



# Air Force Museum Wright Patterson Air Force Base Dayton, OH

The Troop took a day outing up to the Air Force Museum to explore the history of aviation.



The Bockscar, B-29 Superfortress bomber



Donald Noble, in front of the Bockscar



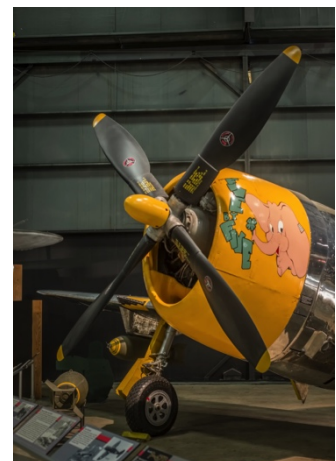
Toby Rainey



Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller



Spitfire





Beech Aircraft's AT-11 Bomber



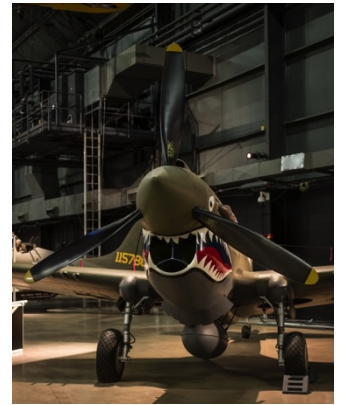
Bell Aircraft's P-63E King Cobra Fighter



Isaac Lohmueller



Curtiss P-40E Warhawk Fighter  
(aka. Flying Tigers)



Clay Kessler



P35 Fighter



North American's F-86A Sabre Fighter



Republic's F-84E Thunderjet Fighter



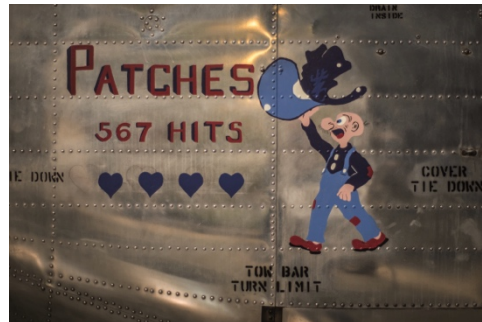
North American's T-6D Mosquito



North American's RF-86F Haymaker Sabre



Fairchild's C-123K Provider Transport



Airplane nose art on the C-123K





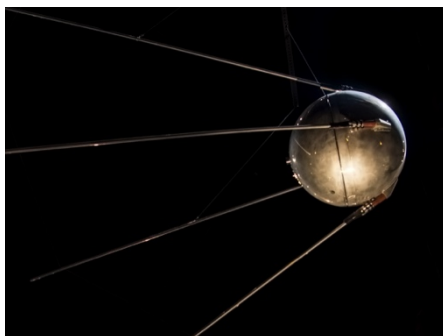
Boeing's WB-50D Superfortress Bomber



Nick Booher, Jordan Matzinger, Joseph Mickenberg, Isaac Lohmueller, Donald Noble, Toby Rainey, Clay Kessler, Matt Smeal, Adam Hall



Lockheed's YF12A Interceptor



Model of the Sputnik satellite



Isaac Lohmueller,  
Donald Noble



North American's XB-70 Valkyrie



XV-6A Kestrel



Lockheed's VC-140B Jetstar



Donald Noble, Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller in front of  
Air Force One



Donald Noble, Toby Rainey,  
Isaac Lohmueller

# Cub Scout Pack 72 Webelos Cross Over Evendale, OH

The Troop welcomed 4 Cub Scouts from Pack 72 into the Troop at the annual Webelos Cross Over ceremony.



Mr. Randy Hall, going over last minute instructions



Mrs. Meyers, Den Leader  
Mr. Wilkens, Cubmaster



Noah Honsaker, Luke Meyer, Nate Booher,  
Diego Thiemann, Mr. Wilkens



Mr. Wilkens, Noah Honsaker, Luke Meyer,  
Diego Thiemann, Nate Booher



Noah Honsaker,  
Mrs. Meyer,  
Luke Meyer,  
Diego Thiemann,  
Mr. Wilkens,  
Nate Booher



Diego Thiemann



Mrs. Meyer, Luke Meyer, Donald Noble



Diego Thiemann, Noah Honsaker, Nate Booher, Mrs. Meyer, Luke Meyer, Mr. Wilkens



Luke Meyer, Adam Helwig



Luke Meyer



Nate Booher, Nick Booher



Nate Booher, Josh Kinney  
Grant Edwards



Noah Honsaker, Vincent Thiemann  
Mr. Randy Hall



Mr. Randy Hall, Noah Honsaker,  
Vincent Thiemann



Diego Thiemann, Mr. Wilkens





Diego Thiemann, Mr. Wilkens



Diego Thiemann, Sam Noble



Mr. Randy Hall, Diego Thiemann



Vincent Thiemann, Donald Noble  
Adam Helwig, Diego Thiemann,  
Josh Kinney, Grant Edwards



Mr. Randy Hall



Luke Meyer, Nate Booher,  
Noah Honsaker, Diego Thiemann



Front: Luke Meyer, Nate Booher, Noah Honsaker, Diego Thiemann, Sam Noble  
Middle: Donald Noble, Kevin Hall, Mr. Randy Hall  
On bridge: Jordan Matzinger, Mr. Wilkens, Jacob Kinney, Nick Booher, Preston Farwell, Mr. Steve Lohmueller  
Adam Helwig, Matt Stroh, Vincent Thiemann, Grant Edwards, Josh Kinney

# Philmont Shakedown Hike

## East Fork State Park

### Bethel, OH

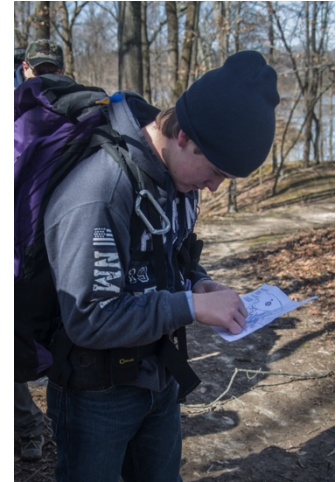
To help the Scouts prepare for Philmont later in the year, the Troop organized several shakedown backpacking trips. For the March trip, though, the temperatures dropped very low and the decision was made to change the overnight backpacking trip into a dayhike. Each scout was expected to bring their fully loaded backpack along on the hike, though. The Scouts hiked 10.4 miles.



Adam Helwig, Joe Fortner, Donald Noble, Nick Booher, Charlie Odonnell



Matt Smeal, Joe Fortner, Jim Odonnell, Vincent Thiemann



Joe Fortner



Matt Smeal, Donald Noble



Matt Smeal



Charlie Odonnell, Donald Noble, Matt Smeal



Joe Fortner



Matt Smeal



Charlie Odonnell



Nick Booher, Charlie Odonnell



Donald Noble



Matt Smeal, Vincent Thiemann



Mr. Ken Booher



Mr. Jim Odonnell,  
Mr. Eric Fortner,  
Mr. Ron Helwig

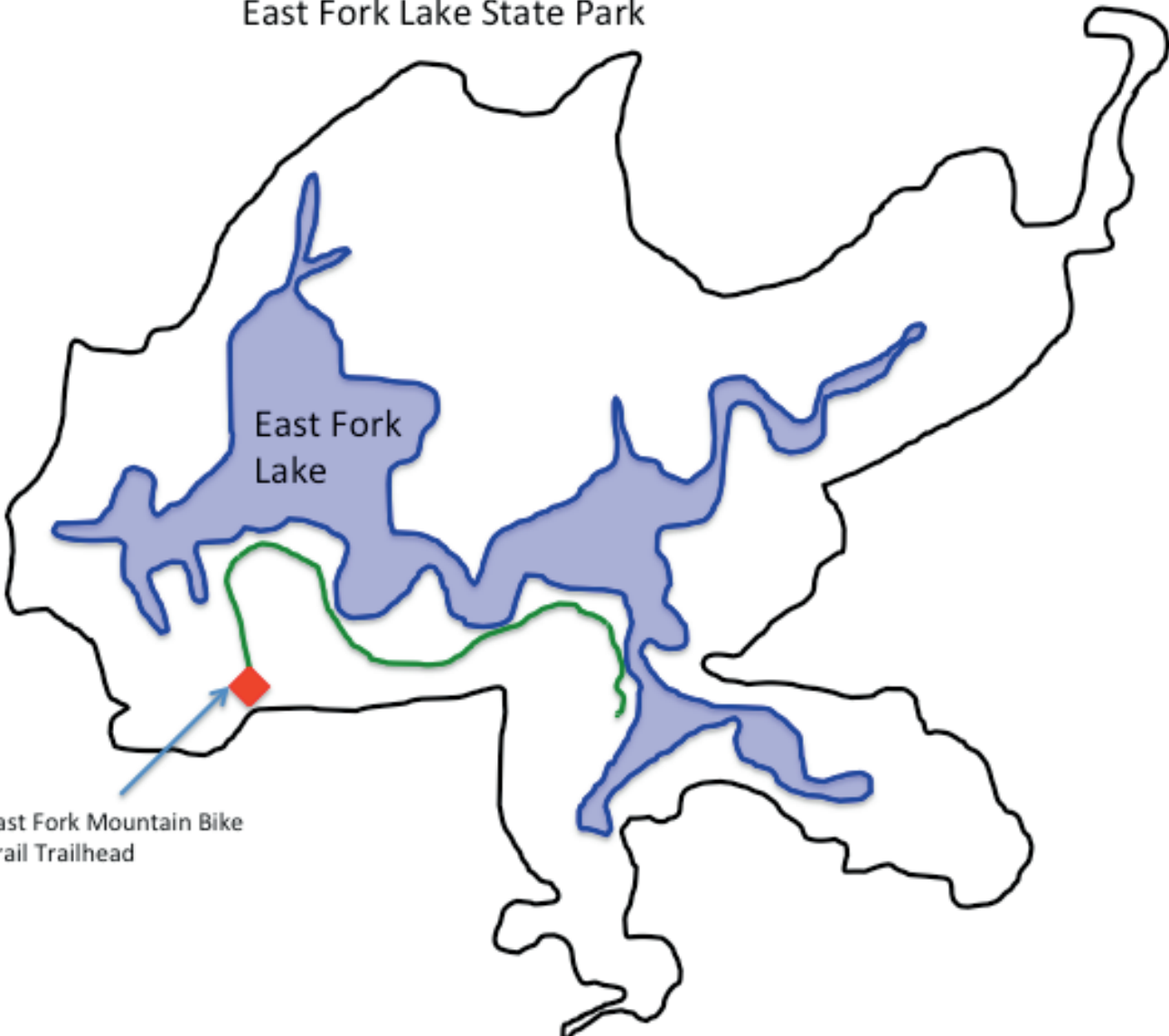


Mr. Ron Helwig



Matt Smeal

East Fork Lake State Park



East Fork  
Lake

East Fork Mountain Bike  
Trail Trailhead

# Service Project

## Hands Against Hunger

### Sharonville, OH

Hands Against Hunger is a program sponsored by the organization A Child's Hope International and is dedicated to providing nutritious and protein-rich meals to children around the world who face hunger on a daily basis. The Scouts assembled bags of fortified soy, rice, dehydrated vegetables, and nutrient powder. Each bag feeds 6 children.



Toby Rainey



Charley Odonnell



Nick Booher



Adam Hall



Josh Kinney



Isaac Lohmueller



Jacob Kinney, Charley Odonnell



Jacob Kinney, Toby Rainey



Adam Hall, Mrs. Booher, Charley Odonnell, Mr. Ken Booher  
Nate Booher, Mrs. Kinney, Josh Kinney, Isaac Lohmueller,  
Toby Rainey, Jacob Kinney, Mr. Scott Smeal, Matt Smeal, Nick Booher

# Mulch Fundraiser

The mulch sale is the Troop's main fundraiser, raising funds for the Troop to use for its operations and also raising funds to go into the Scouts' own accounts to help pay for the campouts throughout the year. During the spring the Scouts take bagged and bulk mulch orders, and then the Troop works together one weekend to distribute all of the bags. This year the Troop sold 1950 bags and 43 cubic yards of bulk mulch.



Nick Booher, Adam Hall



Mr. Jim Odonnell



Joe Fortner



Mr. Jim Odonnell



Preston Farwell



Adam Hall



Preston Farwell, Adam Hall

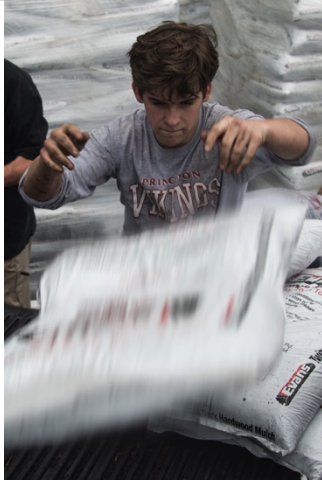


Joe Fortner



Isaac Lohmueller





Joe Fortner



Mr. Chris Noble, Joe Fortner



Charlie Odonnell



Donald Noble, Mr. Helwig



Vincent Thiemann



Kevin Hall, Joe Fortner, Adam Hall, Preston Farwell, Isaac Lohmueller, Nick Stroh, Grant Edwards  
Mr. Edwards, Josh Kinney, Charles Pelz

# Spring Court of Honor Scout Achievement Center Evendale, OH

Scouts are recognized at the Spring Court of Honor for the advancement they earned in the last 6 months, which includes the Merit Badge Challenge. Scouts earned 33 merit badges and 5 rank badges.



Sam Noble, Adam Helwig



Matt Smeal, SPL



Isaac Lohmueller, Adam Helwig, Matt Smeal starting the Remembrances



Adam Helwig, Isaac Lohmueller, Matt Smeal



Sam Noble, Matt Smeal



Nick Stroh, Matt Smeal



Toby Rainey, Matt Smeal



Adam Hall



Alec Willertz

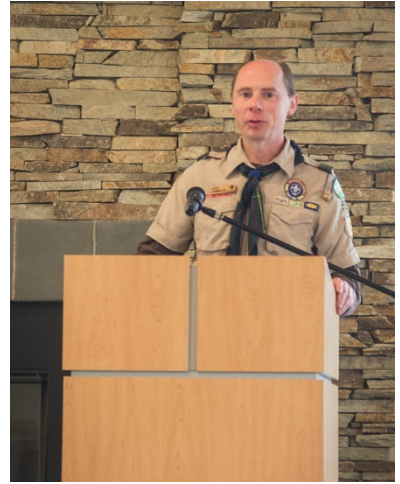




Matt Smeal



Matt Smeal, Nick Booher



Mr. Steve Lohmueller

Awarding the merit badges



Adam Hall, Mr. Mike Stroh



Adam Hall, Matt Stroh, Kevin Hall



Adam Helwig,  
Mr. Randy Hall



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller,  
Mr. Mike Stroh



Isaac Lohmueller, Kevin Hall, Adam Hall, Adam Helwig



Jordan Matzinger, Mr. Randy Hall



Mr. Randy Hall, Jordan Matzinger, Matt Stroh, Kevin Hall



Joseph Mickenberg, Mr. Steve Lohmueller



Joseph Mickenberg, Adam Hall, Adam Helwig



Matt Smeal, Mr. Mike Stroh



All the scouts who earned merit badges:  
 Mr. Randy Hall, Kevin Hall, Adam Hall, Joseph Mickenberg, Nick Stroh, Isaac Lohmueller,  
 Mr. Scott Smeal, Adam Helwig, Alec Willertz, Sam Noble, Matt Stroh, Matt Smeal, Jordan Matzinger,  
 Mr. Steve Lohmueller, Toby Rainey, Mr. Mike Stroh

Scouts who achieved rank advancement



Joseph Mickenberg (Tenderfoot)



Isaac Lohmueller (First Class)



Isaac Lohmueller (First Class)



Nick Booher (First Class)



Front: Mr. Randy Hall, Kevin Hall, Donald Noble  
Middle: Joseph Mickenberg, Nick Booher, Isaac Lohmueller  
Back: Mr. Steve Lohmueller, Mr. Scott Smeal, Matt Stroh,  
Mr. Mike Stroh



Not shown:  
Charles Pelz (Tenderfoot)  
Jacob Kinney (First Class)



Front: Amir Allen, Preston Farwell, Sam Noble, Jordan Matzinger, Nick Stroh, Nate Booher  
 Middle: Kevin Hall, Matt Smeal, Adam Helwig, Alec Willertz, Donald Noble, Mr. Mike Stroh, Mr. Randy Hall  
 Back: Toby Rainey, Mr. Steve Lohmueller, Joseph Mickenberg, Nick Booher, Matt Stroh, Isaac Lohmueller, Mr. Scott Smeal, Adam Hall



# Philmont Shakedown Backpacking Trip

## Zaleski State Forest

### Zaleski, OH

To help the Scouts prepare for Philmont later in the year, the Troop organized several shakedown backpacking trips. The second trip was to Zaleski State Forest. The Scouts backpacked 17.3 miles.



Breakfast on the trail



Donald Noble, Matt Smeal



Nick Booher, Matt Smeal





Mr. Jim Odonnell



Matt Smeal



Mr. Ron Helwig



Mr. Ken Booher, Nick Booher, Charlie Odonnell, Donald Noble



Adam Helwig, Donald Noble, Matt Smeal



Charlie Odonnell



Adam Helwig, Matt Smeal



Mr. Ron Helwig



Adam Helwig



Mr. Chris Noble

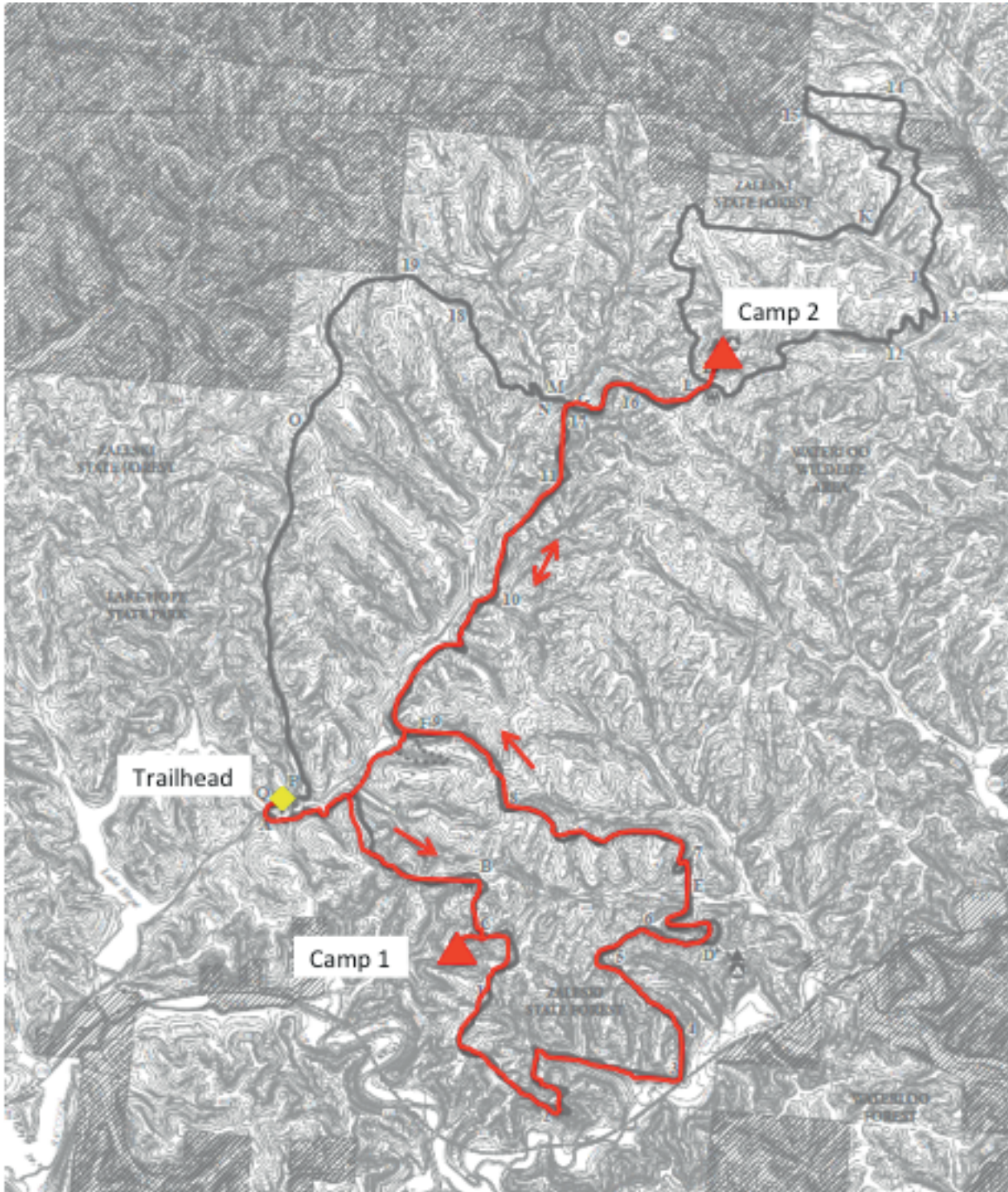


Mr. Ron Helwig



Mr. Ron Helwig, Adam Helwig, Mr. Ken Booher, Matt Smeal, Nick Booher, Donald Noble, Mr. Jim Odonnell, Mr. Chris Noble, Charlie Odonnell, Mr. Steve Lohmueller

# Zaleski State Forest Backpacking Trail





# Bike Hike

## Little Miami Trail

### Morrow, Ohio to Camp Dennison, OH

This year the Troop tried a new campout idea by selecting a bike hike campout. The trip started at Morrow, OH Friday night, and the Scouts biked 2.7 miles before arriving at camp 1. In the morning, the Scouts biked an additional 12.7 miles to the Izak Walton League campground near Loveland, OH. It was early in the afternoon, so the Scouts opted to head back for a round trip of 3.2 miles into Loveland to get some ice cream. That evening a major thunderstorm blew through the area, with light rain lasting until Sunday morning. The rain eventually stopped and the Scouts rode 6.5 miles to the stopping point in Camp Dennison.



Alec Willertz, Josh Kinney, Clay Kessler, Adam Hall, Nate Booher, Isaac Lohmueller



Clay Kessler, Alec Willertz,  
Isaac Lohmueller



Nate Booher



Adam Hall





Josh Kinney



Adam Hall



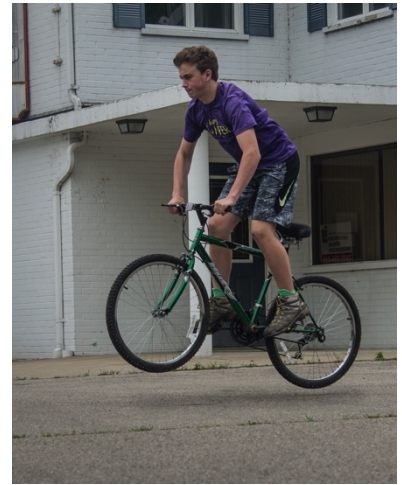
Alec Willertz



Mr. Ken Booher, Nate Booher



Isaac Lohmueller



Josh Kinney



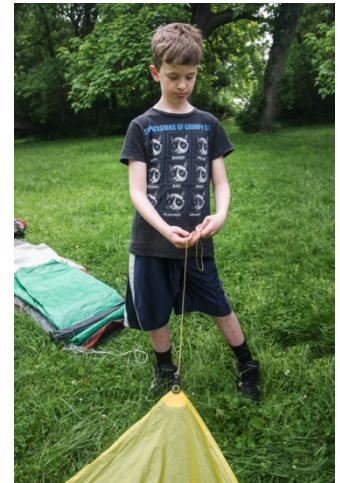
Alec Willertz



Alec Willertz



Isaac Lohmueller



Nate Booher



Nate Boohar, Mr. Randy Hall,  
learning how to tie the taut line



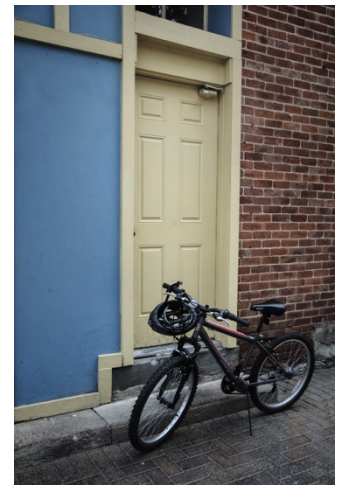
Nate Boohar,  
learning how to tie the taut line



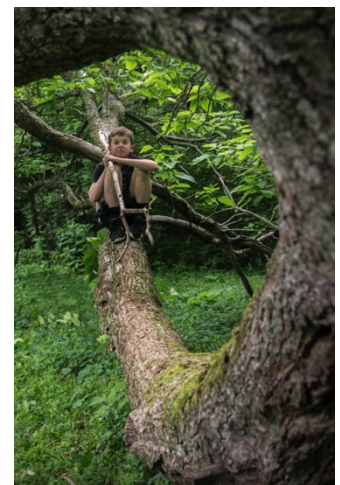
Knot tying competition between Josh Kinney  
and Nate Boohar,  
Mr. Randy Hall  
Nate won.



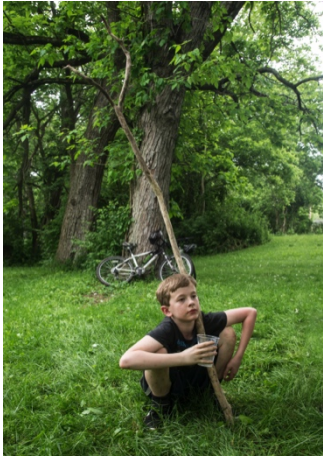
Nate Boohar



Alec Willertz



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Isaac Lohmueller



Josh Kinney



Alec Willertz



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Adam Hall



Nate Booher



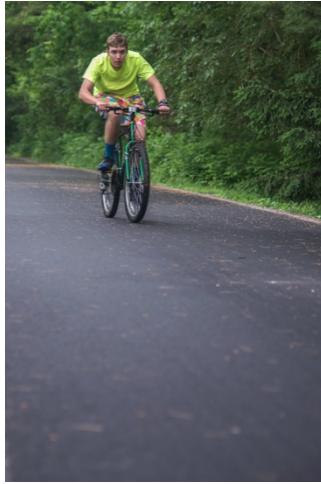
Isaac Lohmueller



Alec Willertz



Nate Booher



Adam Hall



Isaac Lohmueller, Alec Willertz



Clay Kessler



Clay Kessler



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Alec Willertz



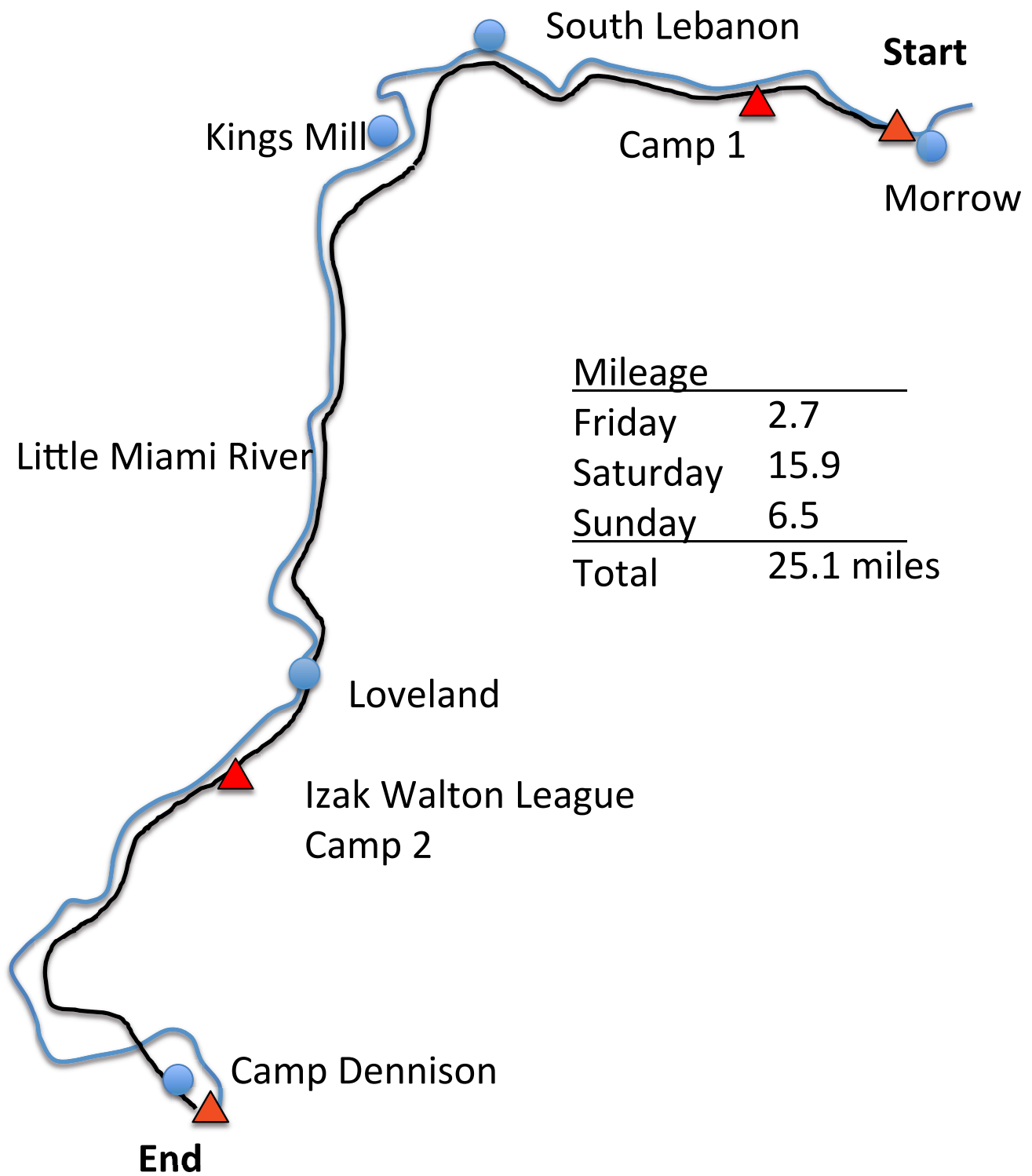
Isaac Lohmueller



Josh Kinney



Nate Booher, Isaac Lohmueller



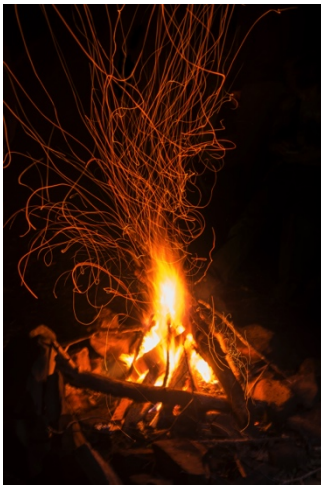
<u>Mileage</u>	
Friday	2.7
Saturday	15.9
Sunday	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.1 miles</b>

# Philmont Shakedown Backpacking Trip

## Shawnee State Forest

### West Portsmouth, OH

To help the Scouts prepare for Philmont later in the year, the Troop organized several shakedown backpacking trips. The third trip was to Shawnee State Forest. This was the most difficult of the three shakedown trips the Troop did. The Scouts hiked 15 miles.



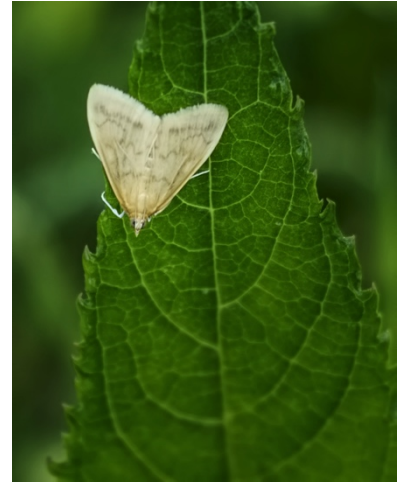
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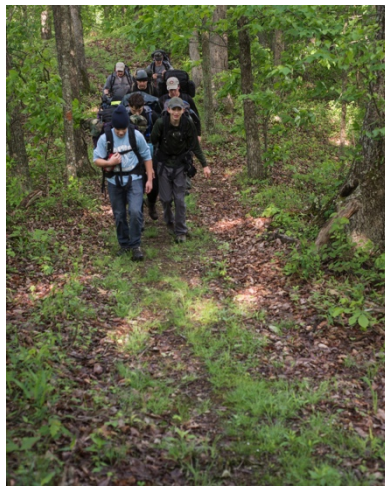
Joe Fortner, Nick Booher, Donald Noble, Mr. Ken Booher, Mr. Eric Fortner, Mr. Ron Helwig, Adam Helwig, Mr. Chris Noble



Joe Fortner



Joe Fortner



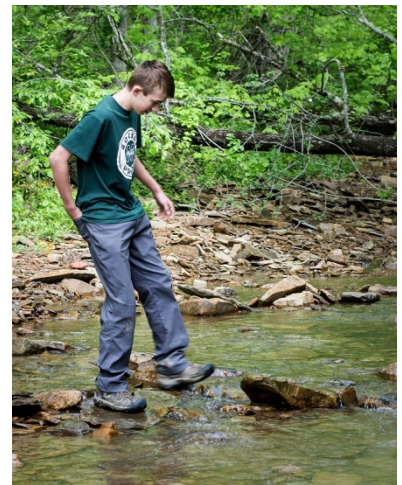
Adam Helwig, Donald Noble  
Lunchtime at Odell Creek



Donald Noble



Nick Booher, Adam Helwig



Adam Helwig





Mr. Ron Helwig



Donald Noble



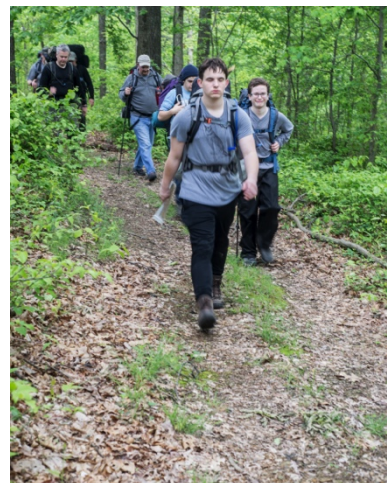
Donald Noble



Mr. Chris Noble



Adam Helwig



Nick Booher



Nick Booher, Adam Helwig, Joe Fortner,  
Donald Noble



Joe Fortner



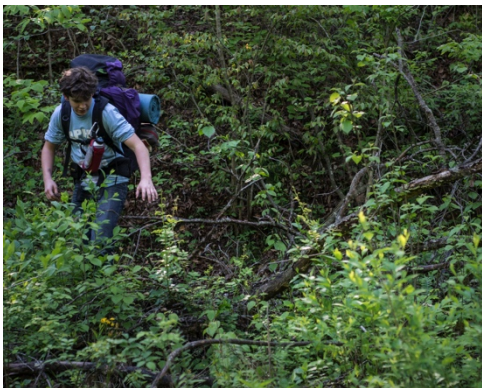
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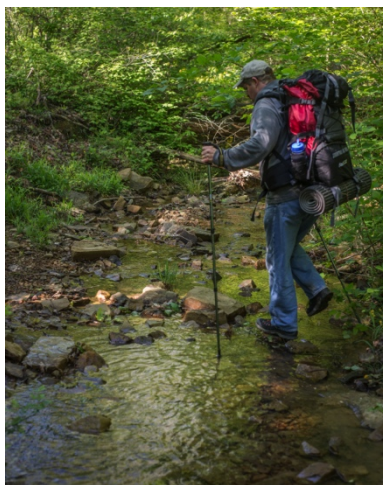
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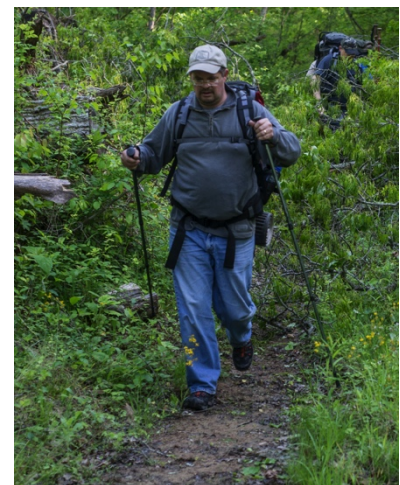
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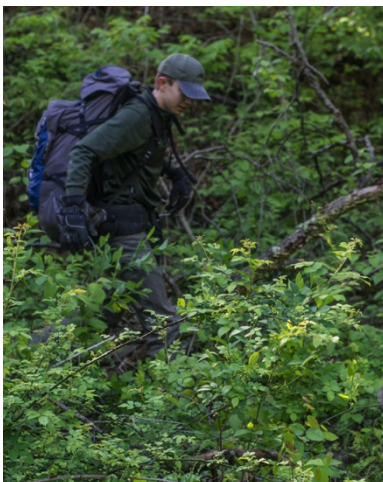
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Mr. Eric Fortner



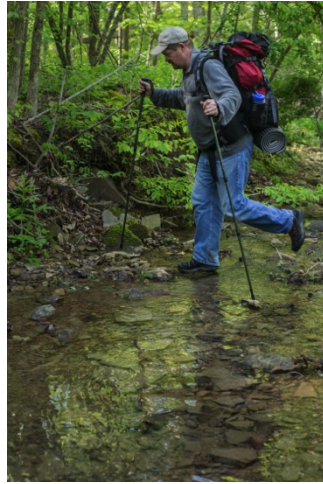
Mr. Eric Fortner



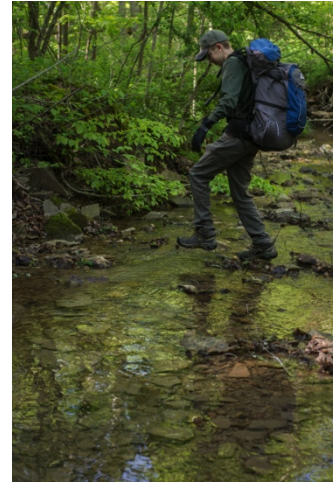
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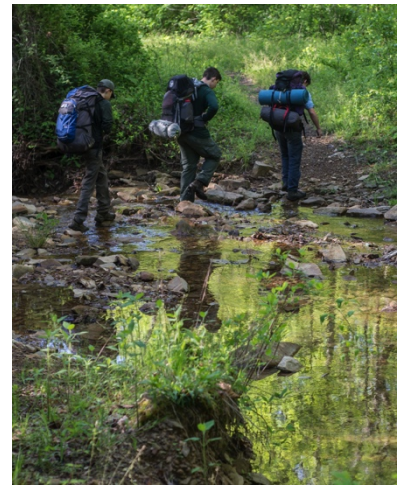
Crested dwarf iris



Mr. Eric Fortner



Adam Helwig



Adam Helwig, Donald Noble,  
Joe Fortner



# Bigfoot Campout Sycamore State Park Dayton, OH

Many of the older scouts were heading to Philmont later this month, and so all but one of the Scouts who attended this campout were First Class and under. The focus for the weekend was to work on advancement for the younger scouts, including the 5 mile hike. This particular campsite was chosen because one of the Scouts read that there have been Bigfoot sightings in the park. This was Nate Booher's, Diego Thiemann's, and Luke Meyer's first campout.



Joseph Mickenberg



Sam Noble



Toby Rainey, Amir Allen



Charles Pelz



Nate Booher



Mr. Randy Hall, teaching Nate Booher and Diego Thiemann how to set up camp



Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller, Amir Allen





Luke Meyer



Grant Edwards, Sam Noble,  
Joseph Mickenberg



Luke Meyer, Nate Booher,  
Diego Thiemann



Isaac Lohmueller, Amir Allen



Sam Noble



Sam Noble



Mr. Randy Hall



Toby Rainey



Isaac Lohmueller



Joseph Mickenberg



Sam Noble



The bacon grease made a bit of smoke



Mr. Randy Hall



Nate Booher

After breakfast the Scouts learned how to whip the ends of a rope, then had the opportunity to practice, as we whipped several dozen pieces of rope that the Troop can use for knot tying and pioneering projects.



Joseph Mickenberg



Amir Allen



Nick Stroh



Sam Noble



Joseph Mickenberg



Sam Noble



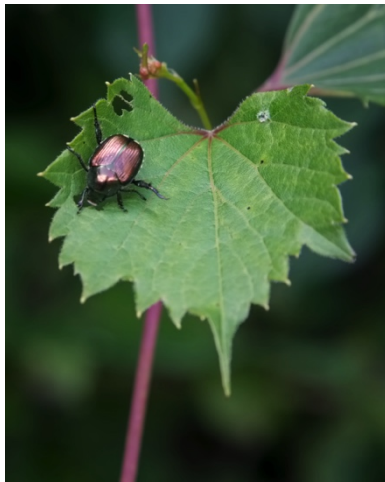
Mr. Randy Hall



Sam Noble, Toby Rainey, Charles Pelz



Sam Noble



Matt Stroh, Joseph Mickenberg

Nate Booher, Luke Meyer, Mr. Steve Lohmueller,  
Amir Allen, Mr. Thiemann, Toby Rainey, Adam Hall,  
Nick Stroh, Isaac Lohmueller, Sam Noble,  
Joseph Mickenberg, Charles Pelz



Isaac Lohmueller, Amir Allen, and Toby Rainey worked on a pioneering project to build a weather rock.



Isaac Lohmueller



Toby Rainey



Toby Rainey, Amir Allen,  
Isaac Lohmueller

For lunch we baked pizzas in homemade ovens



Adam Hall



Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller, Amir Allen



Charles Pelz



Nick Stroh



Adam Hall, Mr. Randy Hall



Amir Allen







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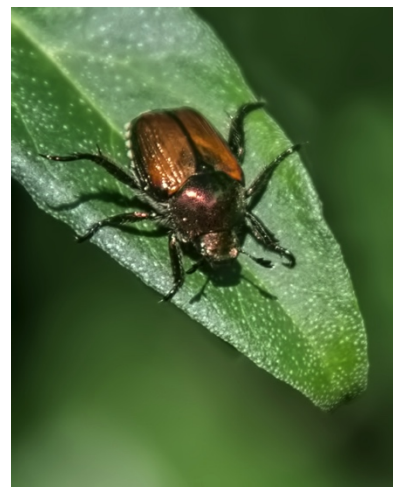
Checking out how the pizzas are cooking



Mr. Jim Odonnell



Mr. Lohmueller lashed up a camp flag pole





The beginning of the 5 mile hike



Sam Noble leading the way



Isaac Lohmueller, Joseph Mickenberg ,  
Luke Meyer, Nate Booher, Diego Thiemann,  
Sam Noble



Luke Meyer



Luke Meyer, Sam Noble, Nate Booher,  
Mr. Steve Lohmueller, Isaac Lohmueller,  
Mr. Randy Hall, Joseph Mickenberg,  
Mr. David Thiemann, Nick Stroh, Charles Pelz,  
Toby Rainey



Mr. Randy Hall taking a selfie



Isaac Lohmueller



Diego Thiemann, Nate Booher



Nate Booher, Diego Thiemann,  
Sam Noble, Mr. Randy Hall,  
Nick Stroh



Diego Thiemann, Sam Noble, Isaac Lohmueller, Joseph Mickenberg, Charles Pelz, Luke Meyer, Nate Booher, Toby Rainey, Amir Allen, Nick Stroh

While hiking we came upon a patch of blackberry bushes laden with ripe fruit. Mr. Lohmueller introduced the Scouts to the joy of eating wild blackberries. Most of the Scouts have never had them before, and all of them jumped right in to eat a lot of berries.



Toby Rainey



Isaac Lohmueller



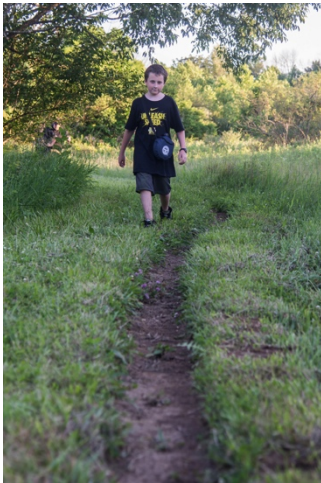
Nate Booher



Amir Allen



Picking wild blackberries



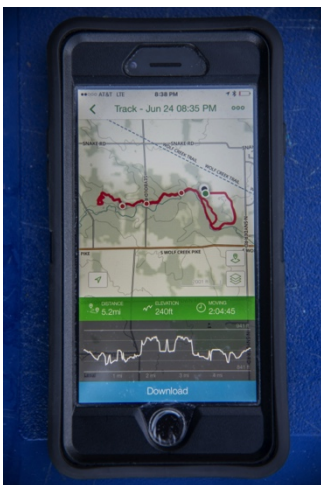
Luke Meyer



Charles Pelz, Mr. Randy Hall, at the end of the hike



Taking a break at a road crossing



Total distance: 5.2 miles



Adam Hall, Diego Thiemann



Jim Odonnell



Toby Rainey took some pastry dough that the Troop had and used some blackberries he picked earlier in the day, and made a “Toby Tart” over the open fire



Jim Odonnell, Sam Noble, Mr. Edwards, Amir Allen, Joseph Mickenberg, Grant Edwards



Toby Rainey proudly displaying his “Toby Tart”.



Jim Odonnell



# Philmont Scout Reservation Cimarron, NM

This year the Troop participated in a high-adventure backpacking trip to Philmont, the Boy Scout camp located near Cimarron, NM. The camp is 137,000 acres in the San De Cristo Mountain Range. The Scouts spend 2 weeks backpacking. Many of the evenings, the Scouts have the opportunity to do some sort of high adventure activity.



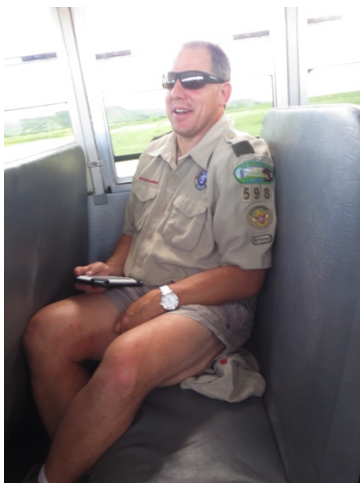
The Troop drove to Galesburg, Illinois and picked up an Amtrak train to Raton, NM. Departing from Galesburg Station.



Arriving in Raton Station



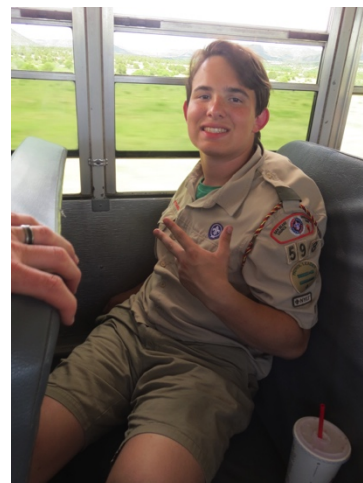
Amtrak station  
Raton, NM



Mr. Chris Noble



Adam Helwig



Donald Noble



Mr. Ken Booher, Nick Booher



Mr. Ron Helwig



Alec Willertz, Matt Smeal



Charlie Odonnell, Joe Fortner



Vincent Thiemann



Joe Fortner, Nick Booher, Vincent Thiemann, Adam Helwig at checking



Basecamp



Nick Booher, Joe Fortner, Vincent Thiemann, and Alex Willertz observing local wildlife at basecamp



Sunset at basecamp



Mountain view from basecamp



Preparing food and gear



Nick Booher, Adam Helwig, and Donald Noble at Ranger training



Matt Smeal receiving the Crew Leader flag



Opening night ceremony



Adam Helwig, Charlie Odonnell, Donald Noble, and Matt Smeal



Everyone's gear in a pack line ready to hit the trail



Arrival at Chase Ranch





Main house tour at Chase Ranch



Dining room at Chase Ranch



Charlie Odonnell, Adam Helwig, and Nick Booher at Chase Ranch



Studying the trek's route on the map



Preparing bear bags at Dean Heck Camp



Adam Helwig at Dean Heck Camp



Joe Fortner and Matt Smeal setting up their tent



Adam Helwig and Charlie Odonnell



Matt Smeal, Joe Fortner, Adam Helwig, and Charlie Odonnell at Dean Heck Camp



Hanging bear bags at Dean Heck Camp



Group photo on trail to Dean Cow Camp



Arrival at Dean Cow Camp



Joe Fortner ready for rock climbing and rappelling



Charlie Odonnell and Matt Smeal enjoying the view



Donald Noble ready to climb



Nick Booher and Ranger Garrett



Adam Helwig waiting his turn



Donald Noble rappelling



Joe Fortner rappelling



Adam Helwig on his way up



Alec Willertz, Matt Smeal, Adam Helwig, Nick Booher, and Joe Fortner playing cards



Scouts vs. Dean Cow Staff volleyball game



On the trail to Head of Dean Camp



Vincent Thiemann



Alec Willertz



Challenge events at Head of Dean



Working together to keep their balance



All hands needed on the pole challenge



Sharing jokes at the Continental Tie and Lumber Company



Preparing to do some pole climbing



Joe Fortner



Alec Willertz



Donald Noble



Vincent Thiemann



Adam Helwig



Charlie Odonnell



Matt Smeal



Mr. Chris Noble



Donald Noble



Alec Willertz in his Hefty rain gear



Everyone is ready for the rain



Making some new friends



On the trail to Rich Cabins



Adam Helwig, Charlie Odonnell, and Joe Fortner's winning manure pile



Nick Booher, Vincent Thiemann, and Donald Noble's proud pile of poo



Matt Smeal chasing pigs



Alec Willertz making a move on his pig



Pit stop an the abandoned Lodge



No one had remembered to make a reservation



Adam Helwig and Mr. Ron Helwig



Nick Booher and Mr. Ken Booher



Donald Noble, Adam Helwig, and Matt Smeal on top of Ash Mountain



Donald Noble and Mr. Chris Noble



Mr. Ron Helwig and Adam Helwig



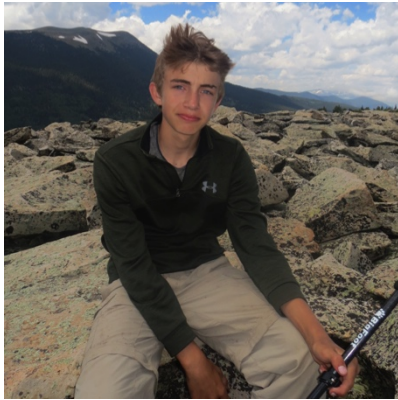
Mr. Ken Booher and Nick Booher



Joe Fortner on top of Ash Mountain



Alec Willertz



Adam Helwig enjoying the breeze on Ash Mountain



Charlie Odonnell is all smiles on Ash Mountain



From Ash Mountain it was downhill to Seally Canyon



Mountain biking at Whiteman Vega



Matt Smeal sharing his hat with his bony friend



Alec Willertz, Matt Smeal, Joe Fortner, and Adam Helwig





Vincent Thiemann and Adam Helwig playing chess



Laying railroad track at Metcalf Station



Matt Smeal, Nick Booher, Adam Helwig, and Charlie Odonnell riding the handcar back to the station



Vincent Thiemann, Alec Willertz, Donald Noble, and Joe Fortner riding the handcar



Blacksmithing at Metcalf Station



Petroglyph tour at Indian Writings Camp



Atlatl throwing competition at Indian Writings Camp



Nick Booher's final winning Atlatl throw



Alec Willertz preparing for a conservation project



Mr. Chris Noble and Adam Helwig trail building



Bus ride back to basecamp



Alec Willertz, Joe Fortner, Charlie Odonnell, Matt Smeal, Nick Booher, Vincent Thiemann, and Adam Helwig



Crew leaders at the closing ceremony



Singing the Philmont Hymn at the closing ceremony



Farewell to Philmont Scout Ranch



Front: Joe Fortner, Nick Booher, Matt Smeal, Crew Ranger, Charlie Odonnell, Adam Helwig, Vincent Thiemann,  
Back: Donald Noble, Alec Willertz, Mr. Ken Booher, Mr. Chris Noble, Mr. Ron Helwig

# Summer Camp Camp Ransburg Bloomington, IN

Every summer the Troop goes on a week long summer camp trip to Camp Ransburg. The main objective is to complete merit badges, but there are lots of opportunities for fun as well. This year, a lot of the older scouts went to Philmont, so the Troop had a young contingent of Scouts as summer camp. The oldest scout was First Class. Isaac Lohmueller and Jacob Kinney split the role of Senior Patrol Leader for the week.



Grant Edwards



Joseph Mickenberg



Sam Noble



Charles Pelz working as a hopper at one of the meals



Toby Rainey



Toby Rainey, Luke Meyer,  
Nate Booher, Isaac Lohmueller



Jacob Kinney, Grant Edwards





Luke Meyer, Nate Booher  
learning how to fold a flag



Luke Meyer, Joseph Mickenberg,  
Grant Edwards, Jacob Kinney



Nate Booher, Toby Rainey,  
Grant Edwards



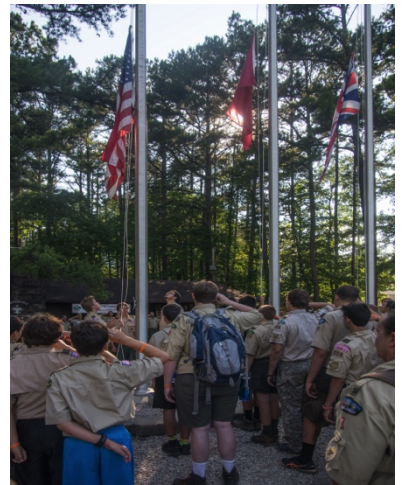
Each morning the Troop  
raises the flag in the campsite



Toby Rainey,  
Photography Merit Badge



Toby Rainey,  
Photography Merit Badge



Camp-wide flag lowering at dinner  
time



Isaac Lohmueller, working  
on the camp gateway



Isaac Lohmueller, working  
on the camp gateway



Nick Stroh



Isaac Lohmueller, working on the camp gateway



Grant Edwards, Jacob Kinney  
Communications Merit Badge



Jacob Kinney



Sam Noble

One of the requirements to earn the Woodsman Rank within the Firecrafter program is to build a fire that can burn unattended for 15 minutes. Several members of the Troop were working on Woodsman this year.



Grant Edwards



Charles Pelz



Joseph Mickenberg



Joseph Mickenberg



Charles Pelz



Charles Pelz



Jacob Kinney



Mr. Kevin Kinney helping Nick Stroh with a Woodsman requirement



Flag lowering at dinner time



Isaac Lohmueller, Mr. Mike Stroh, Sam Noble, Mr. Richard Carpenter, Jordan Matzinger, Mr. Steve Lohmueller, Nick Stroh, Charles Pelz, Mr. Kevin Kinney, Jacob Kinney, Grant Edwards, Joseph Mickenberg, Nate Booher, Mrs. Courtney Booher, Luke Meyer, Toby Rainey



Jordan Matzinger, Isaac Lohmueller, Joseph Mickenberg at evening flag lowering within the campsite



Jordan Matzinger, Isaac Lohmueller, Joseph Mickenberg



Joseph Mickenberg



Nate Booher learning how to tie a knot



Grant Edwards, teaching Luke Meyer a knot



Nick Stroh, Cooking Merit Badge



Sam Noble



Joseph Mickenberg, Cooking Merit Badge



Sam Noble, working on Woodsmen



The BSA operates a program called the International Ambassador Program. The Ambassador program brings students from China to scout camps in the U.S.A. for a unique educational, recreational, and cultural adventure. This year, there was a contingent of 48 Chinese youth spending the week at camp. On Thursday evening, they hosted a cultural night, where they had activities that allowed scouts to experience a bit of Chinese culture. There was dancing, music, and games.



Sam Noble



Charles Pelz, Jacob Kinney



Nick Stroh, with his name written in Chinese characters



Joseph Mickenberg, Jacob Kinney, Charles Pelz



Patch trading was a very popular activity



Isaac Lohmueller, working some more on the campsite gateway



Mr. Richard Carpenter's goal was to make a fire-by-friction kit and start a fire



Catholic Mass at the Chapel

One of the traditions of the Troop is to allow any new Scouts the opportunity to make their first fire at summer camp. This year, Nate Booher and Luke Meyer were the only new Scouts.



Nate Booher



Success!



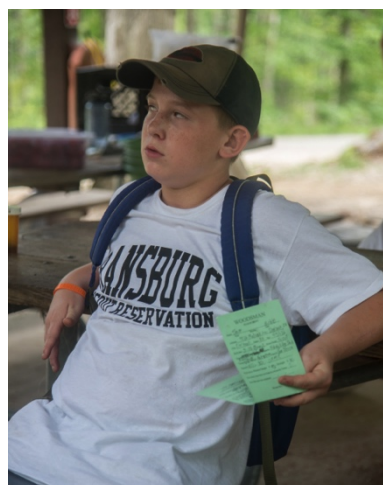
Luke Meyer



Success!



Joseph Mickenberg  
Wilderness Survival Merit Badge  
Joseph had to build this shelter and spend the night in it.



Sam Noble





Jacob Kinney



Mr. Lohmueller lashed a recliner chair



Nick Stroh



Isaac Lohmueller, in front of his completed gateway

Mr. Kinney introduced the Scouts to the card game SuperFight, and it was a big hit. Scouts played many a round of the game over the course of the week. In the game each player draws a hero card and 2 attribute cards that define that hero. The players then debate why their hero would win the fight. Who would win this fight: A senior citizen bowling team that is on a jet ski and armed with nunchucks vs. a kindergarten class that just drank 5 energy drinks and sprays neurotoxins?



Toby Rainey, Luke Meyer, and Mr. Kevin Kinney playing the card game "SuperFight"



Isaac Lohmueller



Luke Meyer



Nick Stroh, Toby Rainey, Charles Pelz





Luke Meyer, Isaac Lohmueller, Grant Edwards, Jacob Kinney, Toby Rainey, Jordan Matzinger, Nick Stroh



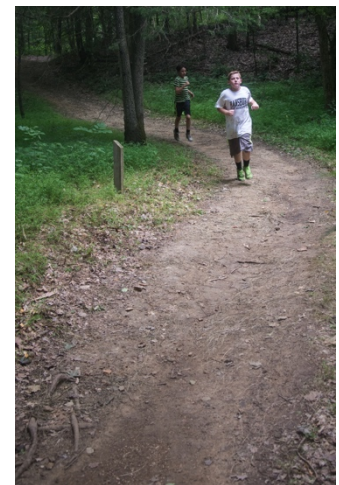
Nate Booher calling out the commands for flag lowering



On Thursday evening, Ransburg runs the Triathlon, and the Troop had 2 scouts fun in it this year – Joseph Mickenberg and Sam Noble. The race starts out with canoeing, then includes running, biking, and running to the finish line.



Joseph Mickenberg, Sam Noble





Sam Noble



Joseph Mickenberg



The camp also offered a Magic the Gathering tournament. Isaac Lohmueller, Luke Meyer, Toby Rainey, and Nate Booher watch the action.

At the same time as the triathlon, camp offered the Ransburg Rendezvous. Grant Edwards and Jordan Matzinger played many a game of Gaga Ball



.Grant Edwards, Jordan Matzinger





Toby Rainey working as a hopper at a meal



Luke Meyer working as a hopper at a meal



Charles Pelz working on a service project at Eagle Quest



Nick Stroh showing off his Woodsman project



Joseph Mickenberg



Isaac Lohmueller teaching Mr. Richard Carpenter how to tie a clove hitch



Mr. Steve Lohmueller relaxing in his camp lounge chair



Toby Rainey

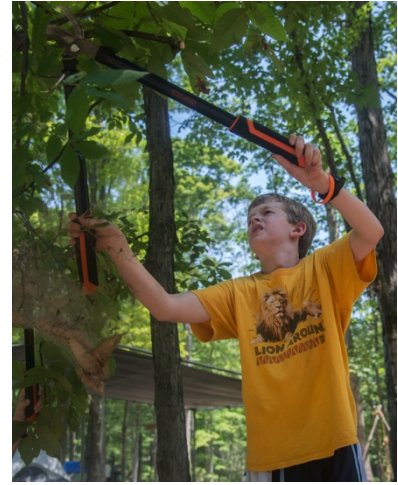
As part of the Troop's effort to win the Distinguished Unit Award, the Troop participated in a camp service project. The Troop was asked to clear the low hanging branches off of the trees in the campsite.



Joseph Mickenberg



Joseph Mickenberg,  
Luke Meyer



Nate Booher



Mr. Kevin Kinney, Nate Booher



Mr. Richard Carpenter working on  
his fire-by-friction kit



Mr. Kevin Kinney practicing  
on his fire-by-friction kit



Luke Meyer



Nate Booher



Isaac Lohmueller

Mr. Carpenter makes another attempt to start fire by friction....



... and is successful!



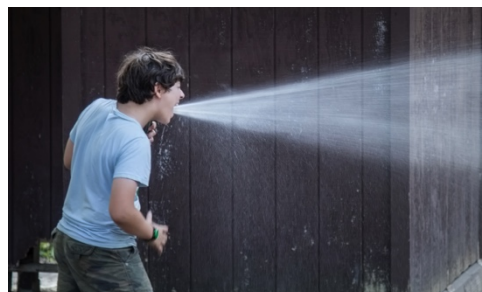
Nate Booher  
Woodcarving Merit Badge



Luke Meyer  
Woodcarving Merit Badge



Mr. Lohmueller carved name totems for each scout



Toby Rainey having fun while on latrine duty



On Friday the staff puts on an energetic campfire program, complete with music, skits, slideshow, and awards.





Joseph Mickenberg made it into the slideshow



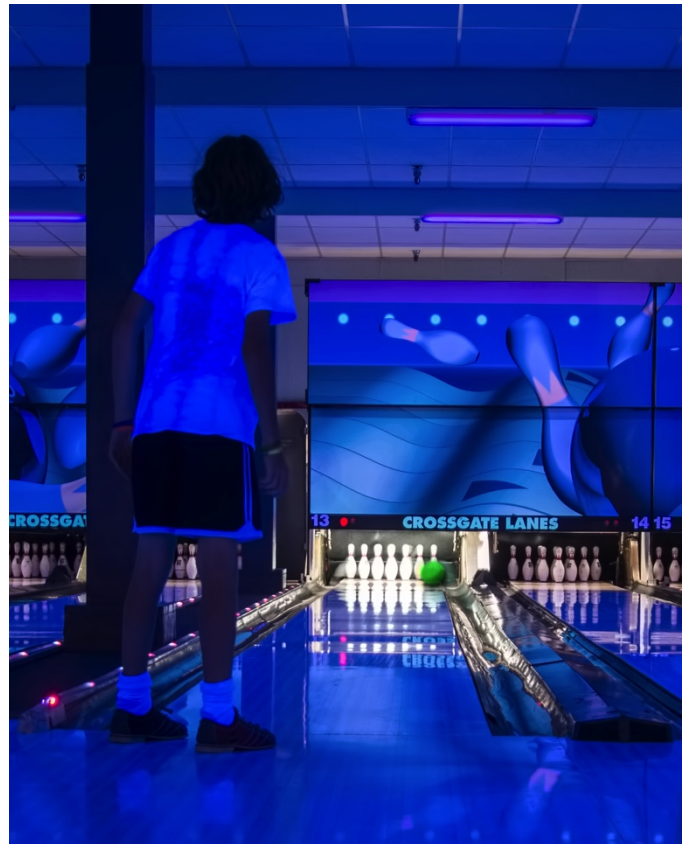
All of the staff together, singing Scouting Vespers: "Softly falls the light of day, While our campfire fades away ...."



Mrs. Courtney Booher, Nick Stroh, Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey, Jacob Kinney, Mr. Kevin Kinney, Joseph Mickenberg, Grant Edwards, Sam Noble, Mr. Mike Stroh, Charles Pelz, Mr. Richard Carpenter, Jordan Matzinger, Mr. Steve Lohmueller, Nate Booher, Luke Meyer

# Bowling Outing Crossgate Lanes, Blue Ash, OH

With summer camp being the last week in July, and with the busyness of school starting, the Troop typically does a day outing in August. This year the Troop opted for a bowling outing. However, only 1 scout, Isaac Lohmueller, ended up attending the outing. The bowling alley was lit for glow-in-the-dark bowling.



# Aviation

## The Ohio State University Airport Columbus, OH

For many years the Troop has gone to the Caesar's Creek Soaring Club near Waynesville, OH for an aviation themed campout. This year, the Troop opted to try something new. A Troop in Columbus OH presents the Aviation merit badge, exposing the Scouts to a wide range of aviation related topics. The Scouts rotate through a variety of stations, with each station dedicated to some aspect of aviation, such as airport management, careers in aviation, power plants, flight control, instrumentation panels, and pre-flight checks. A separate organization, Young Eagles, sometimes provide rides to the Scouts as well. The course work was well done but, unfortunately, the Scouts did not get a chance to fly this year.



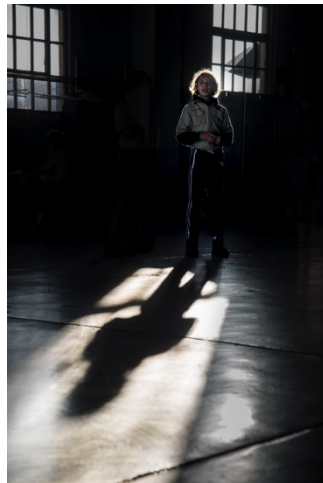
Alum Creek State Park



Matt Smeal, Mr. Randy Hall  
grading the pre-tests



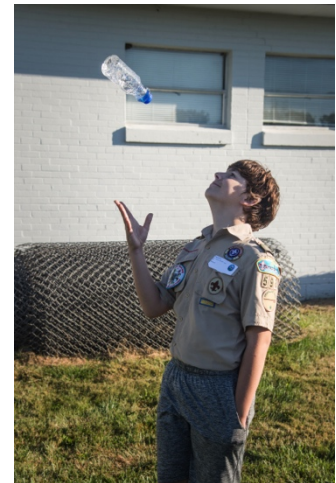
Playing finger-jousting while  
waiting for the event to start:  
Isaac Lohmueller, Charles Pelz,  
Sam Noble, Toby Rainey,  
Nick Stroh



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller



Toby Rainey



Charles Pelz, Sam Noble



Charles Pelz



Nate Booher



Sam Noble



Isaac Lohmueller, Charles Pelz, Nate Booher, Sam Noble



Isaac Lohmueller, Charles Pelz, Nate Booher, Sam Noble



Toby Rainey, Charles Pelz, Matt Smeal



Isaac Lohmueller, Sam Noble, Nate Booher, Toby Rainey



Bell Helicopter



Nick Stroh





Learning about helicopters



Learning about how planes fly



Learning about engines



Learning about the airport fire department



Learning about the key 6 instrumentation panel gages



Testing the Scouts knowledge of aviation topics



Each scout built his own "FPG-9" airplane



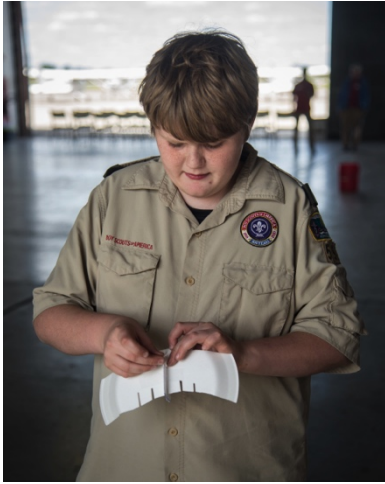
Matt Smeal



Charles Pelz



Nate Booher



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Charles Pelz



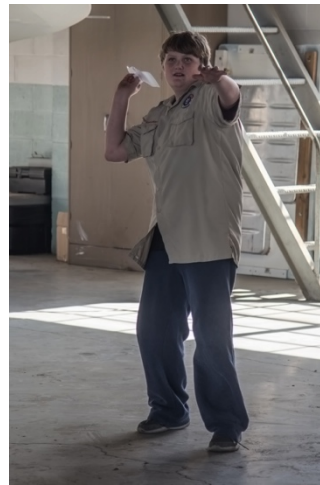
Nick Stroh



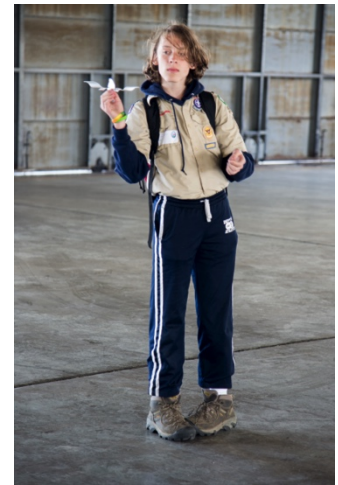
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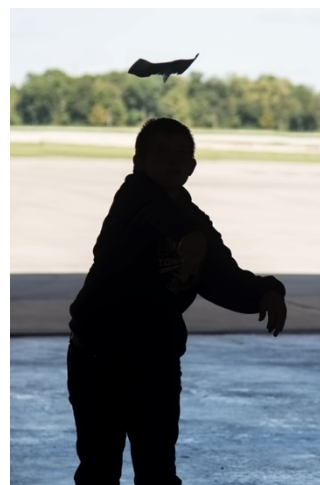
Isaac Lohmueller



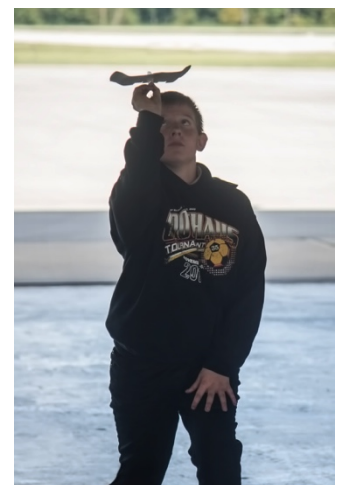
Sam Noble



Charles Pelz



Sam Noble



Sam Noble





Toby Rainey, Nate Booher, Sam Noble, Matt Smeal, Nick Stroh, Isaac Lohmueller, Charles Pelz. The goal was to get the planes into the bucket



The goal was to see who's plane went the farthest.  
Isaac Lohmueller Nick Stroh, Nate Booher, Matt Smeal, Sam Noble



Toby Rainey



Matt Smeal



Matt Smeal



Charles Pelz



Sam Noble



Some of the Scouts challenged each other to a burger seasoning competition. As the burgers were being pulled off the grill they all got mixed up, so there was no clear winner.



Nate Booher



Nate Booher



Nate Booher



Sam Noble



Sam Noble



Toby Rainey



Matt Smeal, trying his hand at cooking the old fashioned way – over the fire.



Quotable quote, sung: “I am cooking a grape. Yeah, I am cooking a grape”  
- Toby Rainey

# Fall Court of Honor Scout Achievement Center Evendale, OH

Scouts are recognized at the Fall Court of Honor for the advancement they earned in the last 6 months, which includes summer camp. Scouts earned 50 merit badges and 6 rank badges.



Donald Noble



Nick Stroh, Joseph Mickenberg



Alec Willertz, Charles Pelz



Mr. Steve Lohmueller  
Scoutmaster



Isaac Lohmueller receiving the Recruiter patch for recruiting Amir Allen



Jacob Kinney and Isaac Lohmueller being recognized for attending NYLT



Scouts earning merit badges:

- Nick Stroh
- Joseph Mickenberg
- Sam Noble
- Charles Pelz
- Jacob Kinney
- Alec Willertz
- Luke Meyer
- Isaac Lohmueller
- Nate Booher



Scouts who earned rank:

Nate Booher – Scout  
 Charles Pelz – Second Class  
 Sam Noble – Tenderfoot  
 Josh Kinney – Life  
 Matt Smeal - Eagle

Not shown:

Grant Edwards – First Class



Front: Charles Pelz, Nate Booher, Isaac Lohmueller, Sam Noble, Clay Kessler, Joseph Mickenberg, Nick Booher, Luke Meyer  
 Middle: Nick Stroh, Jacob Kinney, Donald Noble,  
 Back: Matt Smeal, Josh Kinney, Alec Willertz, Adam Hall, Mr. Steve Lohmueller

# Via Ferrata Rock Climbing

## Torrent Falls

### Campton, KY

The Troop camped at the Land of the Arches campground, and went to Torrent Falls for the Via Ferrata rock climbing. Via Ferrata is a way of climbing that uses a steel safety cable that is attached to the rock face every 8-10ft. Climbers are clipped into this cable with safety lanyards. Iron hand and foot rungs aid the climber as they ascend, traverse, and descend the course. It rained all morning, and fortunately started to taper off once our climb time started at eleven am. After a bit, the rain stopped and the rest of the day was dry. Scouts climbed routes 1 through 5, including the Bird Wire and Suspension Bridge.



Sam Noble, Mr. Randy Hall



Mr. Randy Hall, Sam Noble



Joseph Mickenberg  
Isaac Lohmueller



Nate Booher, Nick Booher



Joseph Mickenberg, Nick Booher



Nick Booher, on Course 4



Nick Booher



Nick Booher



Nick Booher



Nick Booher



Joseph Mickenberg,  
Sam Noble, Isaac Lohmueller



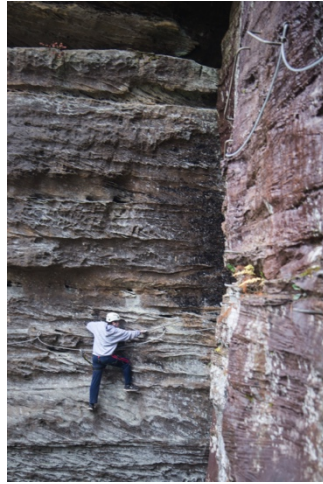
Joseph Mickenberg, Sam Noble, Isaac Lohmueller  
Nate Booher, Mr. Ken Booher



Joseph Mickenberg, beginning Course 5



Nick Booher



Nick Booher



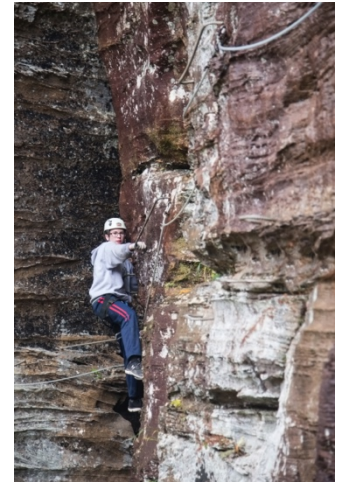
Sam Noble



Joseph Mickenberg on the Bird Wire



Joseph Mickenberg



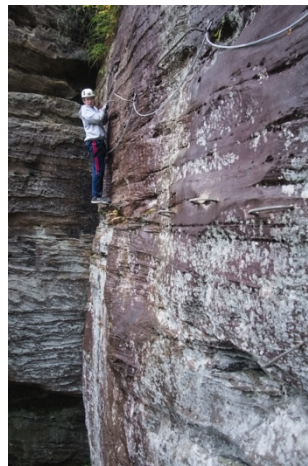
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Joseph Mickenberg



Joseph Mickenberg



Nick Booher



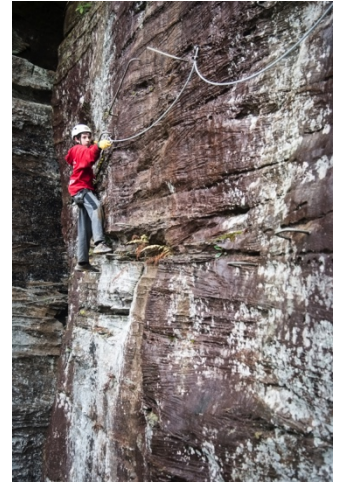
Sam Noble



Sam Noble



Nick Booher



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Isaac Lohmueller



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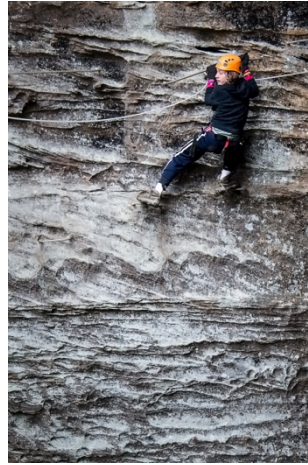




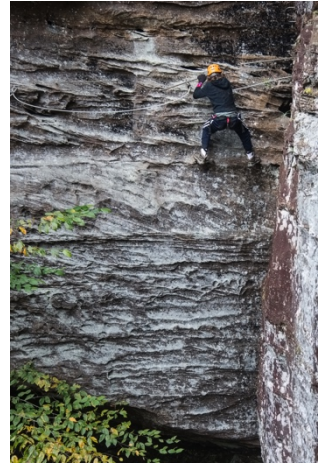
Nate Booher



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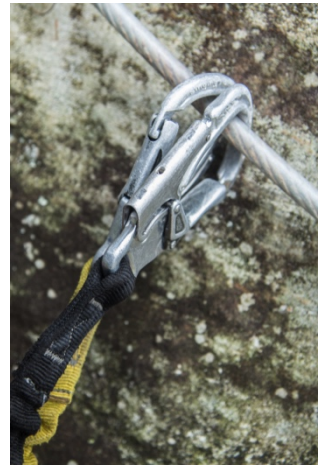
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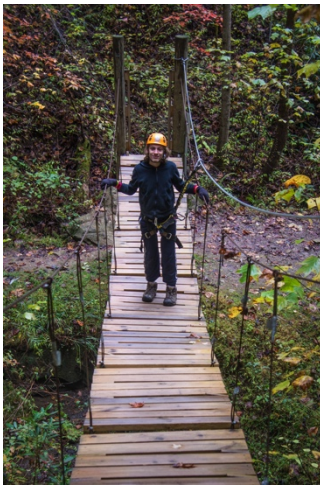
Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller



Nick Booher, Nate Booher, Mr. Ken Booher, Sam Noble, Joseph Mickenberg



Isaac Lohmueller



Nick Booher, Nate Booher, Mr. Ken Booher, Sam Noble



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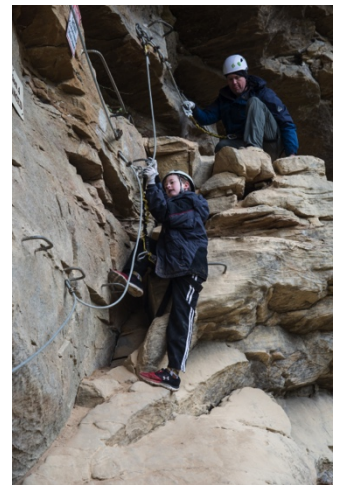
Isaac Lohmueller



Nick Booher, Nate Booher



Sam Noble, Joseph Mickenberg



Nate Booher, Mr. Ken Booher



Nick Booher



Nick Booher, Nate Booher, Mr. Ken Booher, Sam Noble, Joseph Mickenberg



Nate Booher



Sam Noble  
Joseph Mickenberg



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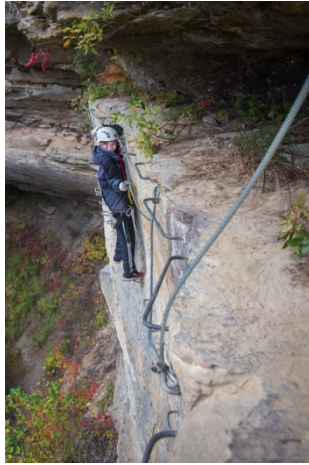
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Nick Booher



Isaac Lohmueller



Joseph Mickenberg,  
Isaac Lohmueller,  
Nate Booher, Sam Noble



Joseph Mickenberg, Isaac Lohmueller, Nate Booher, Sam Noble



Nate Booher, Sam Noble



Joseph Mickenberg



Nate Booher, Sam Noble Joseph Mickenberg  
Nick Booher

# Eagle Court of Honor Matt Smeal Evendale Recreation Center

Matt is Troop 598's 65<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout



Mr. Mike Stroh  
Advancement Chair



Mr. Steve Culver  
Former Troop 598 Scoutmaster



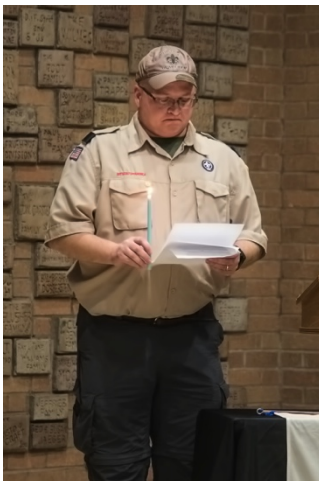
Mr. Brad Wilkens



Fellow Eagle Scouts:  
Matt Stroh, Matt Smeal, Kevin Hall



Mr. Brad Wilkens, Matt Smeal



Mr. Brad Wilkens





Kevin Hall



Mr. Steve Culver



Presenting Mrs. Smeal with the Eagle Mom pin



Presenting Mr. Smeal with the Eagle Dad pin



Matt Smeal receiving his Eagle pin



Fellow Eagle Scouts Matt Stroh and Kevin Hall presenting Matt Smeal with his Eagle neckerchief



Matt Smeal, Eagle Scout

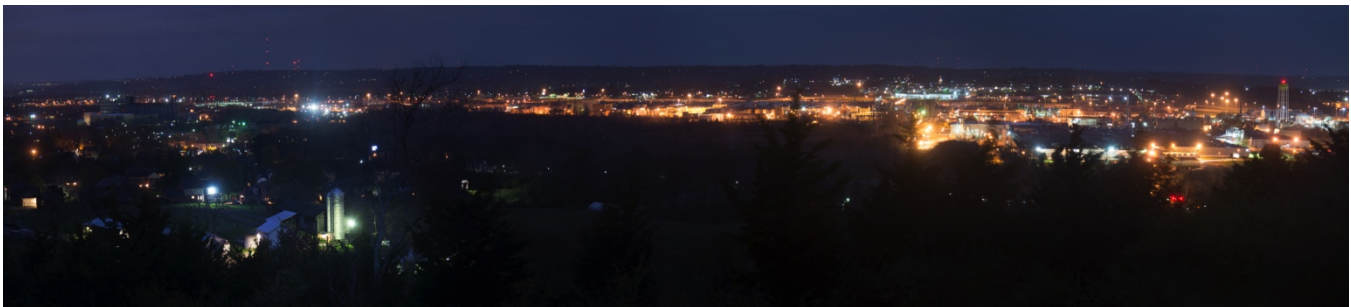


# Gorman Farm Campout Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

One of the traditional campouts for the Troop is to go to Gorman Farm in Evendale, OH. Boy Scout Troop 598 is the only group that is allowed to camp on the property. The Scouts do a service project for the farm in the morning, and the Scouts can launch model rockets in the afternoon. In the evening, the Troop does a flag retirement ceremony.

Our service project this year was to clean out the asparagus beds, and to apply leaves on top of the main garden beds. Around lunch time, strong winds started, which prevented the rocket launches. Around dinner, a severe rain storm hit, but fortunately we had the shelter to keep dry in as we had our Thanksgiving dinner. After dinner, the rain stopped for a bit, allowing us to have our flag retirement ceremony.

This was James Randolph's first campout with the Troop.



The view of the Millcreek Valley



James Randolph, Nate Boohar  
Charles Pelz



Nick Boohar



Nate Boohar



Nick Booher, James Randolph, Charles Pelz, Nate Booher



Charles Pelz, James Randolph



Nick Booher



Mr. Randy Hall, Nate Booher



Mr. Randy Hall, James Randolph



Charles Pelz



James Randolph, Nick Booher,  
Charles Pelz, Nate Booher



Nate Booher



Charles Pelz



James Randolph



Nick Booher, Charles Pelz



Charles Pelz



Nick Booher,  
James Randolph



James Randolph



Nick Booher,  
James Randolph



Nick Booher, James Randolph, Charles Pelz,  
Nate Booher



Nate Booher



Nate Booher, James Randolph, Charles Pelz, moving the tents behind the treeline and out of the wind



Nick Booher



Charles Pelz



Charles Pelz, Nate Booher



Nick Booher

For the afternoon activity, the Scouts learned how to do lashings. After being taught and having some practice, they were challenged to lash a pile of wooden dowel rods into a cube.



Nick Booher



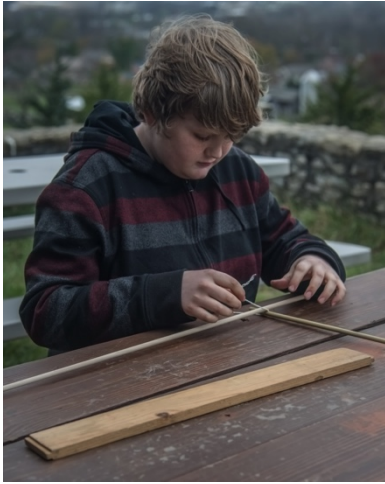
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Clay Kessler



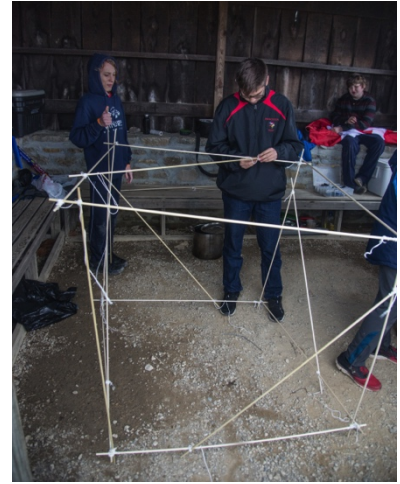
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Charles Pelz



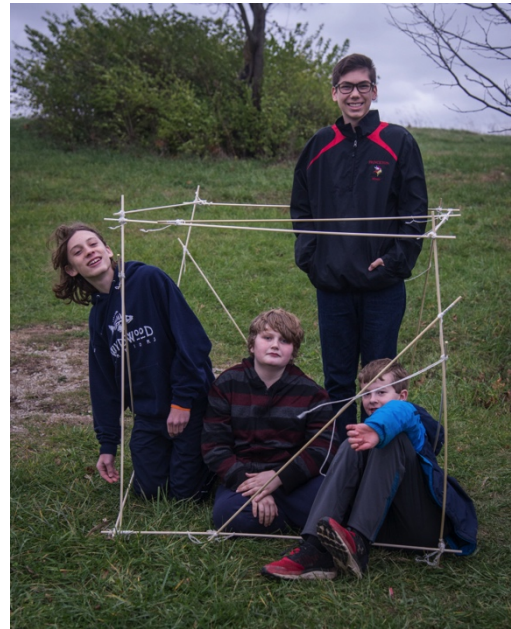
Nick Booher



Isaac Lohmueller, Clay Kessler



Toby Rainey



Isaac Lohmueller, Charles Pelz, Clay Kessler,  
Nate Booher, inside the "Safety Cube"



Toby Rainey



Charles Pelz



Charles Pelz



Clay Kessler, Nick Booher, James Randolph



Clay Kessler, Nick Booher,  
James Randolph



Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller  
Nate Booher



James Randolph, Nick Booher, Clay Kessler, Toby Rainey  
with a full Thanksgiving dinner



Charles Pelz



Nick Booher

After dinner the Troop held a flag retirement ceremony.



Nick Booher



Nick Booher



Nick Booher, Toby Rainey, Charles Pelz

# Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati West Chester, OH

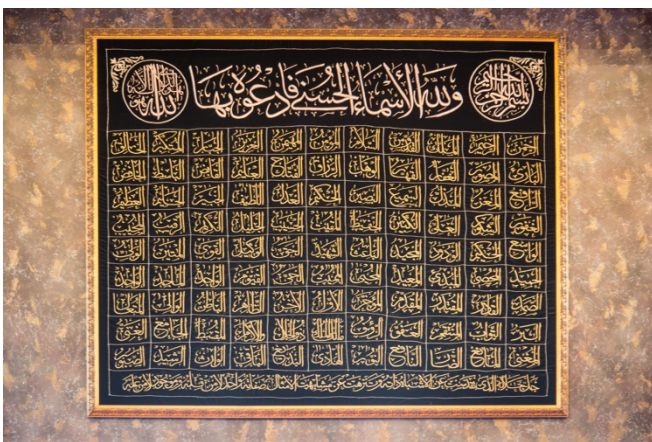
As part of Mr. Steve Lohmueller's Woodbadge training requirements, the Troop visited an Islamic mosque to promote diversity. The Scouts learned about the basic beliefs of Islam and saw how Muslims practice their faith. The Scouts also learned how they could make an inclusive environment within the Troop if an Islamic boy joined the Troop.



Room of Mirrors



Shaikh Hossam Musa  
Iman for the mosque



Carpet showing 99 characteristics of God, sewn with gold thread



Marker showing direction to Mecca

# Shooting Outing Target World Sharonville, OH

Each year the Troop goes target shooting at Target World for the December outing. After a mandatory safety training session, the Scouts are allowed to shoot various hand guns and rifles. This year the Troop fired over 600 .22 long rifle rounds.



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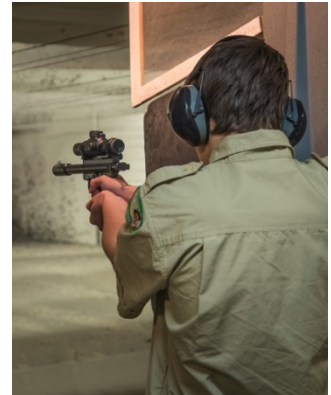
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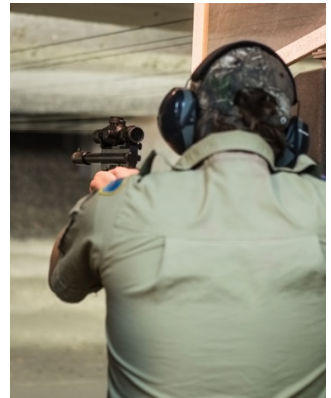
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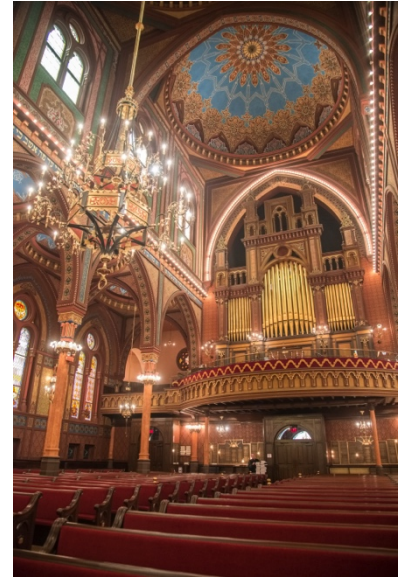


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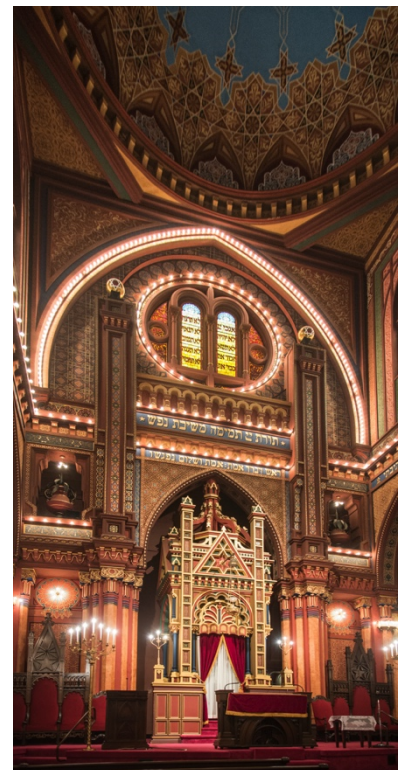
# Plum Street Temple Cincinnati, OH

As part of Mr. Steve Lohmueller's Woodbadge training requirements, the Troop visited a Jewish temple to promote diversity. The Scouts learned about the basic beliefs of Judaism and saw how Jews practice their faith. The Scouts also learned how they could make an inclusive environment within the Troop if a Jewish boy joined the Troop.

The Plum Street Temple was built in 1866, making it one of the oldest synagogues in United States. In addition, it is only one of 4 synagogues still standing that was built in the ornate Byzantine-Moorish architectural style. The building has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Isaac Lohmueller, Donald Noble



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# Service Project

## Matthew 25: Ministries

### Kenwood, OH

Matthew 25: Ministries is a non-profit charity whose mission is to “fulfill Matthew 25:34-40 by providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to those in need.” Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries focuses on educating the public on the conditions and needs of the “least of these” and by providing resources for action. The organization helps people throughout the US and around the world.

The organization accepts donations from individuals as well as from corporations, and volunteers sort the donations in preparation for them to be shipped to where the items are needed. On this day, the Troop sorted books.



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