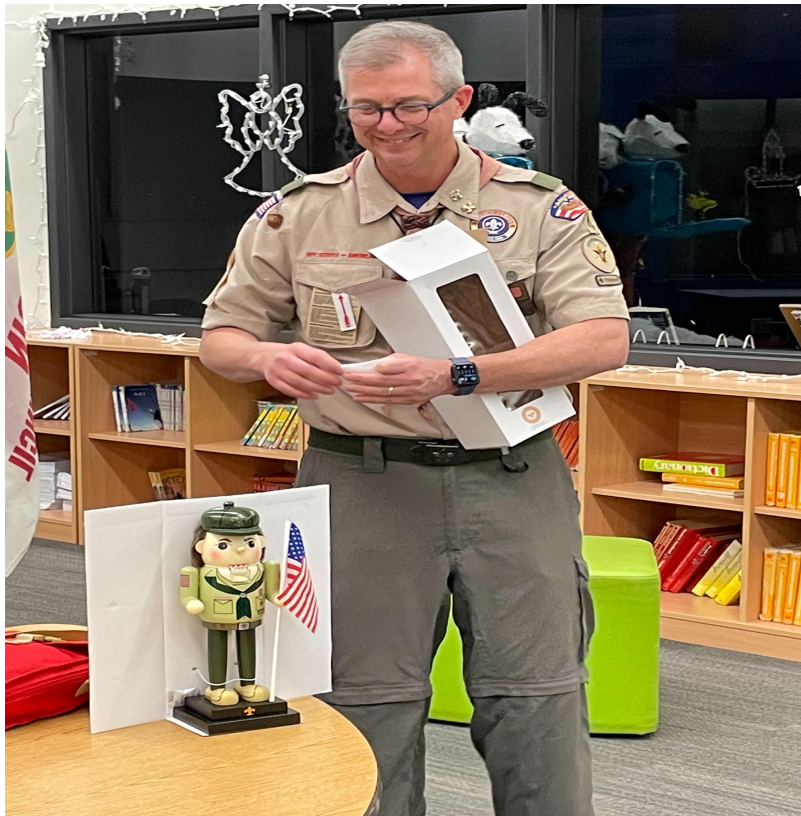
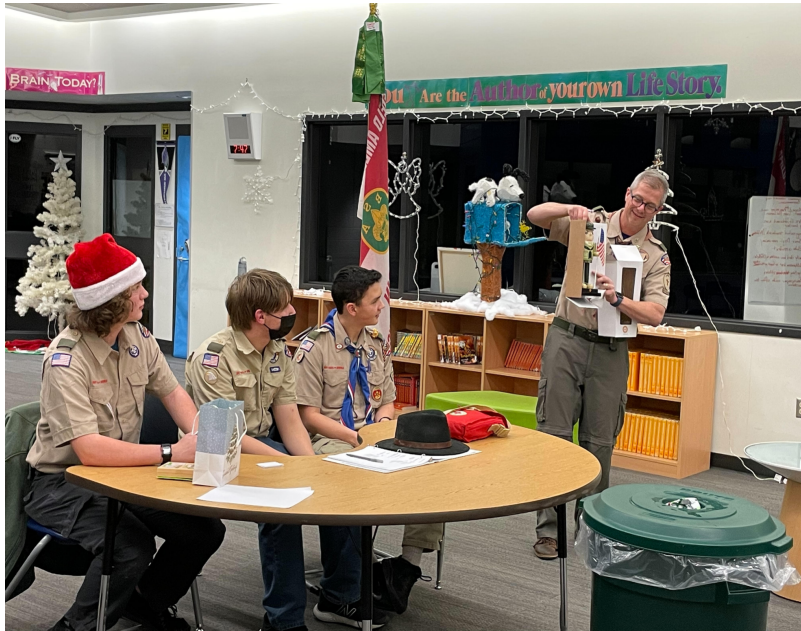


**Lord, we pray for the health and safety of those who were forced from their homes in Ukraine. Help them to know peace. May Russia and Ukraine's peace talk be successful and establish calm between the two countries. Watch over the men and women in our military who have been forced into this conflict. May they find comfort in knowing they are helping others and being reunited with their families soon. Amen.**

## Christmas Gift Exchange

We held our Christmas gift exchange in December. We had a great turn out and everyone had a lot of fun.





## Winter Court of Honor January 6 by Amara C. (MC #1)

A court of honor is to tell and announce others upcoming events, talk about past events, give merit badges and earned ranks, ect. On January 6th we held a court of honor. It went well and Karissa and I (Amara) were the MC's. It lasted about an hour and a half and people were asked to stay a little bit after to help clean up. On the day there was also a donation that was going to HAWS (Humane Animal Welfare Society).

## Winter Court of Honor January 6 by Karissa T. (MC #2)

The court of honor was winter-themed and we donated many items to haws. This court of honor was at the middle school and it was MC'ed by Me and Amara. The court of honor was for everyone who has earned a new rank and/or a merit badge. All together I think this event was a big success.





## **Brigadier General Covington January 13 by Nicholas H. (Special Events SPL)**

After more than a year of preparation and scheduling, we welcomed Brigadier General Tim Covington to speak at one of our Troop meetings. General Covington had been a Scout before he had joined the military, and he initially did not plan on having a military career. BG Covington talked about leadership, authority, responsibility, and accountability, just to name a few of the topics. He also made several references to the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

BG Covington did not only bring his vast wealth of knowledge, he also brought interesting stories of his time in the military.

We were honored to welcome BG Covington to our meeting, and we thanked him for his service to our country.



**The idea of a special speaker from the National Guard was born when Nick Hoffman was our SPL! It took over a year of coordinating with the Guard for this event to materialize. Thank you Brigadier General Covington. Thank you to Nick Hoffman and Mrs Hoffman for spearheading this idea and being persistent to make this event happen. Thank you to Mr Ewald and the Lake Country Masonic Lodge for the use of the meeting room for this Special Event. And thank you to the scouts and adults who made it possible to air the event via ZOOM.**

## **Coon Feed January 22, 29-30 by Nicholas H. (Special Events SPL)**

As the SPL of the Coon Feed, it was certainly an interesting experience. I thought it would be challenging to get Scouts and adults for three separate events that were all within 8 days of each other. However, we quickly got volunteers for all of the events

The first event was the Coon Defatting. Our job during it was to cut off as much fat as we could from the racoon meat. During that event, I went around collecting prepared meat so that it could be readied even further for the Coon Feed. As I went around, I saw everyone enjoying their work while still getting the chance to talk to each other. All in all, it was a very enjoyable event and a lot of important work was accomplished.

The Coon Feed went very smoothly, and the Scouts got more than a few compliments for their work and efforts. We had Scouts manning fire pits outside and clearing off tables inside. We had to get a few adults involved to handle parking, as it required more people than originally anticipated and we did not have enough Scouts available to manage it. All in all, the Coon Feed went really well, and I am sure many others would agree.

Following the Coon Feed was the Legion Cleanup. This event was meant to clean up the mess left over after the Coon Feed, and it involved wiping off tables, mopping the floors, and cleaning up garbage, among a few other things. After we finished cleaning up the Legion, we were all thanked for our help and we were allowed to eat brownies that had been left over from the Coon Feed.

To put it simply, being the SPL of the Coon Feed was a surprisingly enjoyable experience.



Following all three events, the Scouts and adults had 93.25 service hours in total.

To everyone that helped, thank you.



## Recruitment Open House February 17 by Aiden P. SPL

The Open House is a Boy Scout event with the purpose of recruiting younger scouts into the troop. During the event we had multiple stations with different topics, with the intention of educating younger scouts. This included the Aliens Patrol hosting a First Aid station. The Tiger Patrol hosted Camping Events and tent set-up. The Phoenix Patrol hosted Dutch Oven Cooking. Lastly, the Black Mamba hosted knots. The younger scouts were split into two groups and each group was put into a station. After 13 minutes, each group rotated to the next station. After all the stations were completed, we had a little bit of free time in which Spencer Ishizaki explained the process of obtaining Eagle rank. We then closed the meeting with Scoutmaster Minute, closing prayer, and then flags. At the end of the meeting, everyone was offered the pineapple upside down cake that Neil with the Phoenix patrol helped make.





**Sunburst February 25-27 by Zach L.**

**This February 25-27 troop 49 took a trip to Sunburst to go skiing and tubing. We headed up on Friday to Camp Long Lake, and then Saturday we headed out to the ski hill and started skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. After lunch some of the skiers and snowboarders went back to continue skiing and snowboarding. While the skiers and snowboarders were doing this the tubers went on a short hike at the Henry S. Reuss ice age visitor center and explored the visitor center. After this the tubers headed back and made a snow fort for Chase Lippold to sleep in and had a snowball fight. The snowboarders and skiers came back in the late afternoon and we all ate dinner together. Brooke, Karissa, and Logan were in charge of food and cooking and they did a great job! Later after dinner we went to the hill and went sledding. Then on Sunday we packed up and headed home.**

## SPECIAL ARTICLES

### **Troop 49 Matt Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund by Mr. Marek**

The Troop 49 Matt Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund is available to help Troop 49 scouts with limited resources pay for camp. Troop 49 set up this fund in 2014 using donations made by the Valentine Family and several Troop 49 families. Troop 49 recognizes that attending camp can make a lasting impact on a young person's life and we strongly encourage each of our scouts to attend camp every year, especially a week-long summer camp.

Matt Valentine was Troop 49's first Scoutmaster, from 1978-1986. He served the troop in several ways in adult leadership roles helping our scouts during their Eagle projects, he also was our district Scouting for Food coordinator for over 25 years.

The door of our Troop trailer reads: In Memory of Matt Valentine, 35 years of Scouting.

Mr. Valentine's legacy lives on in the Matt Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund.

To request funds for camp, the Scout and family should fill out an application and give it to our Scoutmaster. Select members of the Troop Committee will review the application and make the funding decision. The Scholarship Fund will pay up to 1/2 of the registration fee of the camp. We encourage scouts to earn additional funds for camp by participating in our fundraising sales and events. Campership funds are available from Potawatomi Area Council for PAC week-long camps and if possible, should be sought in conjunction with the Troop 49 Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund.

Scouts who benefit from the Valentine Camp Scholarship Fund will be required to write a thank you note to the Valentine Family after returning from Camp. The scout should consider donating to the Fund when they are able to through Troop fundraising product sales and events. And, as the scout finds success in his adult life, we encourage him to find a way to help another youth attend scout camp- leaving their own legacy.

The application is found on the troop website, by asking Mr. Voiles, Mrs. McCarthy or Mr. Marek.

### **Legion Service Award by Mr. Marek Troop Charter Org Rep**

Hello Scouts,

Scouts should print the 2022 Legion Service Award form and track your service hours for the legion and those for your community. All you need is 20 hours logged and you will be awarded the service award during one of the troops court of honors in 2022.

Requirements: Minimum total 20 service hours, participate in no less than 3 Legion events, list additional service hours to your community as needed. Hours reset each year starting January 1st.

Hope to see many more scouts earn this award.

(The form is on the Troop website or see Mr. Marek's email on 1/17/2022)

## Friends of Scouting by Mr. Eckert

Hello Troop 49 Families,

If you were at our recent Court of Honor you were able to see my thrilling presentation on the council's yearly Friends of Scouting fundraiser. If you were not there, you are likely aware of the importance of this fundraiser but I will hit some quick highlights. The Potawatomi Council is one of the highest ranked councils in the US due in part to the strong financial support of the parents. The FOS fundraiser accounts for 16% of the total council budget and provides many of the services that our kids need and enjoy. Without that support we would see services and council offerings cut back and that would be very unfortunate. There are incentives for the troop if we reach our goal such as free rank badges and eagle kits. So far, nine generous families from Troop 49 have donated and I encourage others to join them if you are so inclined. I have attached a rather crude picture of the donation form but it should do the job. Please feel free to bring your donation to any Troop meeting and hand it to myself, Mr. Voiles, or Mrs. McCarthy and I will get those recorded and off to the council.

**2022 FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIT TYPE: Pack | Troop | Crew UNIT #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle One

I AM AN:  Eagle Scout  Eagle Scout Parent

**GIVING LEVELS**

**\$65** Help with Registration Fees  **\$125** Registration Fees & Uniform  
 **\$200** Be a Friend of Scouting  **\$295** Sponsor One Scout  
 **\$590** Sponsor Two Scouts  **\$1,180** Sponsor Four Scouts

**OTHER**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

MY EMPLOYER WILL MATCH MY GIFT  
COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT**  CASH  CHECK  CREDIT CARD  
CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Checks Payable to PAC BSA)  
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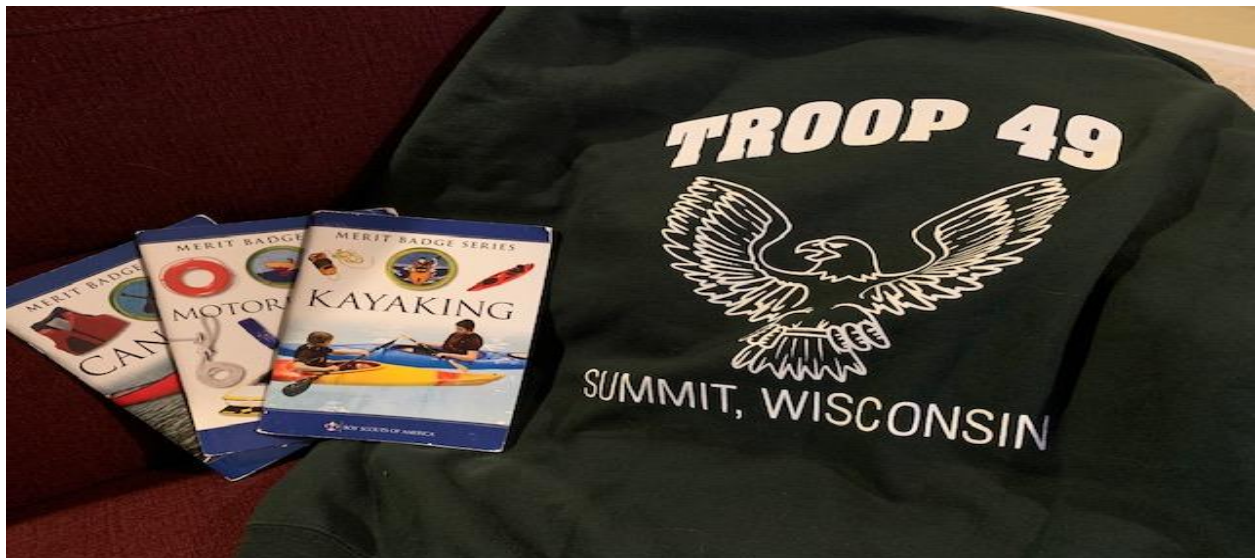
Bill me one time  Bill me monthly  Bill me quarterly  
(full amount of pledge) (until 12/31/2022) (starting now)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!**  
Potawatomi Area Council is a 501C3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

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## **Zeihen Family Donation by Sophia H.**

A big thanks to Mrs. Suzy Zeihen for making a donation to our Troop. She donated a variety of items including Troop 49 sweatshirts, t-shirts, uniform pants, and merit badge books. Mrs. Zeihen's son, Jon, was Troop 49's 82nd Eagle Scout. The items have been added to our uniform closet and library. Thanks again to the Zeihen family. Troop 49 appreciates their generosity.



## **World Conservation Award**

The World Conservation Award provides an opportunity for individual Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, SeaScouts, and Venturers to "think globally" and "act locally" to preserve and improve our environment. This program is designed to make youth members aware that all nations are closely related through natural resources and that we are interdependent with our world environment.

As a **Boy Scout**, you can earn this award by earning the following merit badges:

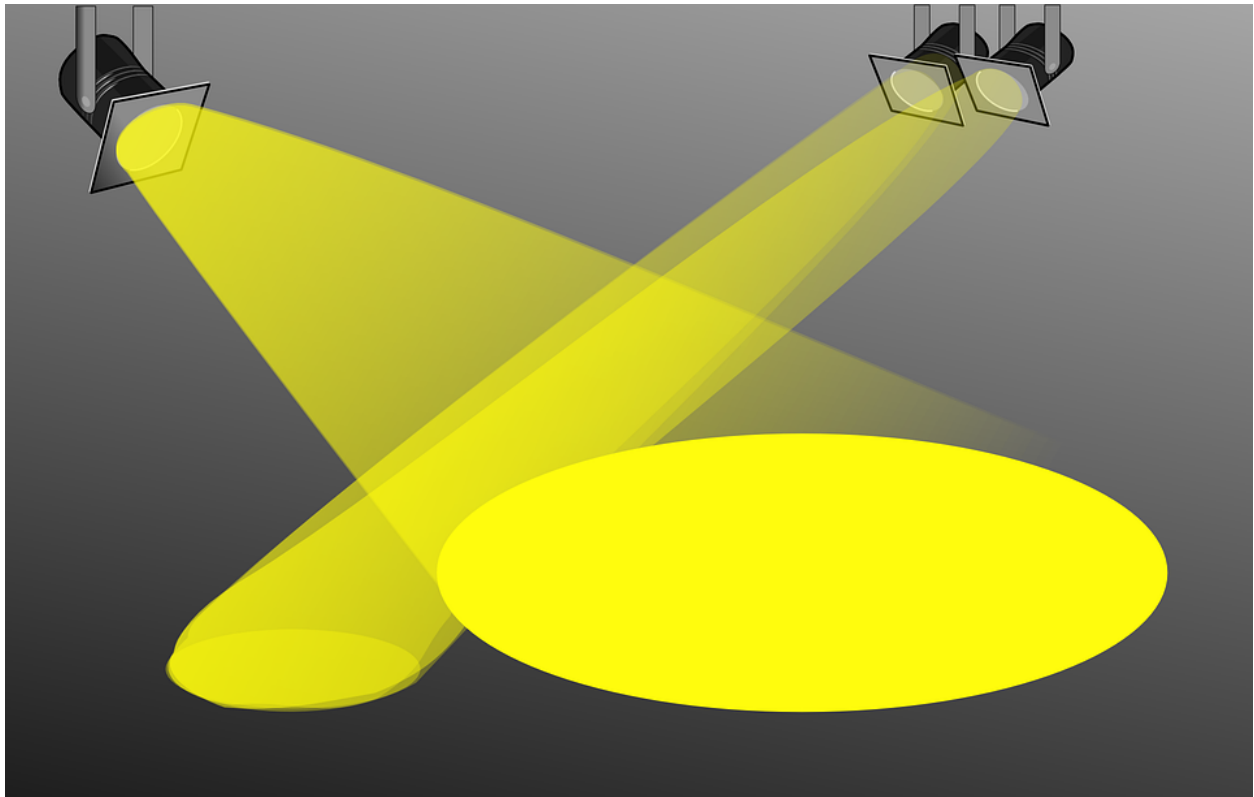
1. [Environmental Science](#) OR [Sustainability](#) merit badge.
2. Either [Soil and Water Conservation](#) OR  
[Fish and Wildlife Management](#) merit badge.
3. [Citizenship in the World](#) merit badge.

AND participate in a conservation project as part of an approved Scouting program totaling at least three hours that addresses a conservation need common to more than one country.

**\*\*CONGRATULATIONS TO SPENCER ISHIZAKI FOR RECEIVING THIS AWARD.**







## IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....by Emory W.

Congratulations to [Mr. Marek](#) who was awarded the Sons of the American Legion Volunteer of the Year. I interviewed him after our recent open house to get a bit more information on this big honor.

**\*\* What is the Sons of the American Legion Volunteer of the Year award?**

Mr. Marek-“The SONS volunteer of the year award is presented to a member who is active by helping, attending and being part of the group throughout the year”.

**\*\*What does being a volunteer with the Sons of the American Legion mean to you?**

Mr. Marek- “Being a member of the Sons of the American Legion means so much to me. There is a strong common bond in us. We have an opportunity to help those who have served our country, our veterans. There are too many veterans who suffer from what they have gone through and if we can help, we will”.



Just a few questions to let everyone know a bit more about you....

**\*\*What past positions have you held in Troop 49?**

Mr. Marek- “Committee member, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Newsletter, Recruitment, Secretary, Committee Chair and Charter Organization Representative”.

**\*\*What past positions have you held in our council?**

Mr. Marek- “District Boy Scout Advancement Chair, District Eagle Advancement Chair, District Vice-Chair. I’m also a member of the Council Advancement Committee”.

**\*\*What are your favorite experiences in our Troop?**

Mr. Marek- "Seeing the growth of the scouts".

**\*\*Tell us about your family and if you have any pets?**

Mr. Marek- "2 grandpuppies, my wife (married 38 years!), daughter (30 and married) and a son (27 and **EAGLE SCOUT FROM OUR TROOP!!**)

**\*\*When was the last time you clipped your toenails?**

Mr. Marek- "Last week". (Sorry but I wanted to keep the interview fun)

**\*\*What is your occupation?**

Mr. Marek- "Tool & die maker. I build molds and do the design & engineering of molds. I'm in my 44th year".

**\*\*What chore is your least favorite?**

Mr. Marek- "Shopping for anything".

**\*\*Is there anything else you want to add?**

Mr. Marek- "Feel blessed to be a part of this program and so much of what an adult does in the troop is to see the growth in the kids".

(In the Spotlight will be a new recurring part of the newsletter. My hope is to focus on a leader or adult volunteer each newsletter to help us know more about them).



**A big THANK YOU goes out to the anonymous donor who gave 12 new green aprons for the Troops. And additional THANK YOUS to Jess and Mrs Voiles who put Troop 49 & the BSA logo on them. They look fabulous as you can see - the scouts working indoors at the Legion's Raccoon Feed wore them while volunteering. If you need to use a Troop 49 apron please ask a Quartermaster!**



## **Pop Tops by Nicholas H.**

When I was SPL, I began a pop top collection competition.

At the Winter Court of Honor in January, we donated all of the pop tops to Mr. George Finch. The donation was over seven and a half pounds of pop tops.

The American Legion will donate all of the pop tops to the Ronald McDonald House.

If you have any questions, please ask.

**Keep collecting those pop tops to help the Ronald McDonald House. We will be taking up another collection in the near future.**



**On the Radar:**

3/5/22 Scouting for Food - Flyer Distribution

3/12/22 Scouting for Food - Donation pick-up

**3/26/22 Life to Eagle Workshop @ Scout Office (Sign up online by 3/21/22)**

**See Council website for more information or ask a leader.**

4/3/22 NYLT Ice Cream Interview Event - Contact Scoutmaster

4/8-4/10/22 Troop Leadership Training/Camp Out- Be There!

5/6-5/8/22 Glacial Trails Hike & Campout

5/13-5/15/22 Home Improvement Camp

5/20-5/22/22 New Scout Camp

6/3-6/5/22 OA Spring Conference

6/5/22 Spring COH and Troop 49 Reunion

6/12-6/18/22 National Youth Leadership Training Camp

6/26/22-7/2/22 Summer Camp at Long Lake

7/14/22 Dutch Oven Cook-Off Meeting

July 2022 Bear Paw White River Rafting (Date TBD)

8/13/22-8/19/22 Sea Base High Adventure

## Positions of Responsibility

Fall 2021 Boys	Fall 2021 Girls
SPL: Aiden Polacheck	SPL: Brooke Lippold
ASPL: Nick Voiles & Spencer Ishizaki	ASPL: Rachel Meyers
ASPL: Emory Winiecke	Leave No Trace Manager: Karissa Tobias
Leave No Trace Manager: Mason Ewald	Troop Guide: Jess Voiles
Troop Guide: Chase Lippold, Sebby Eckert, Spencer Ishizaki	Tiger Patrol Leader: Brooke Lippold
Phoenix Patrol Leader: Mason Ewald	Tiger Assistant Patrol Leader: Rachel Meyers
Phoenix Assistant Patrol Leader: Zach Harris	Quartermaster: Jess Voiles
Mamba Patrol Leader: Brandon Tobias	Chaplain Aide: Amara Chipman
Mamba Assistant Patrol Leader: Zach Lutgen	Librarian: Rachel Meyers
Aliens Patrol Leader: Josh Hedgcock	
Aliens Assistant Patrol Leader: Logan Wolke	
Historian: Emory Winiecke	
Chaplain Aide: Zach Lutgen	
Quartermaster: Josh Hedgcock	
Quartermaster: Cullen Patterson	
OA Rep: Nick Voiles	

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