

## Troop Events

January 30, 2020 – Troop 49 Open House

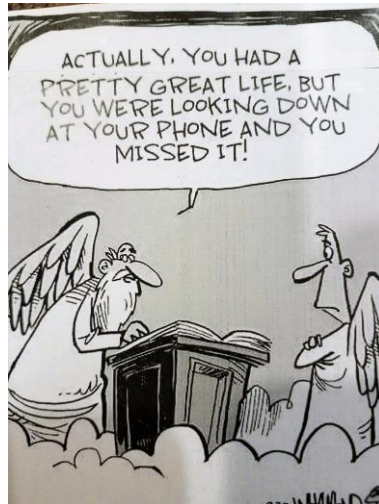
March 7 and March 14, 2020 – Scouting for Food

March 13-15, 2020 – Camp Goof Off

May 1-3, 2020 – Glacial Trails Hike

June 20-July 4, 2020 – Philmont

June 21-27, 2020 – Camp Long Lake



Submitted by Mr. Neimon,  
Scoutmaster Emeritus

### Troop 49's Website

[www.troop49summit.com](http://www.troop49summit.com)

### Charter Organization Website

Delafield American Legion Post 196

[www.delafieldlegion.com](http://www.delafieldlegion.com)



## Troop 49 Boy Scout Newsletter January 2020

### Scoutmaster's Corner

By Mr. Townsend, Scoutmaster

Well it's been an interesting 3-ish months as Scoutmaster for the troop. I have to admit it's been a huge learning experience, and I have a lot more to learn. I have termed it as drinking from a firehose, there is so much to do and so many goals I'd like to achieve, really for the troop more so than for myself.

The BIGGEST Goal for scouting is to prepare young men and women for their futures, to help provide them with the skills to work with diverse groups, lead when needed, teach and guide through experience and build confidence in themselves. Is that word for word what the scouting mission is? No, but it is something I believe that only scouting can provide completely.

Our Troop consists of some amazing people, both the scouts and adults. The Adults role in scouting is to guide and assist the scouts to grow as young men. The hope is that these young men will learn the skills to succeed as adults in the world, and in many cases to be leaders in the community. To accomplish that goal, we strive to have the troop be Scout Lead, which at times is much like having a heard of squirrels lead by a cat. This is the difficulty we face as adults. We need the scouts to be willing to step up and lead, to take on the new responsibility of making decisions not only for themselves but also the rest of the troop. While we help support those ideas and decisions. So, we need patience, me as much as anyone.

Part of the February 8<sup>th</sup> troop leadership training it to get the scouts to understand their roles in the troop, but another part is to free them to imagine "What if?". What if they want to learn something? What if they want to go someplace, they've never been or do something they've never done? What if they want to lead? We want our scouts to ask that question "What if", and I want to help them find out when they do...

**Congratulations to Eagle Scout Hunter Ferrick  
on earning his  
23<sup>rd</sup> Palm, 8<sup>th</sup> Gold Palm**



**Congratulations to the following Scouts  
on receiving their rank advancement**

**Star**



**Emory Winiecke**

**Second Class**



**Joshua Hedgcock  
Sebby Eckert**

**Tenderfoot**



**Cullen Patterson  
Matthew Jacob**



**At the Summer Court of Honor,  
69 pounds of food were collected  
for the Veterans Outreach Food  
Pantry. They run the veterans Tiny  
Home Village in Racine. The pantry  
is open to all veterans in need.**

**Legion Coon Defatting**

This month some of Troop 49 members got together to help the American Legion get ready for the annual coon feed fundraiser. We all sat down for a couple hours and had a great time defatting the raccoon meat. The defatting is a great time to have a conversation with members from the Troop and American Legion. Big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time.  
~ Patrick Byrnes



## Service to our community

Every month I attend the Delafield American Legion meeting to report what our troop is doing and what we have coming up. Part of my report is troop service activities that include what took place, how many scouts/youth/adults and the total number of hours. Where the service takes place is diverse from church, school, clubs, scouts, community, legion and Eagle Scout projects, no two months are the same.

You might be asking why this is part of my report well each month legion posts across the state report this to The American Legion Department of Wisconsin where they keep records on how well connected to the community legion posts are. In this case the Delafield American Legion Post as our charter organization reports our troop activates to their State office.

Beginning in 2014 up to today there has been a steady increase in activities and reporting, this is good. In 2017 we finished with 2,083.5 hours, 2018 we saw 1,912.5 hrs. Within sight of the end of 2019 we have reported a mind boggling 3,406.5 hours! Now you might be asking yourself if this is true well the answer is simply yes, the troop is better engaged in the community, we service those in need better than before, we report our service activities better every month.

However you want to look at this, it shows that you respect your community and are there to help. This is a big part of what scouting is about; so much that the Scout Slogan is "Do a good turn daily", in the Scout Oath we say "To help other people at all time" and the motto of the Order of the Arrow is "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service".

Every month remember to send me your service report; include the activity, the number of scouts/youths, adults and a total hour count. No matter how big or small this adds up. Also, service hour reporting in Scoutbook can and should be entered by the scouts, it's important. Thank you Troop 49 for everything that you are doing, it matters.

Ed Marek  
Charter Org Rep Troop 49

## A thought about Veteran's Day

As many of you may have realized, November 11<sup>th</sup> was Veteran's Day. A day for remembering and honoring those brave men and women that served in the armed forces to support and at times defend our Great Country. My father was one of those brave men, he unfortunately passed away almost 25 years ago now, and my brother was one of those men as well. He is still with us and not nearly thanked enough, by me or anyone, which is sad. There was a movement not too many years ago around the time of Desert Storm (if you're not sure what that was look it up or ask a teacher in school) that people started to thank a Vet, Service Person, or First Responder. It is important that we do and remember to thank those who do serve. We as citizens, young people and day to day "exister's" in the United States forget what and how this nation was founded and is still around today. It was and is due to the sacrifices that a few brave Men and Women make to keep it that way. The sacrifices are not always their lives, but in many cases it is. They also sacrifice in many cases their health, safety, family, comfort and a chunk of themselves, that chillax time to do whatever pops into your head time. All the things that make life so easy and Free for the "exister's" in America is paid for by those men and women that we remember and honor on Veteran's Day. It has been said that "Freedom is Not Free", that is very true. A lot of people you and I don't know paid the price for you to enjoy it. So, the next time you get that opportunity to thank a Vet, please do. Next time you are given the opportunity to write or sign a card for and Honor Flight vet, please do. And for any scout reading this, the last couple of sentences are on the table so to speak.

Yours in Scouting,  
Mr. Townsend



### Three Pillars Honor Flight Event

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!

~Mr. Ewald and Mason Ewald



### 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Delafield American Legion Post 196 Coon Feed



Sebby – One of the lucky raffle winners.



January 25<sup>th</sup> was the 94 annual Coon Feed. A lot of people came to have fun and eat raccoon. If you didn't like raccoon, you could have turkey instead, along with side dishes and plenty of desserts and drinks to choose from. People from the Legion, along with Scouts and adults from Troop 49 helped. The scouts bused tables, tended the fires outside, helped park cars. Patrick, Andy, Ryan and Brandon spent most of their evening making walking paths connecting to the main parking lot. The Coon Feed guests, and Legion appreciated the scouts helping and doing a good job. The workers inside did a fantastic job and they made the whole Coon Feed experience a great experience. Helping with the Coon Feed was a great time, a fun experience and it was a great way to earn service hours. ~Andy Townsend