



The Dutch Oven

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Eagles, Eagles and more Eagles!

According to Boy Scouts of America, only seven percent of all Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle is a rank that requires demonstration before a panel of adult leaders, the ability to lead and manage a project in addition to earning specific merit badges, providing leadership for his unit, demonstrating scout spirit by living the Oath and Law. All of this sounds easy, right? Well, most boys will choose a project that they can physically complete with moderate effort. The challenge of the hands-on portion of the project erroneously becomes the focus of the quest for this coveted rank. Often underestimated is the documentation; before, during and after the actual project work days. No job is finished until the paperwork is done. And in this case, there is paperwork on the front end as well. This is where we actually see the system work. Signatures, permissions, forms, meetings, funding, logistics and a challenging

agenda of planning remain the true obstacles to be negotiated by the Eagle Scout candidate. This is also where the learning and growing generally occurs. Troop 1750 has recently produced four Eagle Scouts after quite a long hiatus. Nicholas Beavin, Jeremy Price, Logan Yingling and Alex Knych have all achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. So far, Jeremy and Logan have also earned the Bronze Palm award for additional service and merit badge completion. My congratulations to these fine youth leaders for their dedication to the program and leadership of our Troop.

If I could change one thing about the program, it would not be anything involving the requirements, but in the way leadership is promoted in the individual unit and at home. The Troop meets just once a week for an hour and a half or so. There are a few trips and activities interspersed with boys' school, family and extra-curricular

events. At home it's easy to forget Scouting and all it offers toward building integrity and forging tomorrow's leaders. Therefore, the average age of boys achieving Eagle Scout is seventeen. At eighteen, you're out. So the give back time where a boy serves his troop as a ranking leader is limited to less than a year. It seems a shame that this has become the rule.

Being the father of one of those seventeen year old Eagles, I can say that you must let nature take its course as he grows and develops his own personality and interests. But with constant reminders, promoting the program, encouraging (and leading) Troop events, a parent can do his or her best to guide the youth toward the independence and responsibility necessary to earn the rank of Eagle Scout in time to lead the Troop as only an Eagle can. Embrace the program and join the more than 2.3 million Eagle Scouts nationwide!

—Mr. Dave

Troop Takes to the Slopes in Pennsylvania

Troop 1750 went to Seven Springs Ski Resort on February 6, 7 and 8th. It was a three hour drive. We stopped at Wendy's for dinner and our motel was the Dollar Inn. When we woke up the next morning we had breakfast and went to the resort to ski. Some

boys went shooting at the resort's shooting range. We had dinner at the Eat and Park Diner then went back to the motel and slept. The next morning we woke up and had some breakfast and then went to the resort for a very warm

half day of skiing. We went back to the diner for lunch and headed home for the long trip back. It was a tremendously fun trip!

—Skylar Leech

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Upcoming Events

- ♦ 12 April - Tiger Fun Day
- ♦ 17-19 April - Philmont Shakedown/Troop Hike
- ♦ 1 May - A Scout is Reverent Retreat
- ♦ 8-9 May - Fishing Trip
- ♦ 15-17 May - Philmont Shakedown/Troop Hike
- ♦ 12-14 June - Philmont Shakedown/Troop Hike
- ♦ 29 June - Troop COH

Spaghetti Dinner Feeds 116 and Raises Money for Troop



Troop 1750 had their semi-annual spaghetti Dinner on March 21, 2015. This dinner served 116 people while serving 39 pounds of pasta. The process of this dinner went pretty good. We started set-up Friday night that went well having everything but shopping and cooking done by Saturday morning. The next day Mr. Conrad and Mrs. Carol went shopping for

the rest of the food. This was a very stressful weekend for the Vollmerhausens. Mr. Conrad's nephew had a life threatening situation and Mr. Conrad and Ms. Carol stayed to help for as long as they could when they could've just left and the troop thanks them for that. After they made sure everything was good and we could handle this, they left and we started the cooking and everything else for the day. The bake sale was a great success selling lots of the baked goods we

had and not leaving much behind. Everyone seemed to enjoy the spaghetti choices with either marinara or meat sauce with good salad and bread. As our dinner was a great success, I do not have the amount of money we made so I cannot include that but I can say I hope we have the same turn out for the next dinner.

—Connor Thompson



Scouting for Food 2015 is a Success

On Saturday, March 21st, four cars with scouts and adults left Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at 8:30 am to deliver bags to neighborhoods to be filled with food for the needy. After 2 hours of going house to house leaving plastic bags, we met back up at the

church to prepare for the Spaghetti Dinner. We also handed bags out to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, to guests at the spaghetti dinner, and to Zion United Methodist Church of Shipley. On Saturday, March 28th we hope to have just as many scouts

and adults to collect the FILLED bags. Last year we collected 750lbs of food. How much do you think we collected this year? The closest guesser gets a prize! Thanks to everyone that came out and helped with our Scouting For Food drive!

—Grant Vollmerhausen

Adopt a Highway Service Project

Troop 1750 has taken on a community service project working with the Department of Transportation's "Adopt A Highway" program. The troop has been assigned the task of cleaning and maintaining the portion of Route 91 that runs from Route 140 to Deer Park Road. Our first clean-up took place on January 17th. The adult leader Mr. Tim Thompson picked up the day glow green vests and hats along with the safety signs stating "people at work". The scouts were Aidan, Ben, Braden, Chase, and Andy. The adults

were Mr. Mark, Tim, Steve, Scott, and Russ. The project began at 8:00 am with everyone meeting at the Food Lion side parking lot. All suited up we split into two groups and began the task of picking up all the litter that people had carelessly thrown on the ground from their cars. There were so many different types of trash it would take forever to mention it all. It took us about four hours. We collected 11 bags of trash in bright orange bags that we stacked next to the signs that identify that portion of Route 91 as

responsibility of Troop 1750. It looked great when we were done.

—Aidan Anderson



Klondike Derby... a little muddy, but fun in the snow

Troop 1750 had a fire building station at Klondike Derby 2015, held at the AG Center on January 23-25. We helped other scouts complete a task where they had to burn a piece of rope under a timer. We also had fun playing in the snow and building a snowman. After a while, a group of younger scouts started to join in. They made a throne for their leader

and attempted to build a snowman. Unfortunately, their quest had to end and they headed off, leaving a mass of destruction behind in a huge mound. We also discovered that our fire pit had a natural moat. Sadly, some scouts didn't see the moat and instead, like me, got a little bit wet. After that, we laid on some hay to rest before it was lunch time. After a

while, we started to get hungry and you know what happens when scouts get hungry... well let's not go into that topic. Later I had to leave, but that didn't mean everyone stopped having fun. Our day went by quickly. Thank you for taking your time listening to me talk about Klondike. Thank you.

—Ben Reed

Philmont Crew 710-E9 Gears up for July Trek

On July 9th, we will depart for Philmont Scout Reservation. Our group of five adults and six youths include Jeff Beavin, Nick Beavin, Lester Bracy, Antonius De Lange, Dave Yingling, Alex Bracy, Matt De Lange, Andy Swartz, Grant Vollmerhausen, Daniel Yingling, and Matt Yingling. Our crew has undergone three shakedown trips despite the weather, each trip at least ten miles. These trips help us prepare and discuss what critical pieces of equipment we will need for the trip. We will make our Trek choice this month. Philmont is a 14 day trip designed to test us both physically and mentally. The treks range from 50 to 120 miles based on your physical capabilities

and interests. Ours is likely to be somewhere between 70 and 85 miles. Different base camps have opportunities for shotgun, rifle, or bow shooting, horseback riding, climbing, mining, and much more. Our crew is made up of a tightly knit group of friends that know each other very well. This will help us develop a strong team. Each of us is preparing for the trip by purchasing gear and physically conditioning our bodies. Some of us even joined a gym to make this happen. We sold Christmas trees and candy bars to help with the cost of the trip. We are in the process of deciding on everyone's role for the trip. Alex and Andy were tied in the vote for crew leader. By the toss of a

coin, Alex got the position. Mr. Dave, Mr. Lester, Mr. Jeff, Nick, and Alex attended training at Camp Spencer this past weekend. While Mr. Dave is already certified in Wilderness First Aid and CPR, some of us will take CPR training in April and Mr. Lester will take Wilderness First Aid and CPR to receive his certification. It seems like a lot of work and preparation, but everyone having the right equipment and training will definitely benefit us on the trail. Our next scheduled shakedown is April 17-19th, where we hope to invite the rest of the troop for part of the event.

—Alex Bracy

A Letter from our COR - Church appreciates Troop

Troop 1750,

I would like to say how impressed I, Pastor Lou, and the entire congregation of Mount Zion are in the extreme amount of hard work everyone is putting forth. The number of merit badges and rank advancements earned in the previous couple of months is truly amazing. We are really blessed by our God to be so involved with a growing and active group of young men and their adult leaders; who obviously love Scouting and how the program can help lead the young men into spiritual, productive and community minded young

adults.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all who volunteered their time to help with our pancake brunch on Saturday. Your efforts were truly appreciated. This is our only fundraiser and it helps us to be able to sponsor important groups such as scouting.

I am happy to announce, that by action of the Trustees and approval of the Church council, we are pleased to offer the Troop a \$750.00 gift to help offset the cost of summer camp in

Canada this year. Thanks again and keep up the great efforts in your scouting career.

Yours in scouting,

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The Scoutmaster Minute

Our first newsletter; how exciting! A publication such as this can be a fantastic way to spread the word about scouting at it's best. Often people both within and outside the Troop hear of trips, events, advancements and other scouting news and share the anticipation with the participants. A newsletter can be the way to state the facts, share the experience, the outcomes and excitement and more. It can also build an interest in scouting by spreading the word of needs and desires of the Troop. It could cause

someone to "drink the Kool-Aid". I first became involved as a scout leader when my youngest son, Daniel joined Pack 150 and I became his den's leader. I was hooked. What a great program that is spot on for age appropriate activities. I found myself in leader trainings, meeting new friends and families and discovering so much fun with people of common interest. Scouting has taken me the mountains of New Mexico, to countless points of natural wonder and beauty, and last year, to Europe for a fantastic expe-

rience honoring our veterans of WW II. So, give yourself permission to take the time and be a part of a sound program and share your wisdom and skills to build integrity in tomorrow's leaders. Join and participate in Boy Scouts of America.

—Mr. Dave



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COMMITTEE CORNER

I am happy to say we have had great attendance at our committee meetings. It is a pleasure to see faces from the past rejoin us and take an interest in our new boys. Thank you to Wayne and Gail Willoughby for joining us again.

The committee has been moving forward in a positive direction to be able to give support to the troop by meeting many needs. We are working on instituting a Trail to Eagle process that will give Life Scouts some guidance in their journey. Currently we have quite a few. We have also established a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser that we will be holding twice a year, spring and fall. These fundraisers have made it possible for the purchase of items that were needed for the trailer. If you see anything that is needed or in need of repairs please let the Adult Quartermaster know so that he can report it to the Equipment Coordinator, Mr. Conrad, and he will present it to the committee for discussion and/or approval.

A big thank you to Mr. Matt Willoughby and Mr. Ed Swartz for making themselves available every meeting so the scouts have an opportunity to address advancement and financial needs.

I am so proud to say I am a member of Troop 1750 and that we are making a positive impact on our youth, who are our future leaders.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our new EAGLE SCOUTS! Happy Easter to all!

Yours In Scouting,

Ms. Carol

Scouts go "International" to Summer Camp this Year

I can't believe it; we finally get to go to Haliburton. The whole troop is looking forward to it. The entire troop is going to have an excellent time, well accept for the people who aren't going. Other than that this is going to be a great trip. Haliburton is an awesome place; they have a big lake and even a store. This will be the troop's first real outdoor survival other than Philmont team.

Haliburton offers lots of learning opportunities. Haliburton is going to be the best trip ever even though the drive may take longer than a day. Don't forget that it is going to be colder than the summer than we know here and lots more and worse mosquitoes. We will get food from the store and the



We will mainly get around by water and canoe/kayak. Our camp will be at "Pal Point" - right in the middle of the lake. This is going to be the best trip ever.

—Braden Fleming

[http://greatertoronto.scouts.ca/
ca/haliburton-scout-reserve](http://greatertoronto.scouts.ca/ca/haliburton-scout-reserve)

lake, don't forget you're fishing pole if you have one. Practice fishing if and when you can, a great time to do that is at the upcoming fishing trip.

