

Troop 598

Year In Photos

2021



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Day Hike Griffin Nature Preserve Evendale, OH

February

This event was the first in-person event in the new year due to COVID restrictions. The Troop was still meeting virtually during this time. The Scouts were excited to finally be able to do something together, even if it was for a short hike in Evendale. Several honorary four-legged members of the Troop came out for the hike as well.



Mr. McGrath, Mikey Farthing, Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath, Aiden Fischesser , Mabel, Austin Young, Lucy, Wesley Anglin, Petey Wilkens, Nate Booher, Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens, Shiloh



Hiking around the pond at the Griffin Nature Preserve



The hike ended at the Evendale complex

Skiing Perfect North Slopes Lawrenceburg, IN

February

Each year Dan Beard Council organizes Scout Days at Perfect North Slopes, inviting Scouts from all over the council to come for a day of skiing and tubing. This is an event that the Troop participates in each year. The Troop had planned to go in January, but the weather that weekend was in the mid 30s and rainy.



View looking up the slope Center Stage



View looking down the Far Side run



View looking up the slope The Meadow



View looking down the Far Side run near the end



Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Booher, Declan McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller, Nate Booher, Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens



Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens



Break time in the lodge



Waiting for their turn on the ski lift.



Mr. Young, Samantha Young



Petey Wilkens



Mr. McGrath, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Nate Booher, Isaac Lohmueller, Mrs. Booher, Petey Wilkens, Mrs. McGrath



Austin Young



View from the top of Center Stage

Caving

Marengo Cave

Marengo, Indiana

March

Marengo Cave is a cave located in Marengo, Indiana. The Troop has gone to this cave for many years as it is a favorite among the Scouts. The Scouts can do a wild cave tour that involves crawling through tight passages, getting wet and muddy, and exploring the cave in its natural environment. This year the Scouts did the Underground Adventure tour and then spent the night in the cave. In the evening, the tour guide led the scouts in a variety of team building games while in the cave. In the morning, Mr. McGrath offered a Scoutmaster Challenge to eat dried crickets that he had bought in the gift shop.



Nathan Young



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller



Austin Young



Jake Patrick



Nathan Young, Isaac Lohmueller

The cave exploration started with a more traditional tour, with lights and an easy walkway. The Scouts did both the Crystal Palace and Dripstone Trail tours.



Isaac Lohmueller, Austin Young, Travis Anglin, Andrew Senter, Wesley Anglin, Jake Patrick, Nathan Young, Adam Helwig, Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Mikey Farthing, Mr. Wilkens, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Lohmueller

On the Dripstone tour there is a section called the Masher, which involves crawling through a tight passage.



Taking a break



Isaac Lohmueller entering the Masher



Adam Helwig crawling through the Masher



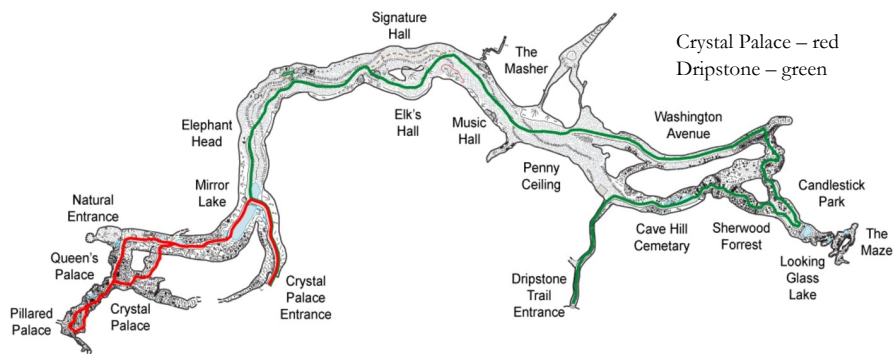
Waiting for their chance to continue on the Masher



Mr. Lohmueller and Adam Helwig in front of Eagle Rock



The Grand Hall at Penny Ceiling. Visitors can throw coins at the ceiling to try to get the coins to stick in the soft clay.



Map of the Crystal Palace and Dripstone tours

After the walking tour, the Scouts left the cave for lunch before going back into the cave to do the wild cave tour.



After the wild cave tour: Mr. Lohmueller, Travis Anglin, Andrew Senter, Mr. Wilkens, Austin Young, Jake Patrick, Declan McGrath, Adam Helwig, Mikey Farthing, Mr. McGrath, Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller

Once the wild cave tour was over, the scouts were able to take showers and get some dry and clean clothes on. They had a little bit of time before reentering the cave for the overnight. The scouts were able to hang out with some play time, have some dinner, and do some games.



Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens



Declan McGrath during a chess match



Isaac Lohmueller, Nathan Young, and Petey Wilkens



Wesley Anglin, Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller and Nathan Young playing cards



During the overnight in the cave, the scouts had the chance to play some team building games.



Team building game



Team building game



Team building game



Team building game



Trust game – a scout must be guided through obstacles while blindfolded



The room in the cave where the scouts spent the night



Adam Helwig setting up his bed for the night



Mr. McGrath bought a box of crickets and posed a Scoutmaster Challenge to the scouts to eat one.



Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Wesley Anglin, and Isaac Lohmueller with the crickets they would eat as part of the Scoutmaster Challenge



Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Wesley Anglin, and Isaac Lohmueller with the crickets they would eat as part of the Scoutmaster Challenge

Pack 72 Cross Over Ceremony Evendale, OH

March

The Troop welcomed 3 Cub Scouts from Pack 72 into the Troop at the annual Webelos Cross Over ceremony: Gavin Downing, James McConnell, and Tristan Vonstein



Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, and Nathan Young represented the Troop at the Crossover



Scoutmaster Mr. McGrath waiting for the ceremony to start, along with Cubmaster Mr. Young in the background



Gavin Downing receiving the Troop neckerchief



SPL Declan McGrath and Austin Young putting the Troop neckerchief on Gavin Downing



James McConnell receiving the Troop neckerchief



SPL Declan McGrath and Petey Wilkens putting the Troop neckerchief on James McConnell



Tristan Vonstein receiving the Troop neckerchief



SPL Declan McGrath and Nathan Young putting the Troop neckerchief on Tristan Vonstein



Mr. McGrath, Austin Young, James McConnell, Petey Wilkens, Gavin Downing, Nathan Young, Tristan Vonstein, Declan McGrath, Mr. Wilkens

Backpacking Zaleski State Forest Zaleski, OH

April

The Troop went backpacking at the Zaleski State Forest, covering 15.3 miles over the weekend.



Dinner at McDonalds on the way to Zaleski



Scrambled egg breakfast on Saturday morning



View of the campsite



Some people are trouble-makers



Toby Rainey and Isaac Lohmueller getting water



Declan McGrath



Petey Wilkens taking care of the dishes



Declan McGrath



Ben Adkins



Aiden Fischesser



Isaac Lohmueller



Toby Rainey



Nathan Young



Nate Booher



Matt Schomaker



Petey Wilkens



Declan McGrath



Declan McGrath with a piece of dehydrated kiwi



Orange trail blaze



On the trail



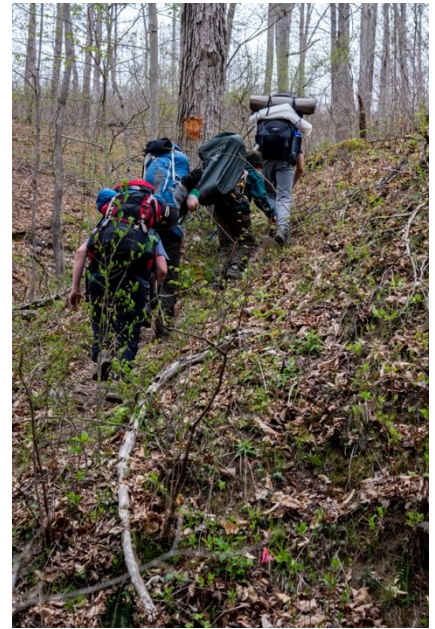
On the trail



Passing a rocky outcropping alongside the trail



Mr. Wilkens



Climbing a hill



Break time



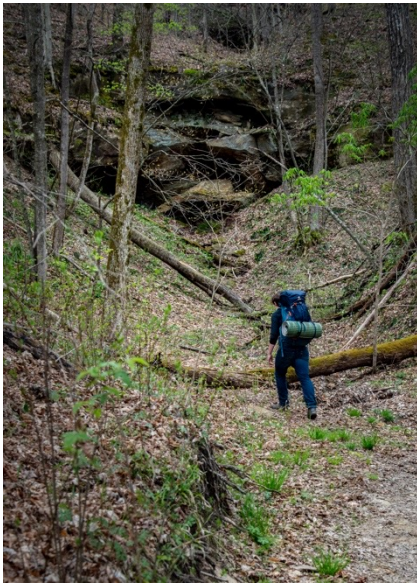
Declan McGrath as the trail boss, setting the pace



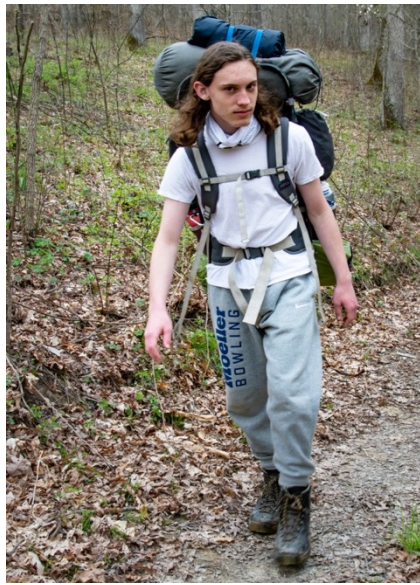
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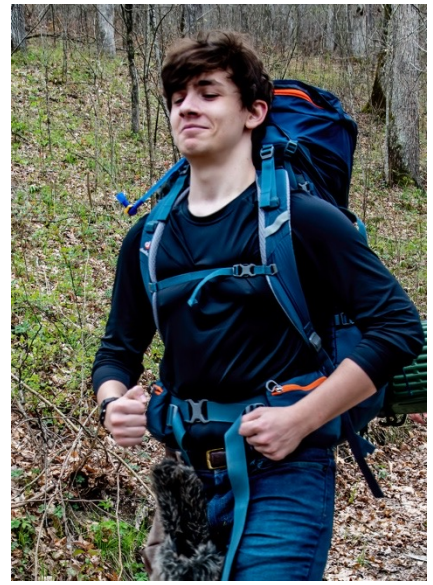
On the trail



Toby Rainey going to explore the rock alcove



Isaac Lohmueller



Toby Rainey



Break time



Toby Rainey and Isaac Lohmueller exploring the creek



Ben Adkins making lunch



Nathan Young



Nathan Hoffman with gummy bears in his peanut butter sandwich



Isaac Lohmueller



Matt Schomaker, Aiden Fischesser



Isaac Lohmueller studying his piece of dehydrated watermelon



Aiden Fischesser and Wesley Anglin making dinner – pizza in a pot



Toby Rainey enjoying a block of gouda cheese



Passing out the olive oil for the Scoutmaster Challenge



Starting the Scoutmaster Challenge – eating a spoonful of olive oil
Nathan Hoffman, Isaac Lohmueller, Mr. McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young



Campsite Saturday night



Sunday morning before hitting the trail: Mr. Wilkens, Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman, Aiden Fischesser, Nate Booher, Matt Schomaker, Declan McGrath, Wesley Anglin, Ben Adkins, Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey, Mr. McGrath



On the trail



On the trail



On the trail



Toby Rainey



Declan McGrath



Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller



Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens



Mr. McGrath



Mr. Wilkens



Ben Adkins, Nathan Hoffman, Nate Booher



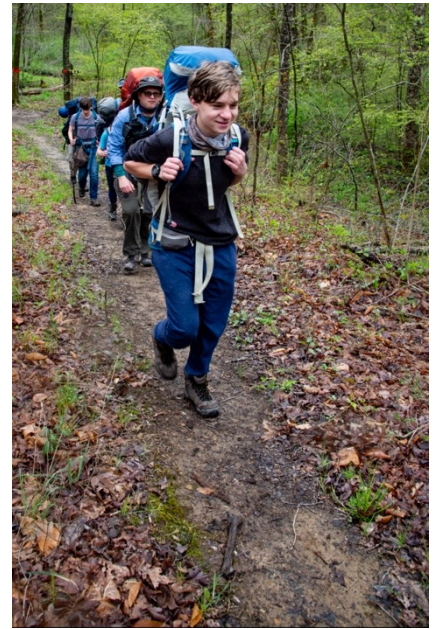
Nathan Hoffman leading the Scouts



Nathan Young putting his pack on over his shoulders



Nathan Hoffman leading the crew



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young, Nate Booher, Wesley Anglin



Break time



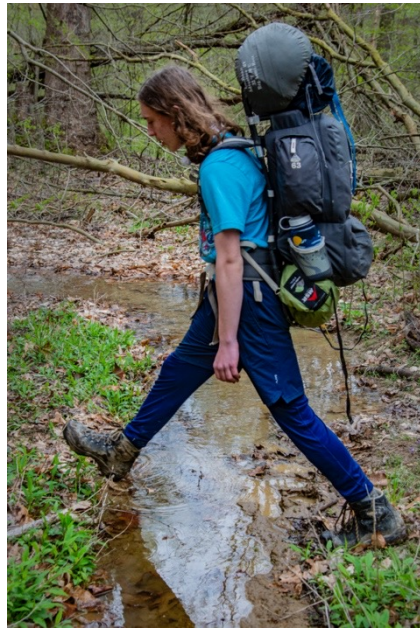
Matt Schomaker, Aiden Fischesser, Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath, and Nathan Hoffman taking a break



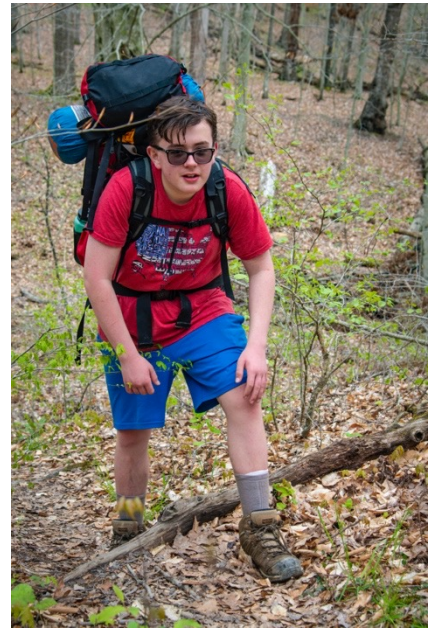
Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath, and Nathan Hoffman taking a break



Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey



Isaac Lohmueller crossing a small stream



Wesley Anglin



Passing by a small rock alcove



Crossing a stream



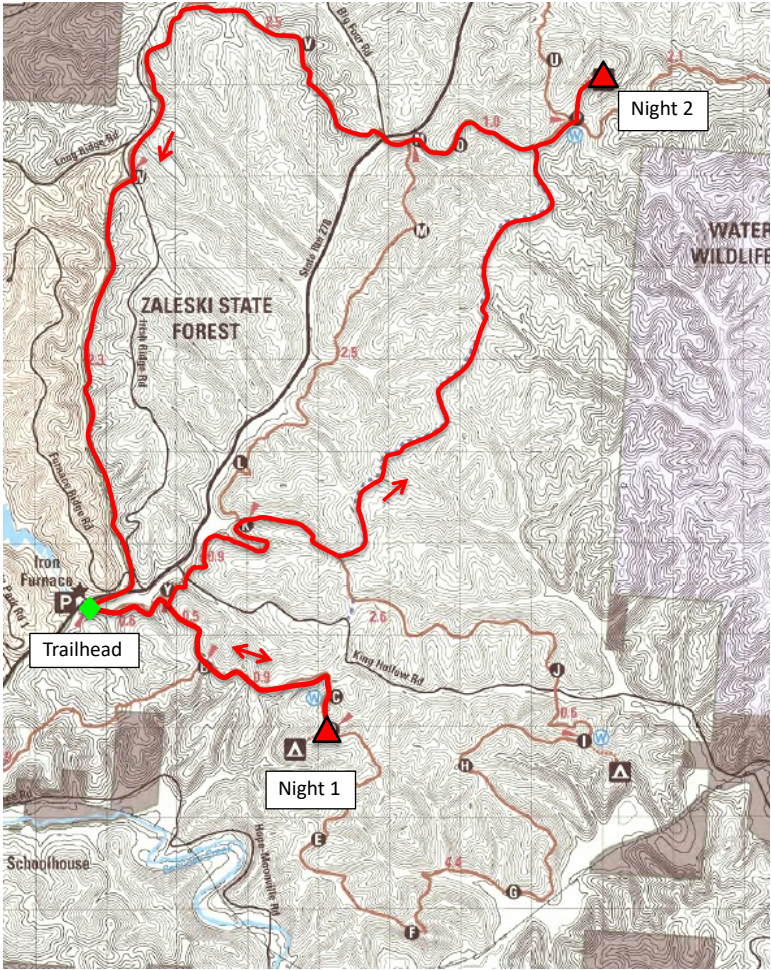
Matt Schomaker



Nathan Hoffman



At the trailhead at the end of the trip
 Toby Rainey, Ben Adkins, Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young, Nate Booher, Declan McGrath, Nathan Hoffman, Matt Schomaker, Aiden Fischesser, Mr. Lohmueller, Mr. McGrath (Mr. Wilkens is taking the picture)



Friday	2.5 miles
Saturday	6.2 miles
Sunday	6.6 miles
Total	15.3 miles

Mulch Fundraiser Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

April

The mulch sale is the Troop's main fundraiser, raising funds for 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 the bags. This year the Troop sold 3,173 bags and 97 cubic yards of bulk mulch, raising approximately \$10,000 for the Scouts. The top sellers were Jake Patrick and Isaac Lohmueller. This year the Troop used Gorman Heritage Farm as the staging point for distributing the mulch.



All the bags that the Troop had to deliver



The vehicles would pull up and Scouts would load the bags to be delivered



Isaac Lohmueller



Austin Young



Aiden Fischesser



Toby Rainey



Isaac Lohmueller



Nathan Hoffman



Austin Young



James McConnell



James McConnell, Gavin Downing, Austin Young



Evans Dark Supreme



Toby Rainey



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young



Declan McGrath



Isaac Lohmueller



James McConnell



Mr. Hoffman, Nathan Hoffman



A long row of mulch pallets



Aiden Fischesser



Nate Booher



Toby Rainey, acting as the bag medic



James McConnell, Declan McGrath



Isaac Lohmueller



Aiden Fischesser



Isaac Lohmueller, James McConnell, Nathan Hoffman, Declan McGrath, Toby Rainey, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. McGrath



Isaac Lohmueller



Jake Patrick



Tristan Vonstein



Petey Wilkens



Travis Anglin



Wesley Anglin

Wood Badge Beading Ceremony Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

May

Scoutmaster Mr. Tim McGrath, along with Mr. Nick Young and Mrs. Laura Downing of Troop 1598, had recently completed Wood Badge Training. This training is an extensive adult leadership training program put on by the Boy Scouts of America. They opted to receive their recognition for completing the course together at a recognition ceremony. The ceremony is called the beading ceremony.



Nick Stroh leading the color guard



Nick Stroh leading the color guard



The beading ceremony starts with the ceremonial setting of the axe in a log



Wood Badge staff reading the ceremony to explain the meaning of the various symbols of Wood Badge



Mr. Young, Mrs. Downing, and Mr. McGrath and their families



Mr. McGrath is presented his bead cord by his son, Declan McGrath



Mrs. Downing is presented her bead cord by her family



Mr. Young is presented his bead cord by his daughter, Samantha



Mr. McGrath is presented his neckerchief



Mrs. Downing is presented her neckerchief



Mr. Young is presented his neckerchief



Mr. McGrath receiving his slide



Mrs. Downing receiving her slide



Mr. Young receiving his slide



Mr. McGrath receiving his certificate



Mrs. Downing receiving her certificate



Mr. Young receiving his certificate



Mr. Tim McGrath, Mrs. Laura Downing, Mr. Nick Young



Mr. Lohmueller, Declan McGrath, Mr. Young, Mr. McGrath, Austin Young, Nick Stroh, Gavin Downing, Nathan Young, Aiden Fischesser, Mr. Stroh



Wood Badge neckerchief, slide (also called a woggle), and bead cords

Spring Court of Honor Evendale Rec Center Shelter Evendale, OH

May

Scouts were recognized at the Spring Court of Honor for the advancement they earned in the last 6 months, which included Merit Badge Challenge. Nine scouts earned 12 merit badges, 7 scouts earned rank badges, and 5 Scouts earned National Outdoor Awards.



Isaac Lohmueller carrying in the US flag during the opening flag presentation



Declan McGrath leading the Pledge of Allegiance



Declan McGrath, Mr. McGrath



Wesley Anglin, leading the Troop in an opening prayer as Chaplain's Aide

The Scouts presented their remembrances from the campouts from the last 6 months.



Isaac Lohmueller



Mikey Farthing



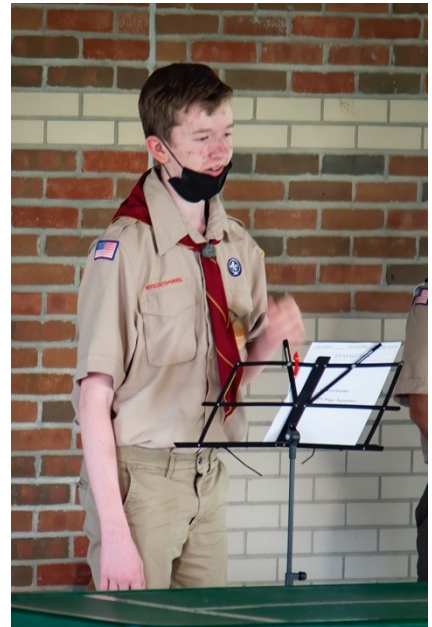
Travis Anglin



Nathan Young



Austin Young



Nate Booher



View from the back of the shelter during the ceremony



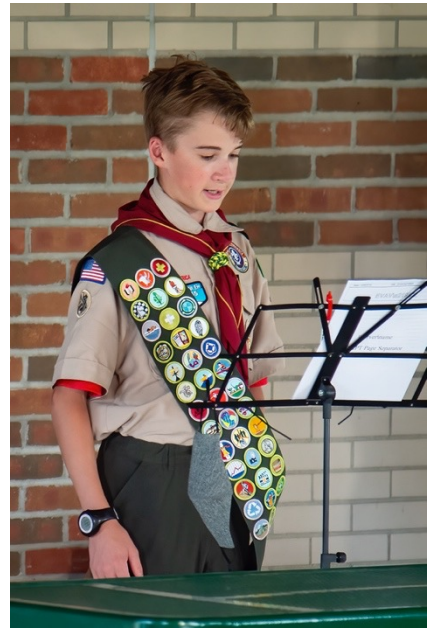
View from the back of the shelter during the ceremony



Aiden Fischesser



Petey Wilkens



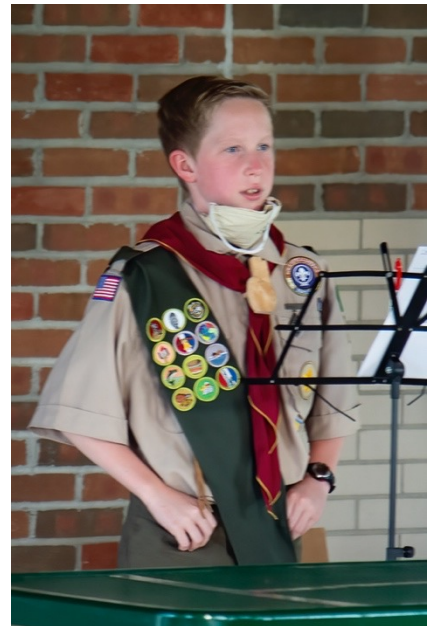
Declan McGrath



Andrew Senter



Nathan Hoffman



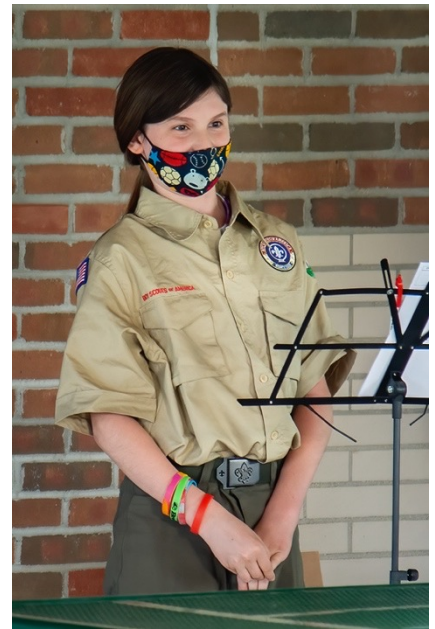
Matt Schomaker



Austin Young



Gavin Downing



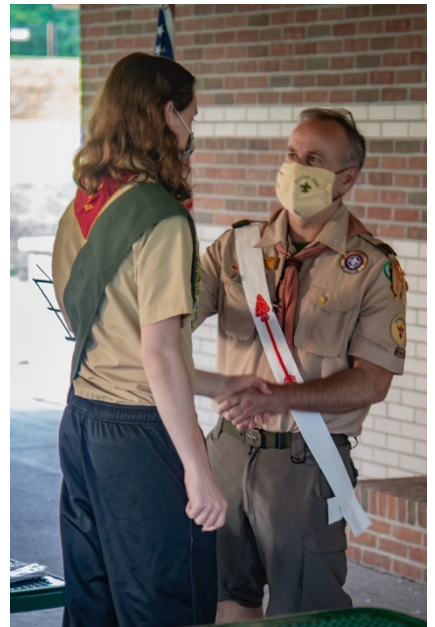
Tristan Vonstein



Toby Rainey



Mrs. Wilkens, Advancement Chair



Mr. McGrath presenting Isaac Lohmueller with the merit badges he earned



Mrs. Wilkens congratulating Isaac Lohmueller on his merit badges earned



Mr. McGrath presenting Declan McGrath with his merit badges earned



Mr. McGrath presenting his Scoutmaster Minute



Mr. McGrath, Mr. Lohmueller, Andrew Senter, Adrian Gordy, Gavin Downing, Mikey Farthing, Nate Booher, Matt Schomaker, Nathan Hoffman, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Aiden Fischesser, Petey Wilkens, Austin Young, Isaac Lohmueller, Tristan Vonstein, Toby Rainey, Wesley Anglin, Travis Anglin, Jordan Matzinger, Mrs. Wilkens, Mr. Wilkens

Via Ferrata Rock Climbing Southeast Mountain Guides Campton, KY

May

Via ferrata is a style of rock climbing that uses an established route along the rock face. The route contains steel cables, rungs, and ladders that are fixed to the rock. Climbers connect to the cables for safety while traversing the rock face. The course is comprised of 6 separate but connected courses, together offering nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of route to traverse. The Troop camps at the nearby Land of the Arches campground and spends most of the day on Saturday climbing.



Gavin Downing



Nathan Hoffman



Ben Adkins



Isaac "Banana Sticker" Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller building one of his famous weather rocks



View from the main lodge looking down into the gorge where the course is located



Nathan Hoffman



Mikey Farthing



Aiden Fischesser



Austin Young



Ben Adkins



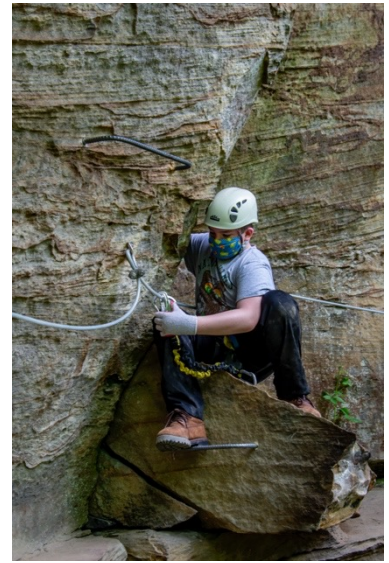
Gavin Downing



James McConnell



Tristan Vonstein



Travis Anglin



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young



Starting up Course 1



Isaac Lohmueller



Nate Booher



Nathan Young



Petey Wilkens



Aiden Fischesser



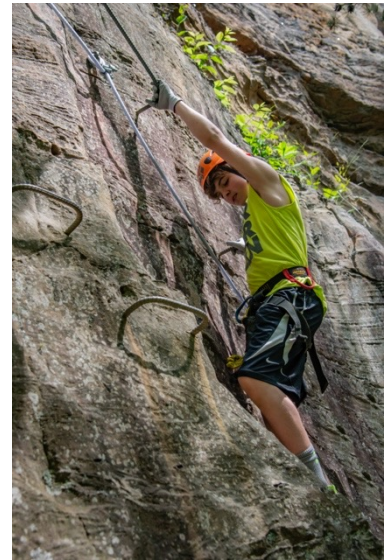
Mikey Farthing



Tristan Vonstein



Declan McGrath



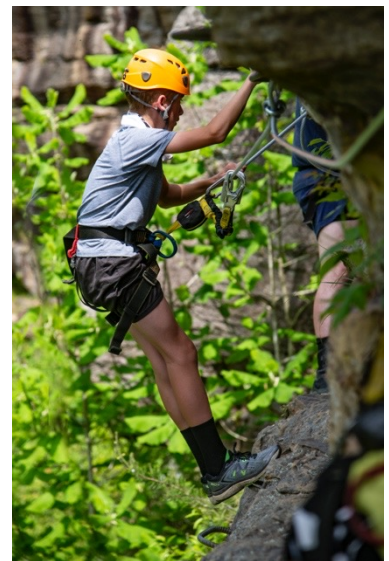
Jake Patrick



Ben Adkins



Starting up Course 1



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Ben Adkins



Isaac Lohmueller



Midway through Course 1



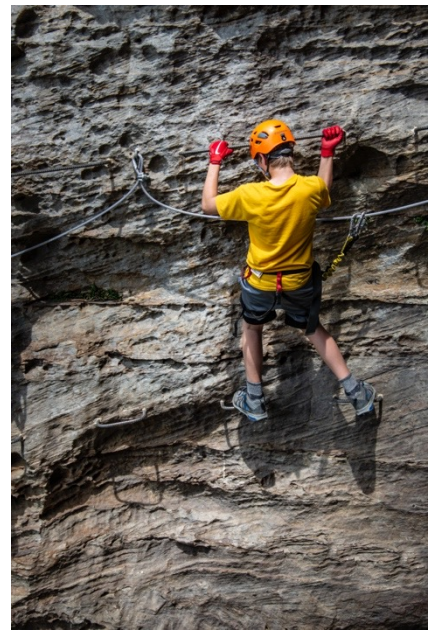
Isaac Lohmueller pushing ahead to do all 6 courses without stopping



Declan McGrath



Jake Patrick



Ben Adkins



Scouts starting Course 3



Declan McGrath



Jake Patrick



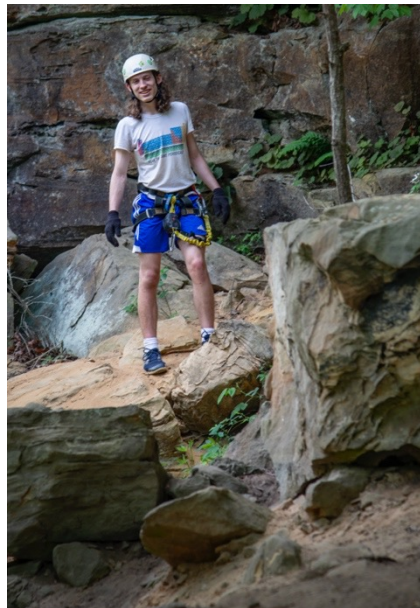
Isaac Lohmueller on Course 4



Declan McGrath on the high wire between Courses 5 and 6



Ben Adkins



Isaac Lohmueller after successfully completing all 6 courses without stopping



Jake Patrick on the high wire



Declan McGrath



Declan McGrath and Ben Adkins on Course 6



Jake Patrick on Course 6



Declan McGrath and Ben Adkins taking a break in the cave on Course 6



Declan McGrath, Ben Adkins, and Jake Patrick taking a break in the cave on Course 6



Nathan Young



Jake Patrick



Ben Adkins



Pete Wilkens



Isaac Lohmueller



Nate Booher



Ben Adkins, Jake Patrick, and Declan McGrath after completing Course 5



Mr. McGrath



Declan McGrath



Scouts at the end of Course 4 prior to the suspension bridge



Nathan Young



Nathan Young crossing the swinging bridge to get back to the start of Course 4



Ben Adkins crossing the swinging bridge to get back to the start of Course 4



Isaac Lohmueller crossing the swinging bridge to get back to the start of Course 4



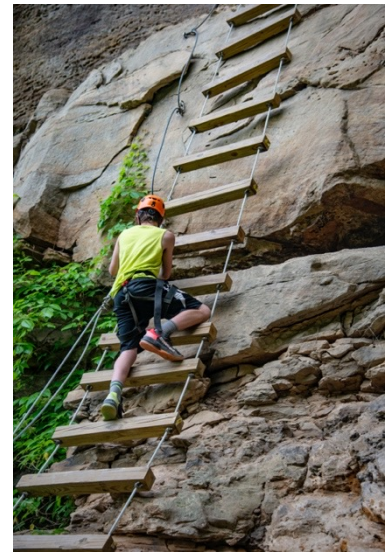
Nathan Young and Isaac Lohmueller climbing the ladder to start Course 4



Declan McGrath



Ben Adkins



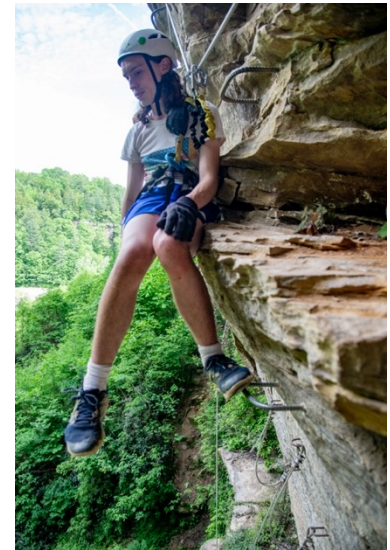
Jake Patrick



Nathan Young



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller



Jake Patrick and Ben Adkins on Course 4



Isaac Lohmueller



Ben Adkins on Course 4



Ben Adkins and Nathan Young



Nathan Young



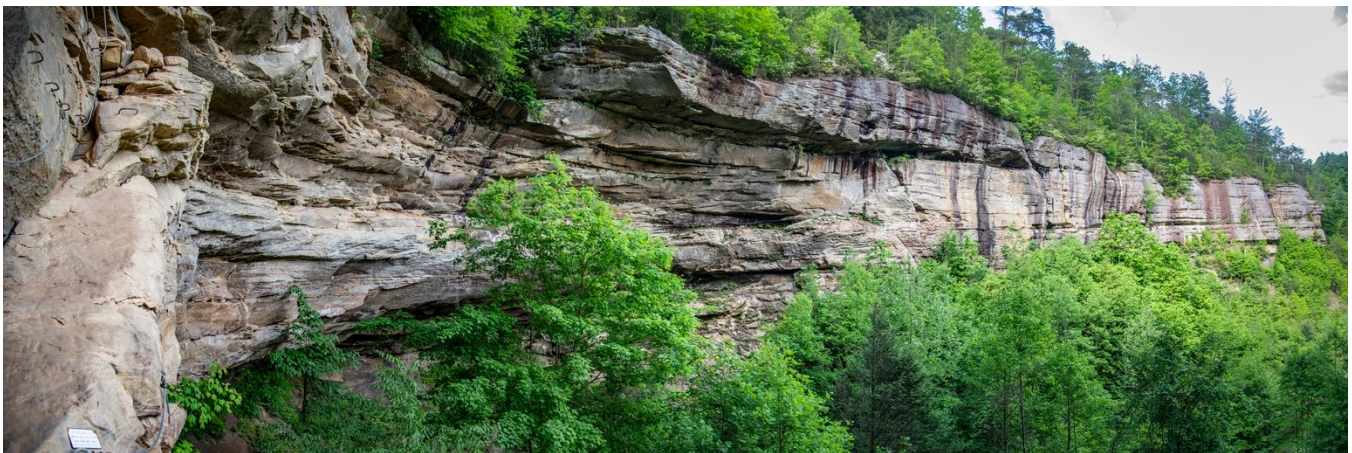
Isaac Lohmueller



Nathan Young taking a break in the alcove on Course 3



View across the gorge to Tristan Vonstein and Mr. Vonstein on Course 4



Looking up the gorge showing Courses 1, 2, and 3



Isaac Lohmueller , Nathan Young



An old gnome lives on the course



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller climbing the ladder to Course 4



Nathan Young climbing the ladder to Course 4



Tristan Vonstein, Aiden Fischesser, Wesley Anglin, Mr. Lohmueller, James McConnell, Gavin Downing, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Ben Adkins, Isaac Lohmueller, Austin Young, Nathan Hoffman, Nate Booher, Jake Patrick, Mr. Vonstein, Mikey Farthing, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Farthing, Mrs. Booher



Tristan Vonstein



Gavin Downing, Declan McGrath, and Austin Young



Everyone trying to catch the football



Isaac Lohmueller building a multi-tier weather rock



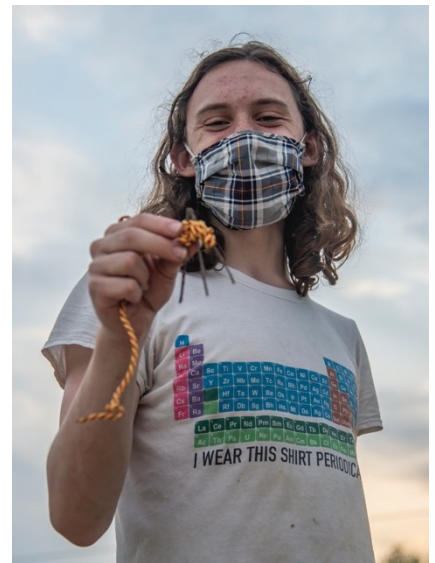
Tent site



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller with his finished multi-tier weather rock



Isaac Lohmueller with his littlest weather rock



Declan McGrath as quarterback



Everyone trying to catch the football



Ale 8 is a regional ginger ale that the Scouts like to drink on this campout each year



Sunset



Hanging around the campfire at night

Fishing Griffin Nature Preserve Evendale, OH

May

Petey Wilkens, as Patrol Leader, organized a patrol outing to the Griffin Nature Preserve to do some fishing.



Adrian Gordy



Travis Anglin



Petey Wilkens



Mr. Young



Travis Anglin



Gavin Downing

Memorial Day Parade

May

Arlington Heights, Lockland, and Reading, OH

Each year the Troop helps celebrate Memorial Day by hiking in the Arlington Heights, Lockland, and Reading Memorial Day parade. The parade starts at the Arlington Heights Town Hall and progresses over 2 miles through the 3 cities and ends at Reading Cemetery in Reading.



Walking down Mill Street in Lockland



Pausing for the Navy remembrance ceremony at the Mill Creek bridge between Lockland and Reading



Aiden Fischesser, Isaac Lohmueller



Hiking up Benson Street in Reading



Hiking up Benson Street in Reading



Hiking up Benson Street in Reading



At the WWI monument in Reading



At the end of the parade:
Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens, Nate Booher, Nathan Hoffman, Isaac Lohmueller,
Mr. Lohmueller



Petey Wilkens

Backpacking Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Munising, MI

June

The Troop organized a high adventure trip this summer to the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, located on the southeastern shore of Lake Superior. The trip involved backpacking for 50.8 miles over the course of 6 days along the North Country Trail.

The Troop drove to Grand Marais, Michigan and spent the night at a public campground before starting on the trail the next day. The campground was right on the shoreline.



Petey Wilkens



Ben Adkins



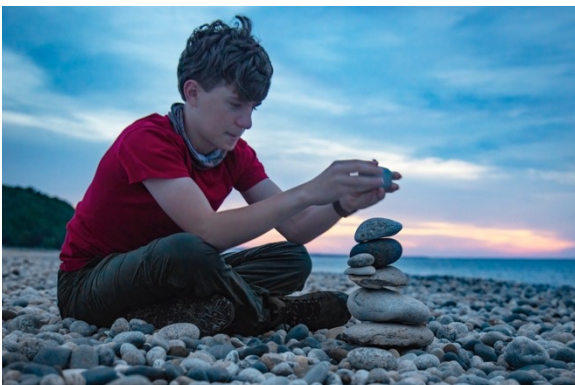
Isaac Lohmueller



Ben Adkins taking a turn spinning the merry-go-round



Hanging out on the beach



Petey Wilkens building a rock tower



In the evening the Scouts watched the movie, *The Princess Bride* on an outdoor screen next to the campsite

The scouts had some time to spend while waiting for the transportation logistics to be worked out before starting backpacking. The Scouts played soccer using an empty milk jug, chess, and cards to pass the time.



Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, and Nate Booher



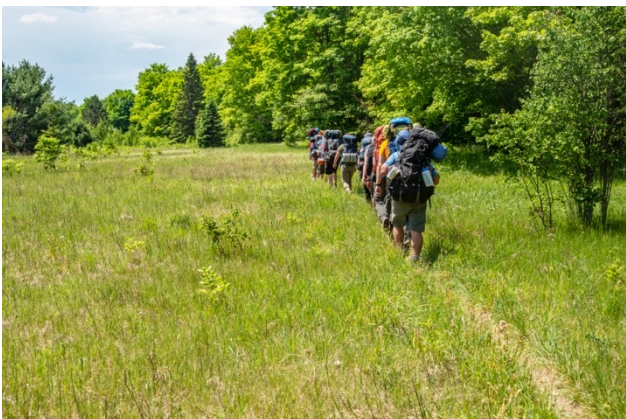
Nathan Young, Isaac Lohmueller



Ready to start the trek:

Mr. McGrath, Nate Booher, Mr. Lohmueller, Nathan Young, Ben Adkins, Toby Rainey, Declan McGrath, Sam Noble, Wesley Anglin, Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Mr. Wilkens

By late morning, the cars were properly stationed, and the Troop was able to start the trek.



The trail passes through a grassy field just before passing by Grand Sable Lake



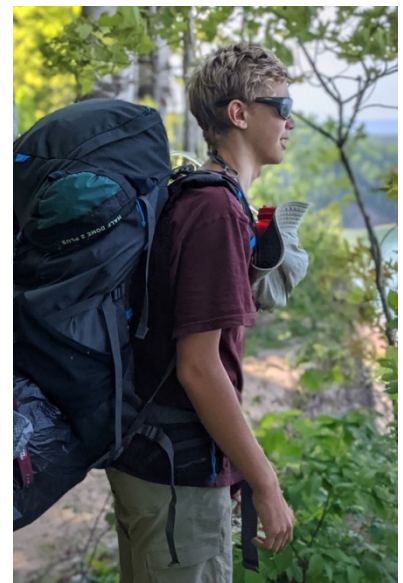
Breaktime



The trail traveled along side the road for about half a mile



View looking westward along the shore of Lake Superior



Nathan Young

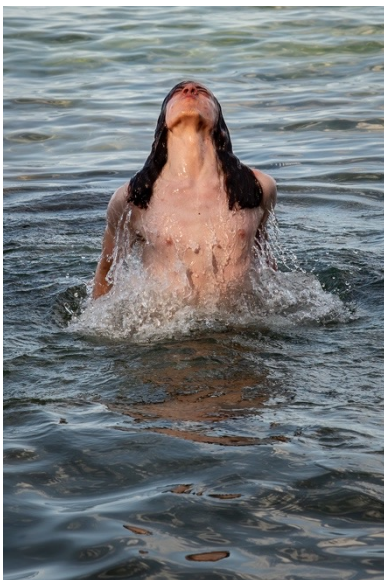


Toby Rainey



Using a bridge to cross a ravine

Once at the campsite the Scouts were able to go swimming in Lake Superior. Mr. McGrath offered a Scoutmaster Challenge to have the boys dunk themselves on two separate days into the cold water.



Isaac Lohmueller



Declan McGrath



Ben Adkins



View of the first night's campsite



Having fun in the lake



Water bottle brigade. The crew filtered the water out of the lake into the water bottles



Petey Wilkens making dinner



Declan McGrath and Ben Adkins making dinner



Isaac Lohmueller finishing off the last of the tortilla chips



The Scouts were keeping a daily log of the trip for Backpacking Merit Badge



Ben Adkins cooking breakfast



Metal bear boxes are used to protect the food from bears and other animals



View along the trail near the shore



Hiking past the Au Sable Lighthouse



The trail passed through a stand of pine trees near the shoreline



On multiple occasions, the trail traverses the sand dunes



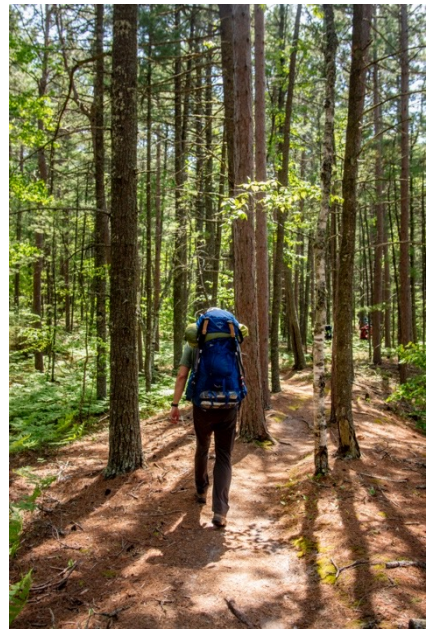
Mr. Lohmueller



View looking down the shoreline



The trail ahead



The trail turned away from the lake for a bit



Entering the water to do round 2 of the Scoutmaster Challenge



Round 2 of the Scoutmaster Challenge



Wesley Anglin, Petey Wilkens, and Isaac Lohmueller taking a break on the beach



Nathan Young, king of the rock pile



Petey Wilkens, Nate Boohar



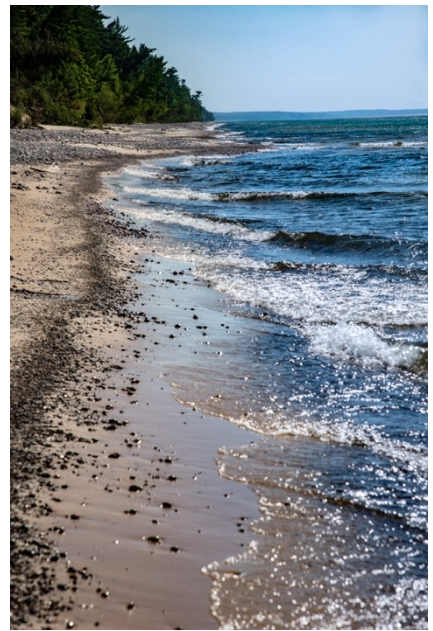
Petey Wilkens



Nate Boohar



Declan McGrath playing mini golf with a plastic golf club he found on the beach



View down the shoreline



Mr. Young, Mr. Lohmueller, Wesley Anglin, Toby Rainey, Nathan Young, Mr. McGrath, Sam Noble, Isaac Lohmueller, Ben Adkins, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Mr. Wilkens, Nate Boohar



Nathan Young, Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, and Wesley Anglin making dinner



Dinner – pizza in a pot



Isaac Lohmueller and Declan McGrath walking on the beach



Petey Wilkens and Nate Booher



Ben Adkins building a rock tower



Sunset over Lake Superior



Hanging out on the beach as the sun sets



Ben Adkins, Nate Booher, Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young, Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller



View of Lake Superior



Isaac Lohmueller



Another uphill climb along the “mostly flat” trail



Section of the trail that is heading up a sand dune



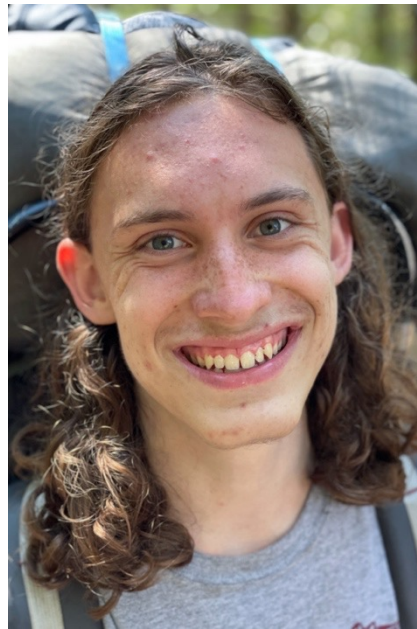
View of a 1940 Plymouth P10 that has been abandoned by the side of the trail



Hiking atop a sand dune



Sam Noble



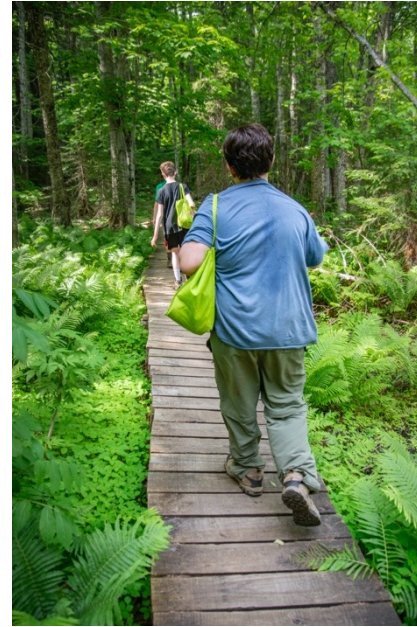
Isaac Lohmueller



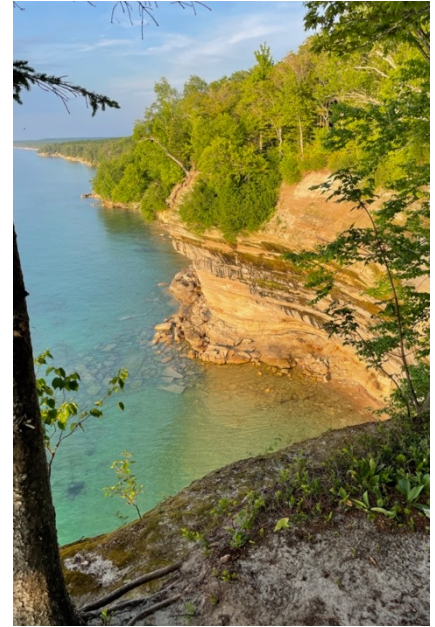
Toby Rainey



Break time



Returning with the resupply food



View of the shoreline



Wesley Anglin, Declan McGrath, and Sam Noble making dinner



Waiting for dinner



Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller, and Nathan Young making breakfast



Mr. Wilkens getting water from Spray Creek to purify



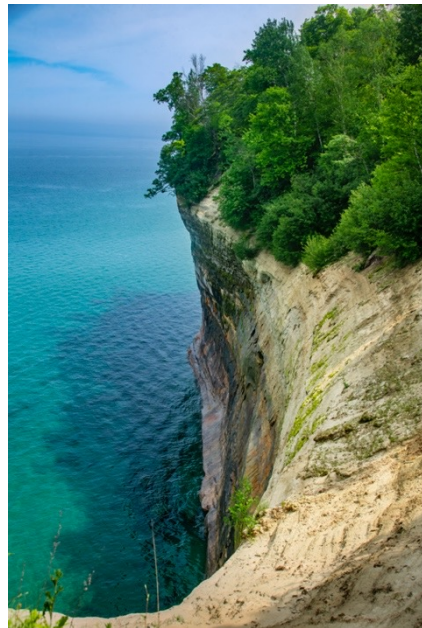
A look at the trail ahead



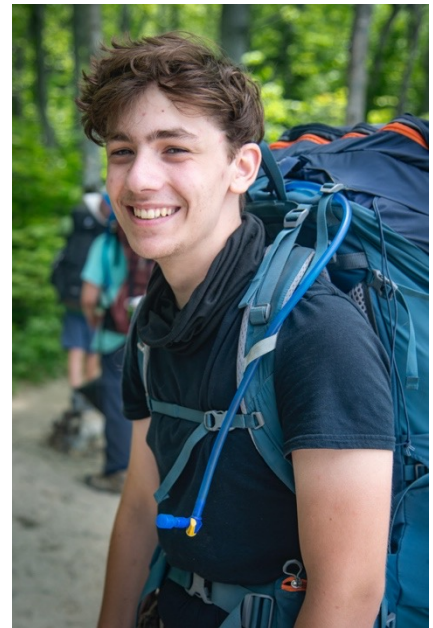
An uphill climb to get atop a cliff



In several locations the trail came very close to the cliff's edge



Large cliff right at the edge of the trail



Toby Rainey



Nathan Young and Pety Wilkens enjoying the dramatic view



A view of the tall cliffs that form a small cove



Great view of the cliffs and lake



Mr. McGrath, Ben Adkins



Back side of Chapel Rock



Nathan Young



Scenic overlook



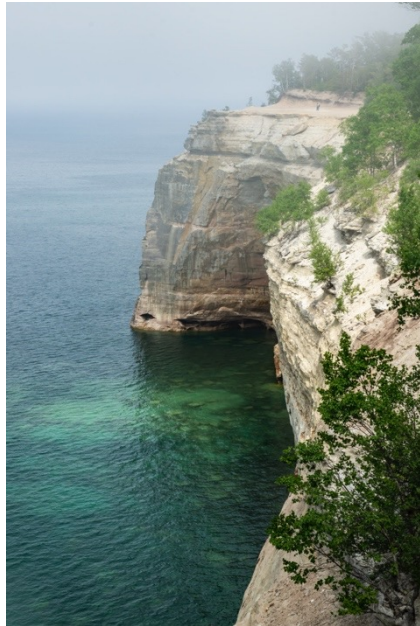
Cliffs along the coast as seen from Grand Portal Point



Nathan Young sitting on Grand Portal Point



Cliff face just west of Grand Portal Point



Ten minutes later fog rolled in from the lake



Wesley Anglin checking the map



Crossing the Mosquito River before heading into the campsite. The river was the water source for the Troop.



Waving to a passing cruise ship



Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens checking out the water temperature – its cold



Isaac Lohmueller

One evening the Troop was standing around the bear boxes while dinner was being prepared. Nonchalantly, Petey Wilkens points and calmly said, “Hey, there’s a bear.” His demeanor was no different than if he pointed out that there was a cute bunny rabbit near the campsite. Everyone turned around towards the direction he had pointed, and lo and behold, there was a black bear. The bear was enticed to leave the area through the use of water bottle persuasion.



The bear on the perimeter of the campsite



The bear enters the campsite to sniff a tent



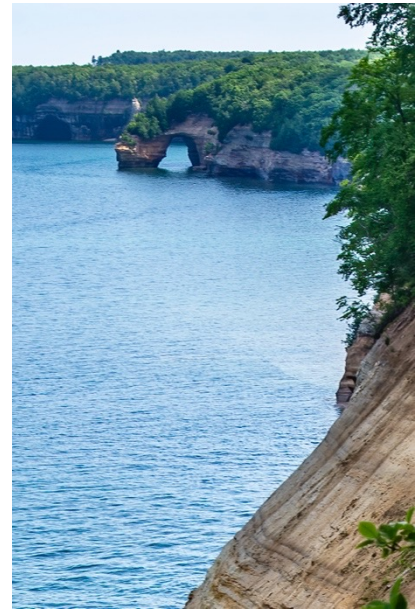
Black bear



Isaac Lohmueller using the water filter



A luxury campsite toilet, as it has a privacy wall



One of the stone arches along the shoreline



Taking a break at an impressive overlook.



Crossing over Miners River



Toby Rainey



Sam Noble



Steepest part of the trek



Backpacking through a field of ferns the Scouts called Fernville



Looking down the shoreline along Miners Beach



Declan McGrath tossing rocks into Miners River



Toby Rainey making a dramatic entrance into the water



Nate Booher



Isaac Lohmueller



Wesley Anglin



Declan McGrath and Wesley Anglin walking along the beach



View of Miners Castle



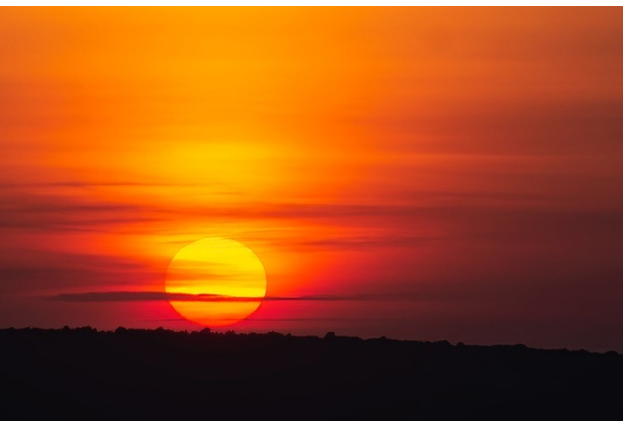
View of Miners Castle and the cove that it forms



Mr. McGrath setting out the pizza



View of Miners Castle from the other side



Sunset



Mr. Young taking a picture of the sunset



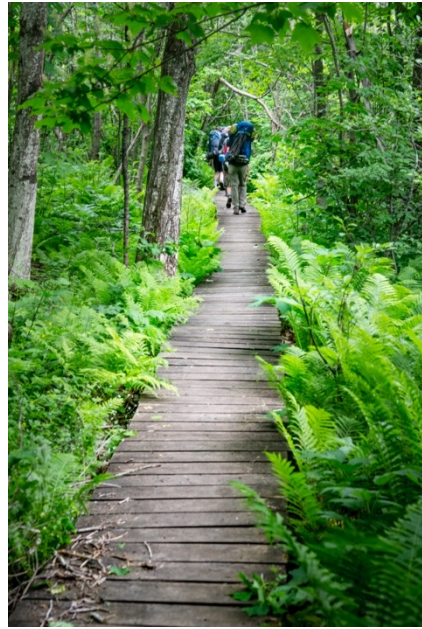
View of the Cliffs Group Campground



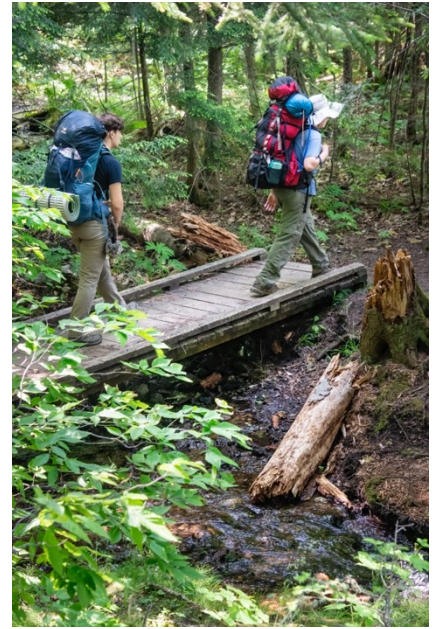
Starting the morning by passing through Fernville



Declan McGrath



Hiking along a boardwalk



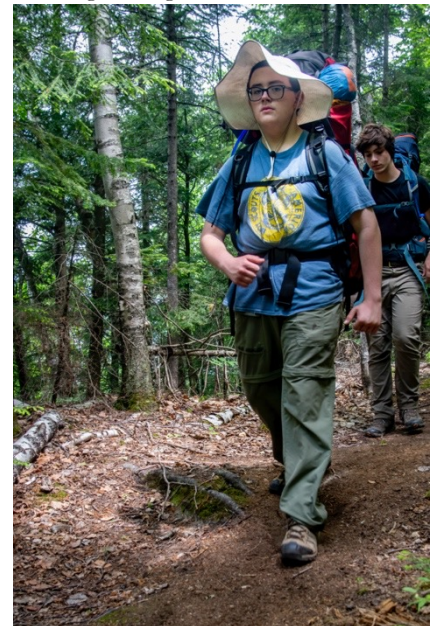
Toby Rainey and Wesley Anglin crossing a bridge



Ben Adkins



Declan McGrath

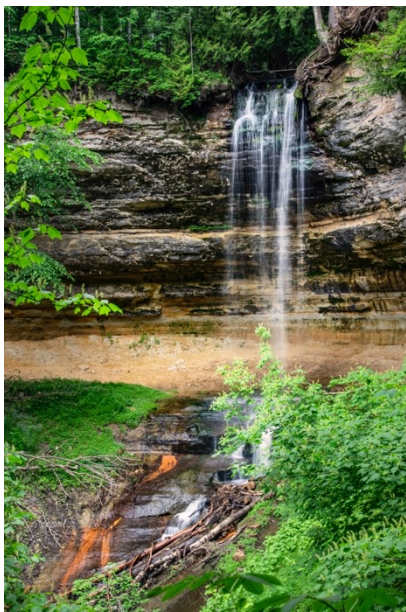


Wesley Anglin



Mr. Lohmueller, Mr. Young, Toby Rainey, Declan McGrath, Ben Adkins, Nathan Young, Isaac Lohmueller, Sam Noble, Petey Wilkens, Nate Booher, Wesley Anglin, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Wilkens

After getting off the trail, the Scouts had the chance to explore Munising Falls while several of the adults shuttled the vehicles back to the end of the trail. The Troop made a stop in town for ice cream, then headed east to spend the night at Tahquamenon Falls State Park and to explore the waterfalls there.



Munising Falls



Nathan Young



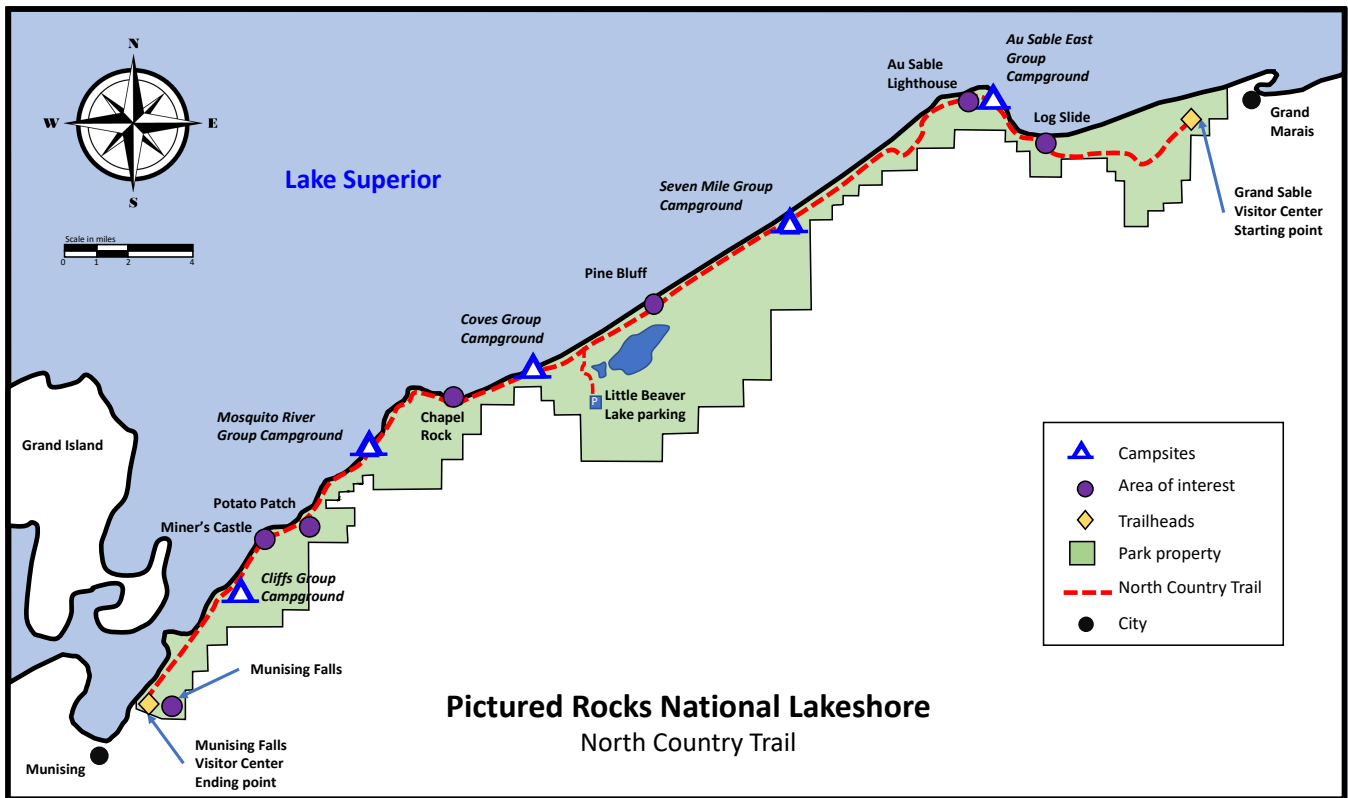
Toby Rainey



Lower Falls of the Tahquamenon Falls State Park



Inside the restaurant for dinner



Map showing the route the Scouts backpacked from the Grand Sable Visitor Center to the Munising Falls Visitor Center

Miles Covered

	Backpacking	Hiking
Saturday, June 5	7.1	0.5
Sunday, June 6	7.3	
Monday, June 7	8.8	3.0
Tuesday, June 8	7.2	
Wednesday, June 9	5.6	2.4
Thursday, June 10	6.4	2.5
Total miles	42.4	8.4
	50.8 miles	

Declan McGrath Eagle Project Evendale Recreation Center Complex Evendale, OH

June – July, November

Declan McGrath's Eagle project involved building sun screens over the dugouts of one of the baseball fields in the Evendale Recreation Center Complex. He played baseball for many years on this field, and he wanted to improve the experience for future baseball players.



Declan McGrath working with Committee Chair Mr. Stroh on his Eagle project book



Baseball dugout before Declan's project

The first step in the project was to dig up the grass around the benches



Nathan Hoffman and Declan McGrath measuring out how far to remove the grass



Declan McGrath



Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young



Nathan Hoffman and Declan McGrath measuring the second dugout



Removing the grass from around the bench



Nathan Hoffman



Nathan Young



Jake Patrick



Declan McGrath



Jake Patrick starting a hole for a fence post



Travis Anglin breaking up a rock in the bottom of a fence post hole



Travis Anglin



Jake Patrick



Mr. McGrath

Once the grass was removed, the next step was to install the fencing on the back and sides of the dugouts.



Wesley Anglin



Setting the post for the fencing



Setting the post for the fencing



Declan McGrath benefited from the help of professional fence installer



Ben Adkins, Nick Stroh, and Declan McGrath securing the fencing



Nick Stroh securing the fencing



Ben Adkins tightening the fence strapping



Declan McGrath measuring the separation between the front and back fences of the dugout



Nick Stroh and Ben Adkins attaching the fencing to the railing



Ben Adkins



Nick Stroh



View of the field as the fencing work is underway



Declan McGrath tightening the fencing straps



Declan McGrath with the first dugout fencing complete



The second dugout with the fencing posts in place



Securing the fencing



Declan McGrath, Nathan Hoffman installing the roof rails



Roof bars have been added to the first base dugout



Break time – ice cream on a hot summer day



Declan McGrath, Nathan Hoffman securing the roof tarp



Nathan Hoffman, Declan McGrath securing the roof tarp



First base side dugout is complete



Mrs. McGrath, Declan McGrath, and Mr. McGrath in the completed third base side dugout



Declan McGrath and his finished Eagle project

Shortly after Declan completed his project, a strong windstorm blew through the Cincinnati area, severely ripping the material in the sunscreen. Although his project completion had already been approved and the repair was no longer his responsibility, Declan took it upon himself to rework the design to make the sunscreens more durable and to redo the work. He came back in November and finished the project. The redesign involved building a wooden frame and using metal sheeting for the roof.



Wooden frames have been added to support the new metal roofing



Completed wooden frame for the first base dugout

One of the Scouts found an old baseball and during a break they started playing baseball, then moved onto a version of golf.



Declan McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath



Installing the metal roofing



Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, and Isaac Lohmueller carrying a piece of the metal roofing



Petey Wilkens and Declan McGrath lifting a piece of the metal roofing



Mr. Crim (family relative), Mr. Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller, Declan McGrath, Mr. McGrath



Finished first base dugout



Finished third base dugout



Declan McGrath and his improved dugouts

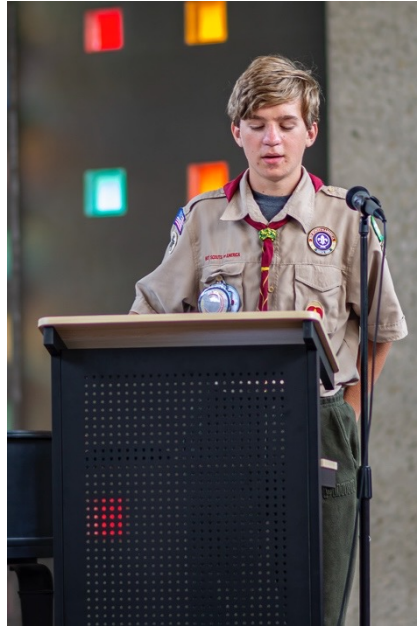
Josh Kinney Eagle Court of Honor Bell Tower Arts Pavilion Evendale, OH

June

Josh Kinney is Troop 598's 70th Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Josh built a large compost bin for Gorman Heritage Farm.



Mr. McGrath, opening the ceremony



Petey Wilkens



The color guard bringing in the flags



Wesley Anglin, offering the opening benediction



Mr. Mike Stroh, Committee Chair



Eagle Scout Clay Kessler escorting Josh Kinney onto the stage



Mr. McGrath



Clay Kessler



Mr. Lohmueller



Mr. McGrath presenting Josh Kinney with the Mother pin



Josh Kinney presenting the Mother pin to his mom



Josh Kinney presenting the Father pin to his dad



Mrs. Kinney pinning the Eagle medal onto Josh Kinney



Mr. Kinney presenting Josh Kinney with his Eagle certificate



Mrs. Kinney, Josh Kinney, Mr. Kinney



Mrs. Wilkens, Advancement Chair, presenting Josh with his palm medal



Josh Kinney offering his thoughts



Mr. Wilkens giving the closing benediction



Nathan Young and Austin Young leading the flag ceremony



Josh Kinney, Wesley Anglin, Mr. McGrath, Austin Young, Clay Kessler, Nathan Young, Jake Patrick, Toby Rainey, Petey Wilkens, Mr. Lohmueller, Travis Anglin, Nate Booher, Mr. Wilkens, Mrs. Wilkens



Josh Kinney, Troop 598's 70th Eagle Scout

Summer Camp Camp Ransburg Bloomington, IN

June

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 the Troop stayed in the campsite Chipmunk Glade.



Mr. McGrath, Aiden Fischesser, Mrs. McGrath, Tristan Vonstein, Mrs. Senter, Andrew Senter, Travis Anglin, Nate Booher, Petey Wilkens, Austin Young, Nathan Young, Jake Patrick, Nathan Hoffman, Mikey Farthing, Wesley Anglin, Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath, Mr. Wilkens

On Sunday evening, the camp staff hosts a campfire program.



At the campfire program:
Jake Patrick, Nate Booher, Travis Anglin, Petey Wilkens,
Ben Adkins, Gavin Downing, Tristan Vonstein, Mrs. McGrath



At the campfire program:
Declan McGrath, Nathan Hoffman, Mikey Farthing,
Austin Young, Andrew Senter, Aiden Fischesser,
Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young, Jake Patrick



Mikey Farthing, Aiden Fischesser



Hanging out around camp during some free time



Travis Anglin



Wesley Anglin



Morning flag raising



Ben Adkins, Austin Young, Petey Wilkens



Heading up to the dining hall for breakfast



Wesley Anglin, Austin Young, Andrew Senter



Spending some free time playing Magic the Gathering



Lining up for the evening flag lowering



Nathan Hoffman with his box of edible worm larva



Declan McGrath, Mikey Farthing



Petey Wilkens competing in the camp wide Magic the Gathering tournament, with Nathan Young and Nate Booher cheering him on



Aiden Fischesser



Evening flag lowering



Mr. Wilkens slam dunking on the Troop's basketball court



Late night Magic the Gathering games



Travis Anglin



Hanging around the campsite



Breakfast in the dining hall



Morning flag raising



Wesley Anglin and Declan McGrath at Shotgun Shooting



Wesley Anglin at Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge



Declan McGrath at Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge



Austin Young



Gavin Downing



It rained for a long time and made a mess of camp



Nate Booher



Austin Young in Model Design and Building Merit Badge



Jake Patrick



Andrew Senter



Ben Adkins at Wood Carving Merit Badge



Declan McGrath crossing the finish line for the triathlon



Petey Wilkens crossing the finish line for the triathlon



Jake Patrick and Mikey Farthing crossing the finish line for the triathlon



The four members of the Troop who ran in the Ransburg Triathlon: Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Mikey Farthing, and Jake Patrick



Hanging out at the campsite in the evening



Petey Wilkens, Wesley Anglin, Declan McGrath, and Nathan Young showing off their combined Wilderness Survival Merit Badge wilderness shelter



Ben Adkins



Waiting for a merit badge to start



Travis Anglin



Nathan Young, Austin Young



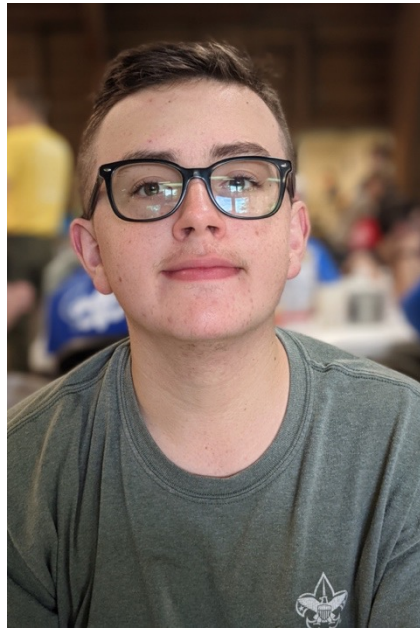
Hanging out by the fire



Ben Adkins tending the fire



Ben Adkins in the axe yard



Wesley Anglin



Austin Young



Jake Patrick



Declan McGrath



Wesley Anglin



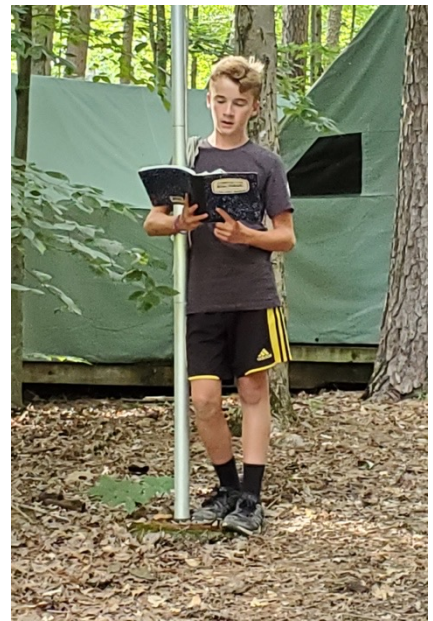
Wesley Anglin



Campsite flag raising in the morning



Andrew Senter, Declan McGrath



SPL Declan McGrath giving some announcements



Gavin Downing making a bird's nest fire starter in Scoutcraft



Mikey Farthing and Austin Young playing Gaga ball



Closing campfire program on Friday evening



Closing campfire program on Friday evening



Saturday morning breakfast:
 Petey Wilkens, Mikey Farthing, Declan McGrath, Ben Adkins,
 Aiden Fischesser Nate Booher



Saturday morning breakfast:
 Tristan Vonstein, Mr. Wilkens, Jake Patrick, Nathan Young



Mr. McGrath, Andrew Senter, Mrs. Senter, Tristan Vonstein, Gavin Downing, Mikey Farthing, Wesley Anglin, Austin Young,
 Travis Anglin, Nate Booher, Declan McGrath, Ben Adkins, Petey Wilkens, Jake Patrick, Nathan Young, Aiden Fischesser,
 Mr. Wilkens

Nick Stroh Eagle Project Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

July

For his Eagle service project, Nick Stroh laid a foundation for a gazebo for Gorman Heritage Farm. The gazebo was donated by someone who lived near the farm, and Nick coordinated with the farm to move the gazebo to its new location. Nick made some repairs to the structure, painted it, and laid a paver stone walkway up to the gazebo.



Nick Stroh



Jake Patrick



Travis Anglin



Digging out the foundation



Wesley Anglin, Petey Wilkens, Josh Kinney



Nick Stroh, Matt Schomaker

The first step was to dig a level base into the dirt. The removed dirt was dumped on a hillside next to where the gazebo was to be placed.



Declan McGrath



Digging a level foundation



Mr. Lohmueller explaining to Nick Stroh a technique to determine if the foundation is level



Jake Patrick and Declan McGrath



Lunch time



Matt Schomaker

Once Nick had a level foundation in the dirt, the next step was to lay down a layer of crushed limestone on which the gazebo would sit.



Petey Wilkens



Declan McGrath



Wesley Anglin



Wesley Anglin



Declan McGrath



Austin Young



Getting wheelbarrow loads of gravel



Spreading the gravel to form the foundation



Ben Adkins



Declan McGrath, Ben Adkins, Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens, Ben Adkins



The gravel work is done.
Mr. Stroh, Declan McGrath, Travis Anglin, Josh Kinney,
Wesley Anglin , Nick Stroh, Ben Adkins, Mr. Lohmueller,
Petey Wilkens

Once Nick had a level foundation with the crushed limestone, the next step was to relocate the gazebo from the neighbor's house to the farm and its final destination.



In addition to the gazebo, the neighbor was donating all the surrounding paver stones.
Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Stroh, Nathan Hoffman, Nick Stroh



Gorman Farm was responsible for moving the gazebo



The Evendale Service Department brought out a bigger front loader tractor to help move the gazebo



Using both the front loader and the bobcat loader, the farm was able to move the gazebo



Mr. Stroh, an Evendale service department employee, and Nick Stroh pulled the trailer underneath the gazebo



Placing the gazebo onto the trailer



The gazebo was delivered to the work site



Once the gazebo was positioned, Nick Stroh made some repairs and painted the wood

Once the gazebo was placed on the limestone bed, the next step was to lay the paver walkway up to the gazebo.



The team started to dig out the foundation for a paver walkway up to the gazebo



Nick Stroh and Mr. Lohmueller discussing how to tackle the walkway construction



Austin Young, Nick Stroh



Petey Wilkens



Isaac Lohmueller

One of the problems that Nick had to address was how to lay out the pattern in the paver walkway, using the existing paver stones.



Discussing how to lay out the paver stone pattern



Discussing how to lay out the paver stone pattern



Nick Stroh giving guidance on the paver stone pattern



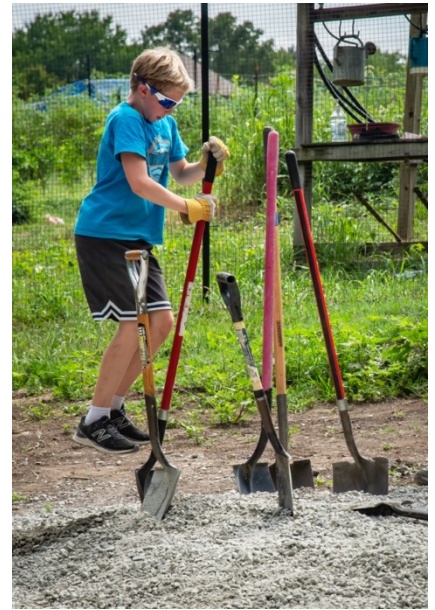
The final paver stone pattern



Isaac Lohmueller



Petey Wilkens, Austin Young, Nathan Young



Matt Schomaker



Samantha Young



Nick Stroh leveling the sand



Samantha Young, Matt Schomaker



Nathan Young



Nick Stroh



Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young



Laying the edging paver stones along the side of the walkway



Nick Stroh, Nathan Young, Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller



Nick Stroh, Isaac Lohmueller



Laying down the edging paver stones



Isaac Lohmueller



Laying the edging paver stones



Petey Wilkens lays the first paver stone



Petey Wilkens



Austin Young



Laying the paver stones



Nick Stroh holding the last paver stone



Nick Stroh placing the last paver stone



Done



Nick Stroh and the finished project

Chill Campout Morgan's Campground Morrow, OH

August

The Scouts wanted to have a laid-back campout without a lot of scheduled activities, so they planned a campout just to chill. The Scouts ended up playing some basketball, football, and several games throughout Saturday, and enjoyed the freedom of not having to follow a schedule.



Austin Young and Travis Anglin cleaning dinner dishes



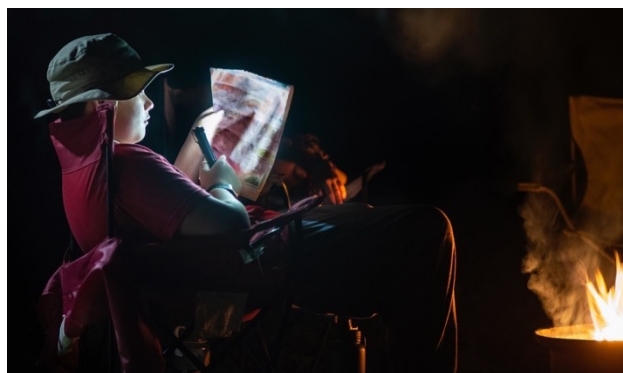
Matt Schomaker starting to build a fire



Working on getting a fire started



Working on getting a fire started



Travis Anglin reading the comics pages



Starting the fire



Isaac Lohmueller tending the fire



Aiden Fischesser, Matt Schomaker



Jake Patrick



Aiden Fischesser



Jake Patrick



The Troop camped at Morgan's Riverside Campground



James McConnell, Gavin Downing



Isaac Lohmueller signing off on advancement for Matt Schomaker while using Mr. Wilkens's back as a table



Austin Young, Matt Schomaker



Isaac Lohmueller making another pioneering project – a flagpole



Isaac Lohmueller demonstrating another use for his pioneering project



Right next to the campsite was a play set that the boys used



Matt Schomaker



Isaac Lohmueller



Austin Young, Matt Schomaker



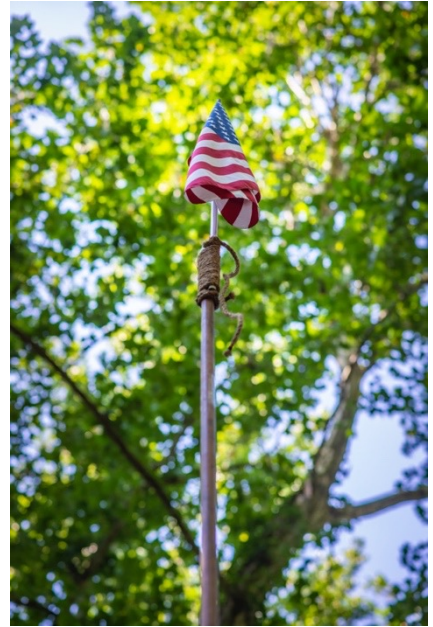
Matt Schomaker during a football game



Isaac Lohmueller erecting his flagpole



Isaac Lohmueller tying down his flagpole



A flag flying proudly above the campsite



Jake Patrick, Isaac Lohmueller



The scouts playing a football game



Austin Young



James McConnell, Gavin Downing



Travis Anglin



Jake Patrick



Jake Patrick, Austin Young



Gavin Downing, Jake Patrick, Austin Young



Matt Schomaker, Austin Young



Jake Patrick, Austin Young, Gavin Downing, Matt Schomaker, James McConnell



Gavin Downing



Matt Schomaker, Austin Young



James McConnell, Jake Patrick



Isaac Lohmueller challenged the Troop to a game of Stratego. If anyone won against him, he had a prize for them. After multiple games no one was able to claim the prize.



View of the campsite



Matt Schomaker



Austin Young



Petey Wilkens introduced the Troop to a roll playing game called Honey Heist



Petey Wilkens leading the game Honey Heist



Petey Wilkens leading the game Honey Heist



Petey Wilkens



Playing on the play set



Mr. Wilkens tossing football



Mr. Wilkens tossing football



Austin Young, Jake Patrick



Jake Patrick, Austin Young



Jake Patrick, Austin Young

The Scouts moved onto a card game called SuperFight.



Isaac Lohmueller



Travis Anglin



Austin Young



SuperFight card game



Gavin Downing working on dinner



The Scouts cooked baked potatoes and cobs for dinner



Petey Wilkens and Aiden Fischesser returning a picnic table



Scouts patrolling the campsite on Sunday morning



Jake Patrick, Isaac Lohmueller, Matt Schomaker, Petey Wilkens, Austin Young, Aiden Fischesser, James McConnell, Gavin Downing, Travis Anglin



Declan McGrath stoking the fire



Austin Young



Aiden Fischesser



Mr. McGrath, Ben Adkins, Austin Young, Aiden Fischesser, Declan McGrath



Hanging out at the campsite after dinner



Hanging out at the campsite after dinner



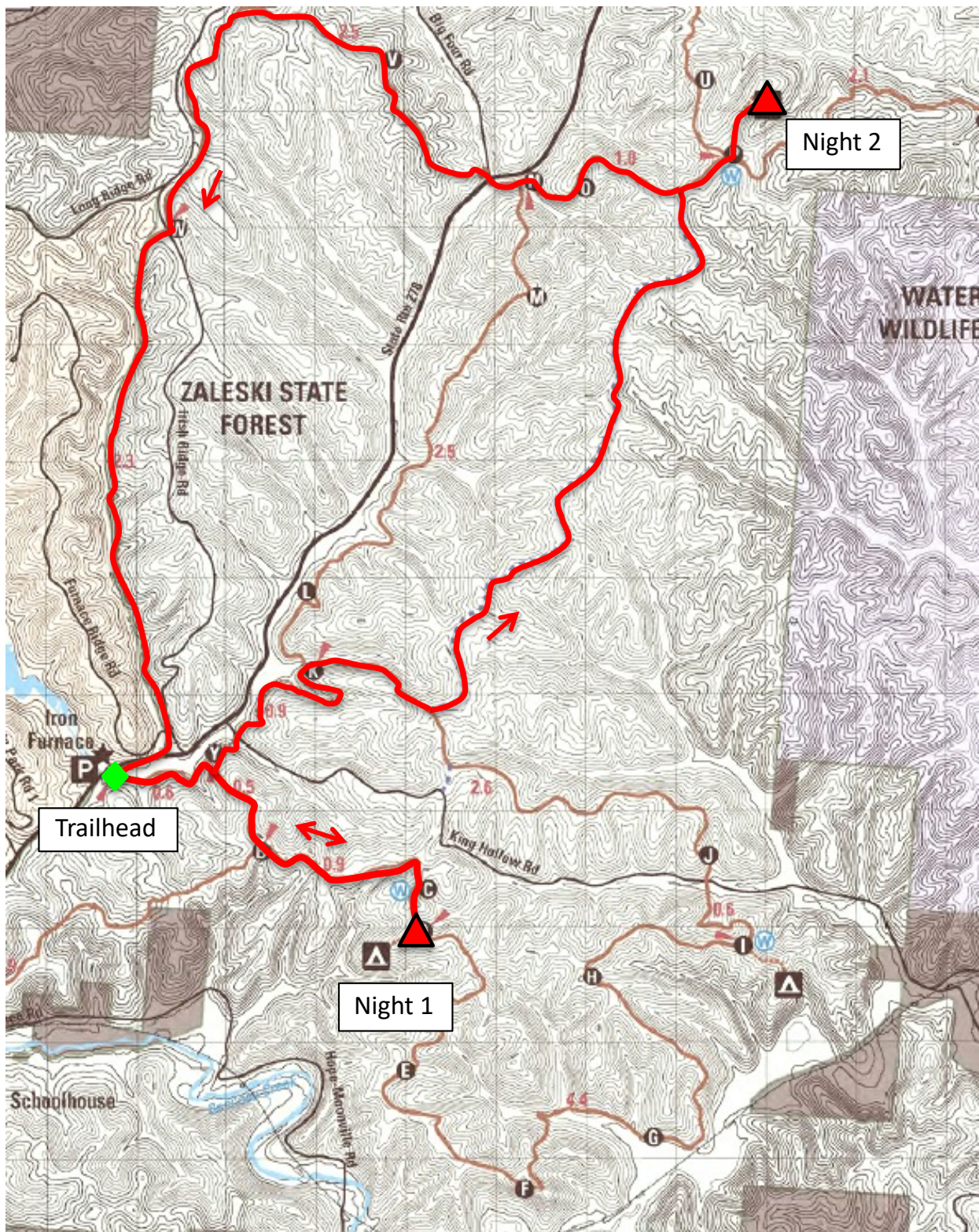
Aiden Fischesser, Austin Young tearing down camp



Mr. Wilkens crossing a stream



Mr. Wilkens, Mr. McGrath, Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath, Austin Young, Aiden Fischesser



Friday	2.5 miles
Saturday	6.2 miles
Sunday	6.6 miles
Total	15.3 miles

Fall Court of Honor Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

September

Scouts were recognized at the Fall Court of Honor for the advancement they earned in the last 6 months, which included summercamp. A total of 19 scouts earned 81 merit badges, 9 scouts earned rank badges, and 4 scouts earned National Outdoor Awards.



The court of honor was held under the main tent at Gorman Heritage Farm



Declan McGrath starting the ceremony



Isaac Lohmueller bringing in the Troop flag



Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, and Matt Schomaker leading the Troop in the Scout Oath and Law and the Outdoor Code



Wesley Anglin presenting the opening prayer



Declan McGrath was the master of ceremonies, inviting Scouts to come up to provide their remembrances of past campouts



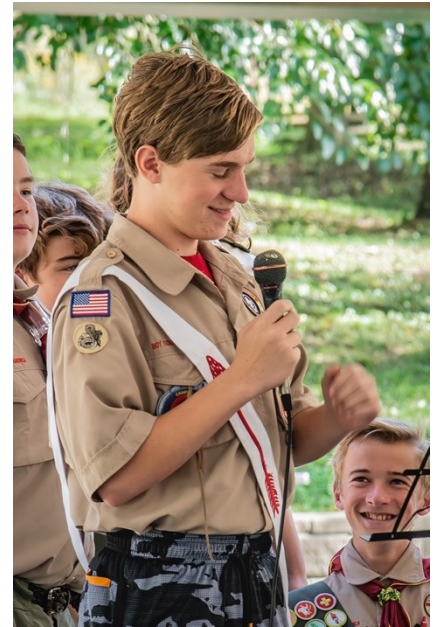
Petey Wilkens



Matt Schomaker



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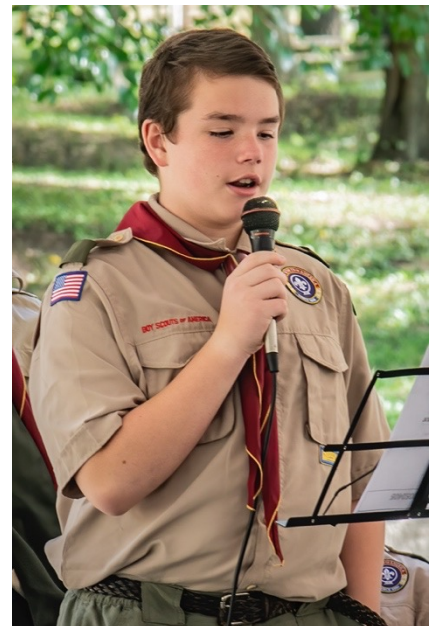
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Jake Patrick



Isaac Lohmueller



Nathan Young

After the remembrances, Mrs. Wilkens, the Advancement Chair, passed out the merit badges the Scouts have earned.



Mrs. Wilkens



Jake Patrick



Matt Schomaker



Ben Adkins



Travis Anglin



Wesley Anglin



Nate Booher



Isaac Lohmueller



Declan McGrath



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young



Isaac Lohmueller

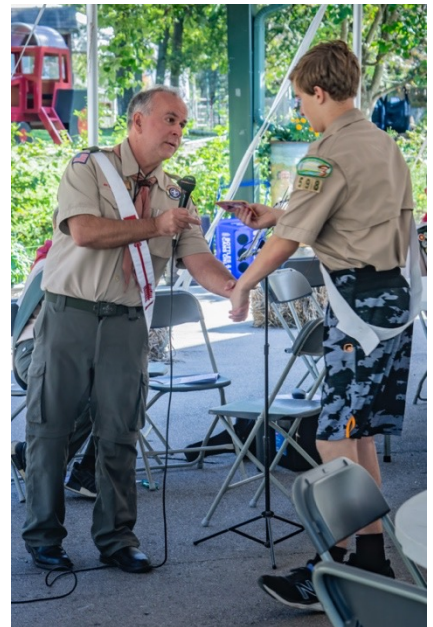
Mr. McGrath also passed out the awards that the Scouts earned for participating in the Pictured Rocks backpacking trip earlier in the summer.



Ben Adkins



Nate Booher



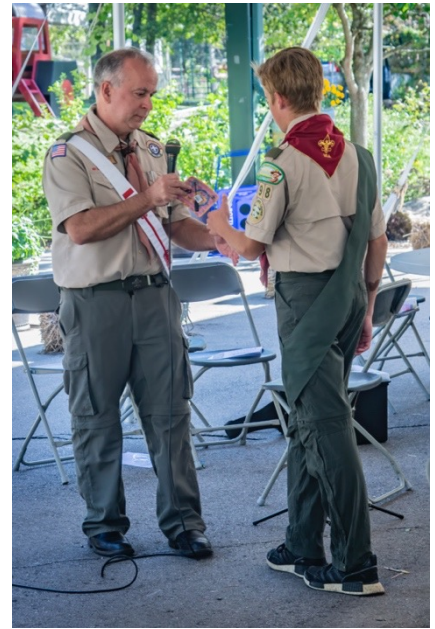
Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young



Isaac Lohmueller



Declan McGrath

Mr. McGrath awarded the Scoutmaster's Choice Award bead to Ben Adkins for jumping into the troop wholeheartedly. In his first year, he advanced in rank, earned merit badges, helped with service projects, and earned his recruiter badge. He was a force of positive energy in the troop.



Mr. McGrath explaining the Scoutmaster Choice Award bead



Mr. McGrath presents Ben Adkins with the Scoutmaster Choice Award bead



Mrs. Wilkens, Mr. Wilkens, Ben Adkins

Mr. McGrath presented an award to Wesley Anglin as a recognition of his outstanding empathy at summer camp that year. He volunteered to tent with a younger scout who was a little uncomfortable being away from home and he had also gone out of his way to help a scout from another troop who spilled a bunch of cereal in the dining hall. He had earned his Firecrafter award that summer, which he was very excited about, so Mr. McGrath gave him a limited-edition Ransburg Firecrafter Belt Buckle



Mr. McGrath presenting Wesley Anglin with a limited-edition Firecrafter belt buckle



Wesley Anglin, Mr. McGrath



Wesley Anglin sharing some thoughts on his award he received

Mr. McGrath presented an award to Declan McGrath for his 1.5 years of service to the Troop as Senior Patrol Leader



Mr. McGrath presenting Declan McGrath with a certificate of gratitude for serving as Senior Patrol Leader



Mr. McGrath, Declan McGrath



Wesley Anglin, Mr. McGrath



Scouts recognized for completing merit badges:
 Mr. Wilkens, Mr. McGrath, Declan McGrath, Nate Booher, Wesley Anglin, Matt Schomaker, Ben Adkins, Jake Patrick



Mr. Wilkens, Mrs. Wilkens, Mr. Lohmueller, Matt Schomaker, Wesley Anglin, Travis Anglin, Nathan Young, Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Jake Patrick, Nate Booher, Joe Adkins, Isaac Lohmueller, Ben Adkins, Mr. McGrath

Volunteering Sunflower Festival at Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

October

Each year in the fall, Gorman Heritage Farm sponsors the Sunflower Festival as a fundraiser for the farm. The farm had asked the Troop for Scouts to volunteer with helping the vendors carry their displays and goods to their booths.



Ben Adkins, Roscoe Putnam



Nathan Hoffman



Nathan Hoffman



Isaac Lohmueller



Ben Adkins



Ben Adkins, Roscoe Putnam,
Gus Shearing



Ben Adkins



Mr. McGrath, Ben Adkins, Gus Shearing, Joe Adkins, Nathan Hoffman, Travis Anglin, Wesley Anglin, Isaac Lohmueller, Roscoe Putnam

Fall Camporee Camp Friedlander Loveland, OH

October

The camporee offered two different tracks that the Scouts could follow. The first one was focused on shooting sports and the second one was focused on fishing. Throughout the day, the Scouts competed in competitions and did activities associated with the particular track that they chose.



Cooking breakfast



It was a foggy morning as the Scouts hiked to the first competition



Early morning view of Lake Marge Schott



Isaac Lohmueller explaining the agenda of events for the day



The first competition was tomahawk throwing. Each scout was given a certain number of tomahawks and the goal was to stick as many tomahawks into the logs as possible.



Andrew Senter, Austin Young, Isaac Lohmueller,
James McConnell, Gavin Downing, Nathan Hoffman



A very good round for the Scouts

The next competition was archery.



Austin Young



Gavin Downing



James McConnell



Nathan Hoffman



Isaac Lohmueller



Andrew Senter

Troop 598 and 1598 teamed up to put on a skit during that evening's campfire program. The skit was called "Scout Cooking" and highlighted the dangers to one's health of eating Scout cooking.



Both Troops practicing their skit together



Both Troops practicing their skit together



James McConnell



Nathan Hoffman



Matt Schomaker



Austin Young



Andrew Senter



Isaac Lohmueller

The next competition was trap shooting. Each scout could shoot 5 times. For several scouts this was the first time that they shot a shotgun, and everyone hit at least one clay pigeon. Several Scouts hit all five.



Andrew Senter



James McConnell



Gavin Downing



Nathan Hoffman



Matt Schomaker



Isaac Lohmueller

The next station was lashing. The Scouts learned how to tie a tripod lashing.



Gavin Downing, Andrew Senter, and Matt Schomaker



James McConnell, Austin Young, and Nathan Hoffman



Isaac Lohmueller



Mr. Wilkens had volunteered to run this event



Back at camp Joe Adkins learned how to whip an end of rope



Joe Adkins also learned about fusing the end of a rope



Isaac Lohmueller teaching Joe Adkins how to fuse a rope



Mr. Wilkens teaching James McConnell Totin' Chip



Ben Adkins, Andrew Senter



Travis Anglin



Gavin Downing, James McConnell



Scouts playing football before dinner



Scouts playing football before dinner



Aiden Fischesser



Isaac Lohmueller, Matt Schomaker



Matt Schomaker



Heading to the campfire program



Flag lowering ceremony



Campfire program



Campfire program



Tristan Vonstein won a fishing rod for catching the most fish



Fire at the campfire program



Isaac Lohmueller won the award for highest score in the shooting events



Troops 598 and 1598 putting on a skit at the campfire program. The skit was called “Scout Cooking”.



Tristan Vonstein with his fishing pole he won for catching the most fish during the camporee



Mr. Vonstein, Matt Schomaker, Petey Wilkens, James McConnell, Ben Adkins, Joe Adkins, Aiden Fischesser, Travis Anglin, Jake Patrick, Gavin Downing, Gus Shearing, Nathan Hoffman, Tristan Vonstein, Isaac Lohmueller, Roscoe Putnam, Mr. Wilkens, Mr. Lohmueller

Declan McGrath Eagle Court of Honor Evendale Cultural Arts Center Evendale, OH

October

Declan is Troop 598's 71st Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Declan built sunscreens over the dugouts at a baseball field in the Evendale Recreation Complex.



Decorations



Audience waiting for the ceremony to start



Mr. McGrath welcoming everyone to the ceremony



Petey Wilkens, master of ceremonies



Color guard



Presentation of the colors



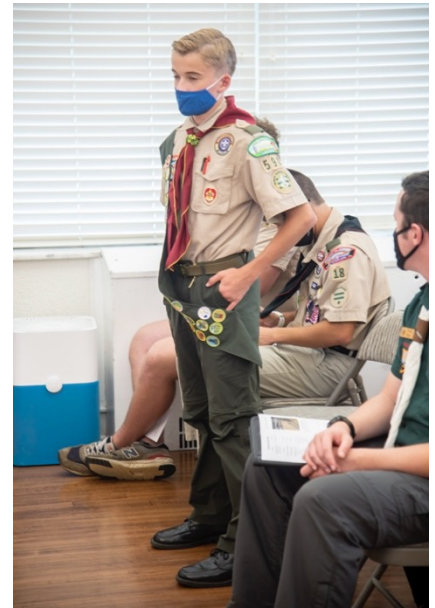
Rev. Scott Burns offering the opening benediction



Mr. McGrath, , introducing Clay Kessler for the Eagle Obligation



Clay Kessler, presenting the Eagle Obligation



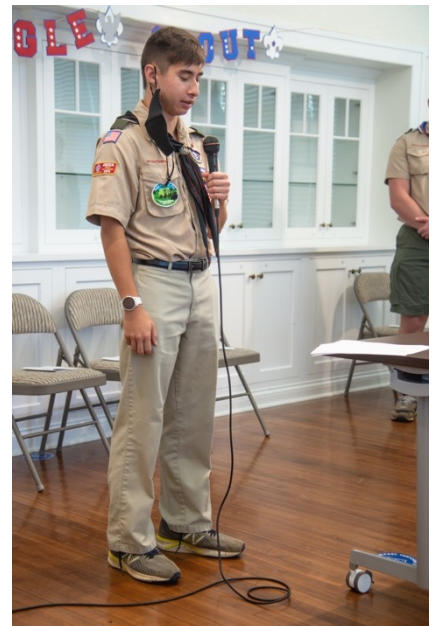
Declan McGrath, taking in the Eagle Obligation



Mr. McGrath, introducing Evan Page for the Eagle Charge



Evan Page, presenting the Eagle Charge



Seamus McGrath, leading the Eagle Pledge



Declan presenting his mom with the Eagle Mother pin



Declan presenting his dad with the Eagle Father pin



Declan being presented with the Eagle medal



Declan McGrath



Mrs. Wilkens, Advancement Chair, presenting Declan with his five Eagle palms



Declan sharing his thoughts



Declan presenting the Mentor pin to Mr. Wilkens



Wesley Anglin giving the closing benediction



Josh Kinney and Clay Kessler presenting Declan with his Eagle neckerchief



Josh Kinney and Clay Kessler presenting Declan with his Eagle neckerchief



Declan McGrath



Jake Kinney, Mr. Lohmueller, Mr. Wilkens, Josh Kinney, Mrs. Wilkens, Clay Kessler, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Jake Patrick, Wesley Anglin, Declan McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller, Ben Adkins, Mr. Young, Andrew Senter, Nathan Hoffman, Samantha Young, Mr. McGrath



Declan McGrath, Troop 598's 71st Eagle Scout

Isaac Lohmueller Eagle Project Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

October - December

For his Eagle project, Isaac Lohmueller built an extension on an existing paver patio for Gorman Heritage Farm. The existing patio was approximately 10'x10' and Isaac extended this to slightly over 20'x20'.



Isaac Lohmueller at the project site before work started



Isaac Lohmueller digging up some roots

The first step in the process was to dig down to create a level foundation on which to lay the patio. This required removing a lot of dirt. In addition, the area had a lot of tree roots that had to be removed.



The Scouts had to dig down to get a flat foundation



A lot of dirt had to be removed



Mr. McGrath working on removing a large root



Petey Wilkens



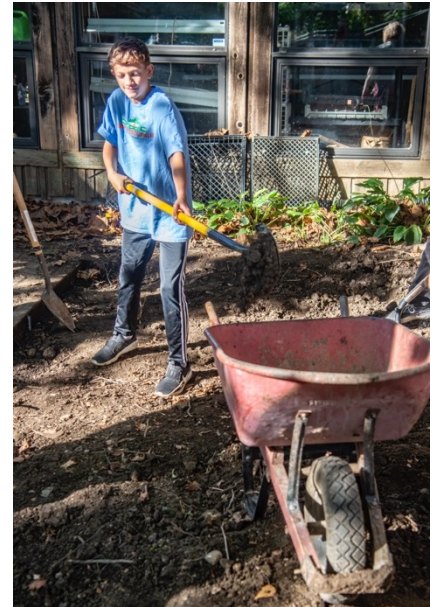
Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, and Wesley Anglin checking the depth



Isaac Lohmueller



Andrew Senter



Austin Young



Travis Anglin and Isaac Lohmueller checking the depth of the patio foundation



A water pipe ran through the project site, along with many roots. Mr. McGrath and Mr. Stroh working to remove the roots.



A water pipe ran through the project site



Andrew Senter



Gavin Downing



Adrian Gordy



Wesley Anglin



Travis Anglin



Toby Rainey



Between work sessions, Isaac roped off the work site



Isaac enjoyed telling his dad where to dig



Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Mr. McGrath



Petey Wilkens



Isaac Lohmueller



Adrian Gordy



Travis Anglin



Travis Anglin



Big pile of roots removed from the work site

One of the unexpected obstacles was a large chunk of concrete that was in the way of the new patio. Using a spud bar and a sledgehammer, the crew was finally able to break up the concrete.



Petey Wilkens



Mr. McGrath



Success for Mr. McGrath



Wesley Anglin



Mr. Wilkens



Matt Stroh



Wesley Anglin



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, and Wesley Anglin checking if the work site is deep enough



Isaac Lohmueller



Wesley Anglin



Isaac Lohmueller and Petey Wilkens checking if the work site is deep enough



Aiden Fischesser



Isaac Lohmueller and Travis Anglin checking the depth of the foundation



Petey Wilkens

Once the foundation was level and at the right depth, the next step was to lay 4" of crushed limestone.



Declan McGrath using the kiddie shovel



Travis Anglin



Wesley Anglin



Ben Adkins



Matt Schomaker



Isaac Lohmueller



Matt Schomaker, and Nick Kellogg (friend of Isaac's)



Another workday completed



Mr. McGrath using the compactor



Nick Stroh



Isaac Lohmueller and Mr. Lohmueller discussing how to proceed with the project



Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath, and Wesley Anglin taking a break and playing in the sand



The end of another workday. The bricks were laid out on the perimeter of the patio to check alignment of the bricks.



Matt Stroh, Isaac Lohmueller, Nick Stroh



Nick Stroh

Once the gravel was complete, the next step was to lay 1" of sand. The sand needed to be compacted and leveled smooth.



Declan McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller using a 2x4 to smooth the sand



Declan McGrath, Nathan Young



Mr. McGrath, Thomas Lohmueller, Mrs. Lohmueller, Wesley Anglin



Declan McGrath



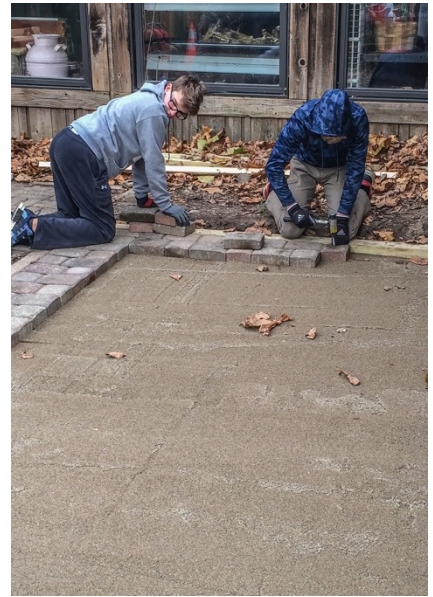
Mr. McGrath running the compactor



Isaac Lohmueller lays the first brick



Mr. McGrath, Declan McGrath



Nathan Hoffman, Thomas Lohmueller (Isaac's cousin)



Thomas Lohmueller, Isaac Lohmueller, Nathan Hoffman



Isaac Lohmueller



Lunch time



Isaac Lohmueller

Once all the bricks were laid, sand is poured over the bricks and swept to fill in the joints to lock the bricks in place.



Mr. Lohmueller spreading the paver sand



Mr. Lohmueller spreading the paver sand



Isaac Lohmueller installing the last brick



Isaac Lohmueller with the finished project



Mr. McGrath, Nathan Hoffman, Thomas Lohmueller, Isaac Lohmueller, Mrs. Lohmueller, Declan McGrath

Service / Rocket Launching

Gorman Heritage Farm

Evendale, OH

November

One of the traditional campouts for the Troop is to go to Gorman Farm in Evendale, OH. On Friday evening, the Troop does a flag retirement ceremony. On Saturday, the Scouts do a service project for the farm in the morning, and then Scouts can launch model rockets in the afternoon. The service project for this year involved helping on Isaac Lohmueller's Eagle project. Isaac was installing a new paver patio behind the main admin building to expand an existing patio.



View of the Mill Creek Valley from the overlook at Gorman Heritage Farm



View of the shelter



Hanging out around the fire

The Scouts held a ceremony on Friday evening to respectfully retire old US flags.



Nate Booher was the master of ceremony for the flag retirement



Displaying the flag before retiring it



Toby Rainey



Nathan Hoffman



Jake Patrick



Joe Adkins



Ben Adkins



Petey Wilkens



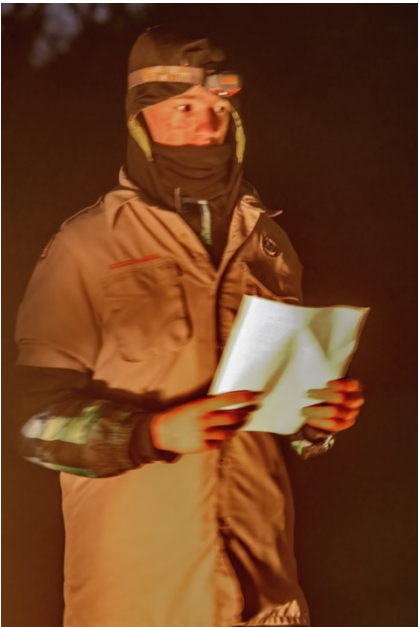
Aiden Fischesser



Wesley Anglin



Austin Young



Nate Booher served as the master of ceremonies



Travis Anglin



The Scouts set up their tents in the upper meadow



Hanging out around the fire in the morning



Toby Rainey, Nathan Hoffman



Making donuts



Aiden Fischesser



Nathan Young frying the donuts



Making donuts

Each year the Troop does service to help the farm. This year, the Scouts helped Isaac Lohmueller on his Eagle project. Isaac was expanding an existing patio.



Nathan Young, Toby Rainey



Nick Kellogg (Isaac's friend), Ben Adkins



Austin Young, Gavin Downing



Aiden Fischesser



Moving gravel from the pile to the patio



Declan McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller measuring the height of the gravel



Moving gravel from the pile to the patio



Mr. McGrath using the compactor



Isaac Lohmueller, Wesley Anglin checking the height of the gravel



The workday is completed

After lunch, the Scouts launched model rockets.



Gavin Downing shows off his rocket



Declan McGrath prepares his rocket



Declan McGrath's rocket takes off



Austin Young prepares his rockets



Isaac Lohmueller shows off his rocket



Petey Wilkens prepares his rocket



Wesley Anglin prepares his rocket



Declan McGrath prepares his rocket



Austin Young prepares his rocket



Gavin Downing prepares his rocket



Travis Anglin prepares his rocket



Travis Anglin's rocket takes off



Gavin Downing retrieves a rocket after launch



Isaac Lohmueller shows off his "All Spice 2" rocket, with its cargo of spices, to be used at dinner time



Austin Young is ready to launch his rocket



A Scout prepares his rocket for launch



This rocket launch became unstable



Isaac Lohmueller prepares his rocket



All Spice 2 launches into space



Joe Adkins and Nate Booher working on advancement



Hanging out by the fire



Hanging out by the fire



In line for breakfast



Mr. Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller, Andrew Senter, Travis Anglin, Gavin Downing, Toby Rainey, Declan McGrath, Jake Patrick, Wesley Anglin, Ben Adkins, Nathan Hoffman, Petey Wilkens, Aiden Fischesser, Nate Booher, Joe Adkins, Austin Young, Roscoe Putnam, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Lohmueller

Game On Campout Camp Friedlander Loveland, OH

December

One of the districts in Dan Beard Council organized a day outing at Camp Friedlander that the organizers called Game On. The objective was for scouts to bring card games and board games and it would be a day of game playing. Unfortunately, Troop 598 was the only Troop to sign up. The organizers allowed the Troop to use the main dining hall for the day, making their own Game On outing. The scouts also opted to camp for the weekend.



The entire dining hall was available for the Troop to use



Petey Wilkens and Isaac Lohmueller playing Magic the Gathering



Gavin Downing



Aiden Fischesser



Gavin Downing



Everyone's boots were left at the door to keep the mud out



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller and Petey Wilkens playing the game Lightning Reaction



Gavin Downing, Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Andrew Senter, and Aiden Fischesser playing Magic the Gathering



Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Andrew Senter, and Gavin Downing playing the game Lightning Reaction



The next game was Settlers of Catan



Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Andrew Senter, and Aiden Fischesser playing Settlers of Catan



After lunch, the boys wanted some activity, so they started to play Four Square



The boys also played some Crab Soccer



Afterwards they made up a game of their own



Playing the game that the Scouts made up



Gavin Downing



Gavin Downing



Aiden Fischesser



Aiden Fischesser and Isaac Lohmueller starting a fire



Aiden Fischesser and Isaac Lohmueller starting a fire



Roasting marshmallows over the fire for dessert after dinner



Hanging out by the fire



Hanging out by the fire



Hanging out by the fire



Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller, Gavin Downing, Aiden Fischesser

Homecoming Meeting Bell Tower Arts Pavilion Evendale, OH

December

A homecoming was scheduled with invites sent out to alumni of the Troop, asking them to come back to visit during a regular Troop meeting. Five alumni were able to attend. In addition, a simple Eagle ceremony was held to present Grant Edwards with this Eagle rank badge.



Declan McGrath leading the Troop meeting, with the five alumni present



Mr. McGrath leading the Eagle recognition for Grant Edwards



Grant Edwards presenting his mother with the Eagle Mom pin



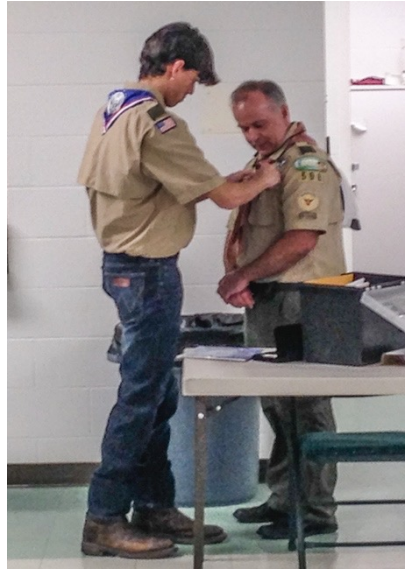
Grant Edwards giving his mom a hug



Grant Edwards presenting his father with the Eagle Dad pin



Grant Edwards' mother presenting the Eagle medal to him



Grant Edwards presenting the Mentor pin to Mr. McGrath



David DeBruine, representing Dan Beard Council, presenting Grant with the Medal of Merit for his life saving actions



Grant Edwards and fellow Eagle Declan McGrath



Grant Edwards and Scoutmaster Mr. McGrath



Alumnus Walter McVicker showing off some of his scouting memorabilia and sharing his stories



Alumnus Walter McVicker is an Eagle Scout in the Troop

Miscellaneous Photos

The Scouts practiced how to raise and lower flags at a Troop meeting.



Austin Young, Declan McGrath, Aiden Fischesser, Matt Schomaker



Adrian Gordy, Travis Anglin, Andrew Senter, Mikey Farthing, Nathan Hoffman

To help Scouts prepare for an upcoming backpacking trip to Zaleski, the Troop organized a shakedown hike in April around Evendale. The hike, with full packs, started at the BTAP and headed up to Griffin Nature Preserve.



Mr. McGrath, Toby Rainey, Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath, Nate Booher, Nathan Young, Aiden Fischesser, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman, Wesley Anglin, Austin Young, Isaac Lohmueller, Mrs. Lohmueller, Tristan Vonstein, Mr. Young, Matt Schomaker



Backpacking through Griffin Nature Preserve

Isaac Lohmueller and Petey Wilkens working on Personal Fitness Merit Badge. Declan McGrath already earned the merit badge but came out for moral support.



Declan McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller, and Petey Wilkens



Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller



Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller

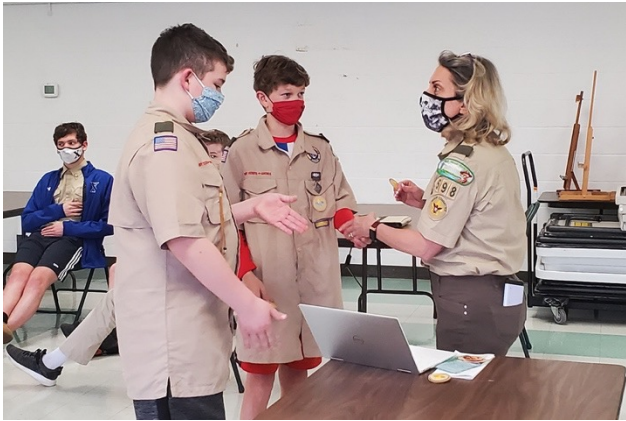


Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller



Mr. McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller

During one of the meetings, several Scouts received their rank badges that they had recently earned.



Travis Anglin, Austin Young, Mrs. Wilkens



Wesley Anglin, Nate Booher, Mrs. Wilkens



Wesley Anglin, Mrs. Wilkens



Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Mrs. Wilkens



Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Mrs. Wilkens

During one of the meetings, the game for that meeting was an indoor “snowball” fight. Wads of paper are placed in the center of the room. Two teams are on opposite sides of the room. On the count of three, the two teams rush towards the center of the room to grab as many “snowballs” as possible and then toss them at the opposing team. Anyone who is hit with a snowball is out for the rest of the round. The team with the last person standing wins the game.



Racing to the center to grab as many snowballs as possible



Matt Schomaker attacks Nathan Hoffman with a snowball



Isaac Lohmueller goes on the offensive



Austin Young, James McConnell throw their snowballs

Events Without Photos

Merit Badge Challenge

Evendale Fun Fest

Orienteering course outing in Evendale

Personal notes:

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Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to:

- Be clean in my outdoor manners.
- Be careful with fire.
- Be considerate in the outdoors.
- Be conservation minded.