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Skiing Perfect North Slopes Lawrenceburg, IN

January

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.



View looking at Prime Time, Runway, and The Far Side Trails, along with the end of the tubing area



Austin Young and Wesley Anglin at the top of The Far Side Trail



View of some of the slopes from midway down The Far Side



Wesley Anglin



Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens, Mr. Lohmueller, Sam Noble



Austin Young, Wesley Anglin



Wesley Anglin at the top of The Far Side



Sam Noble, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young



Travis Anglin



View looking down the snow tubing hill



Travis Anglin



View of some of the slopes



View of some of the slopes



Map of the ski trails



In front of the Center Stage Ski Trail:
 Mr. Anglin, Wesley Anglin, Austin Young, Travis Anglin, Declan McGrath, Mr. Lohmueller, Mr. McGrath, Petey Wilkens,
 Mr. Wilkens, Sam Noble, Nathan Young

Hiking Sharon Woods Sharonville, OH

February

The Troop organized a day outing to go hiking at Sharon Woods. This was the first effort to start preparing physically for the backpacking trek to Philmont later in the summer. The scouts who would be attending Philmont were encouraged to bring a full backpack on the hike. The hike, however, was open to the entire Troop.



Hiking along the Gorge Trail



Break time



Crossing the bridge over Sharon Creek on the Gorge Trail



Ben Adkins, Nate Booher, Sully, Travis Anglin, Mrs. Adkins, Austin Young, Isaac Lohmueller, Gavin Downing, Wesley Anglin, Mr. Anglin, Grayson Vaughn, Joe Adkins, Toby Rainey, Mr. Wilkens, guest, Nathan Young

Hiking Ault Park Cincinnati, OH

March

The Troop was supposed to go to Zaleski State Forest to do a weekend backpacking campout in preparation for Philmont, but a winter storm blew through the area of Zaleski, dumping several inches of snow and dropping temperatures down into the teens. The decision was made to cancel the campout. The Troop did get together at Ault Park on a beautiful Sunday afternoon for about a 4-mile hike with full backpacks.



Mrs. McGrath, Mr. McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Aiden Fischesser, Declan McGrath, Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young, and Mr. Wilkens. Mr. Lohmueller took the picture.

Indoor High Ropes Adventure Park

Play: CBUS

Columbus, OH

April

The Troop was originally planning on going to Indianapolis to an outdoor high ropes adventure course called Go-Ape, spending the nights at one of the local Boy Scout camps. However, when it came time to book the campsite, there weren't any available. As an alternate idea, the Troop found an indoor high ropes course in Columbus, OH called Play: CBUS. The Scouts camped at Camp Hugh Taylor Birch in Yellow Springs, OH, about an hour away. The Scouts were excited to try a new idea. In the end the boys had a great time and wanted to keep the idea for future campouts.



Wesley Anglin carving a stick to roast hot dogs for dinner



Isaac Lohmueller building another pioneering project camp gadget



Travis Anglin



Nathan Young



Joe Adkins



Wesley Anglin



Travis Anglin and Austin Young



View of the campsite

After checking in at the adventure park, the Scouts were guided through several team building games.



Nathan Hoffman



Isaac Lohmueller



Aiden Fischesser



Joe Adkins



Travis Anglin and Joe Adkins



Nate Booher and Ben Adkins

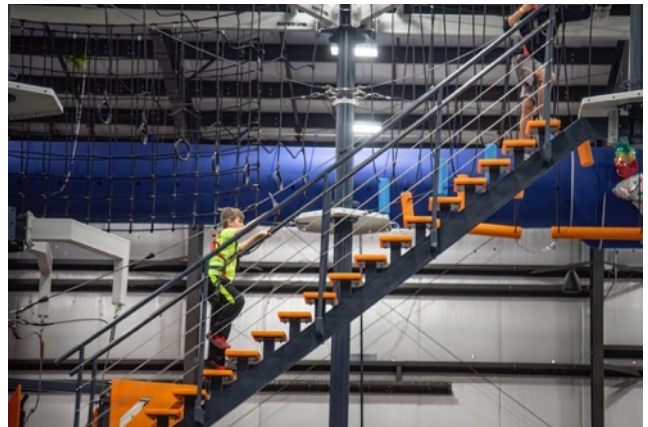


Ben Adkins

After the team building games, the Scouts were free to play at any of the available activities. These include rock climbing, bouldering, fowling, zipline, basketball, a ninja course, a via ferrata course, and the high ropes course.



Ben Adkins



James McConnell



Joe Adkins



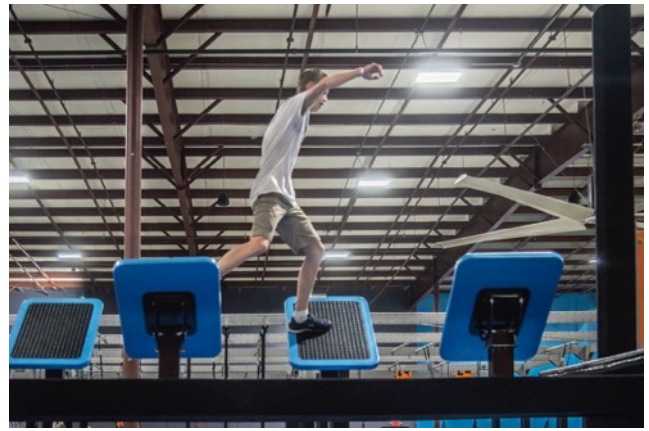
Joe Adkins



Austin Young



View of part of the high ropes course



Nathan Young running through the ninja course



Nathan Hoffman climbing the rock wall blindfolded



Joe Adkins



Nathan Young climbing the rock wall blindfolded



Wesley Anglin



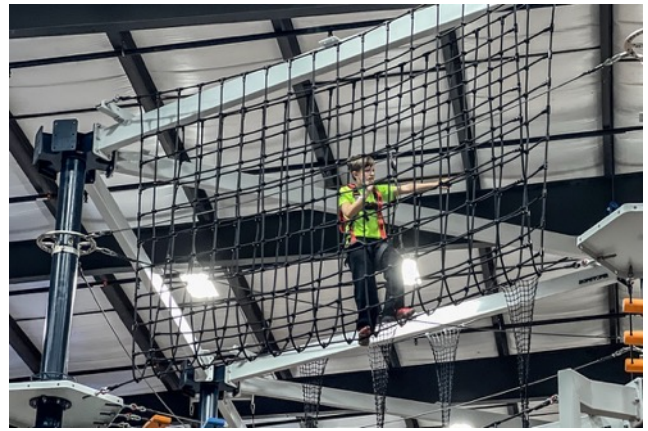
Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller



The Scouts ate lunch outside next to a small pond



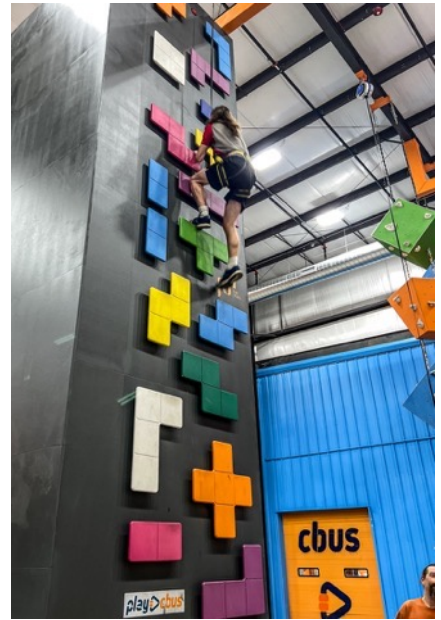
James McConnell



Nate Booher



Isaac Lohmueller



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Wesley Anglin



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Joe Adkins on a bouldering wall



Ben Adkins



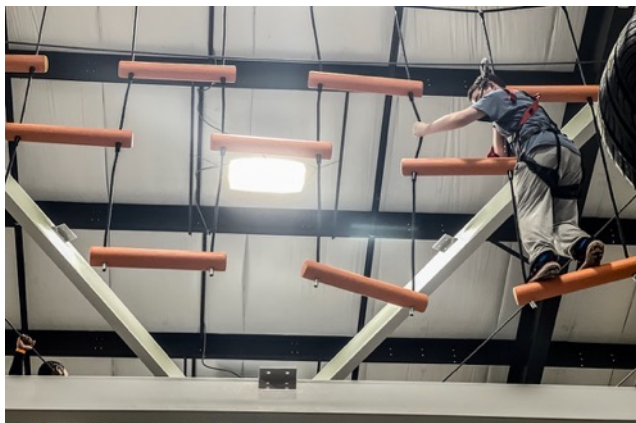
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Wesley Anglin



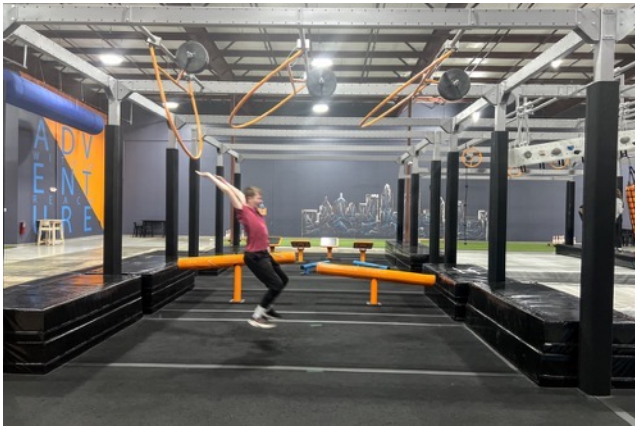
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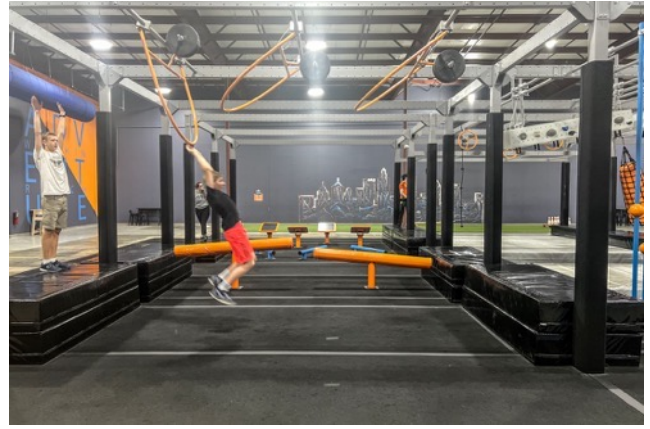
Travis Anglin



Ben Adkins and Nate Booher



Nate Booher on the ninja course



Ben Adkins on the ninja course



Nathan Young on the ninja course



Isaac Lohmueller on the bouldering wall



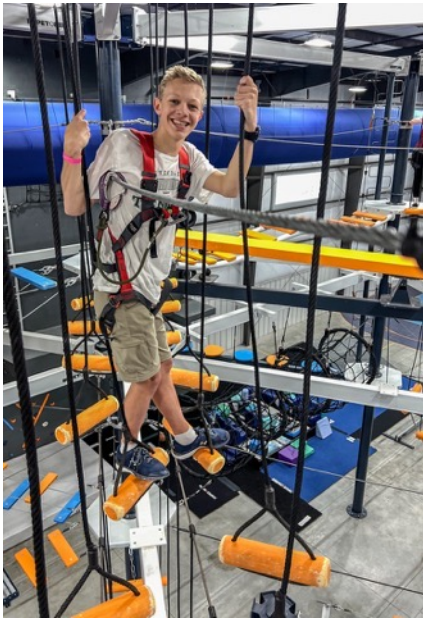
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Joe Adkins and Ben Adkins



Isaac Lohmueller



Nathan Young



Ben Adkins



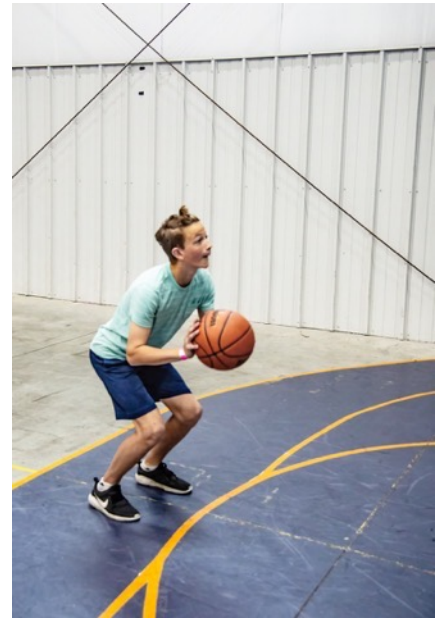
Nate Booher



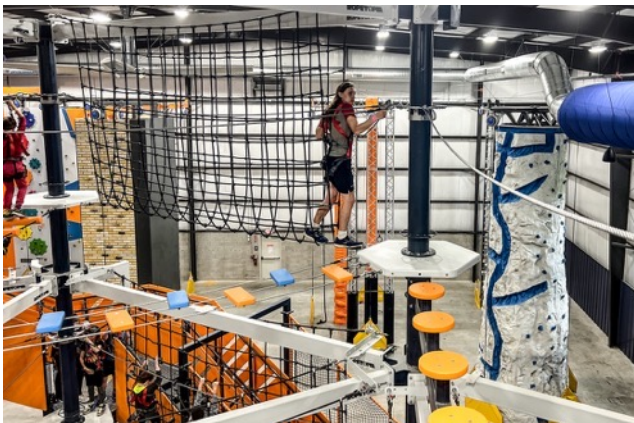
Aiden Fischesser



Joe Adkins



Austin Young



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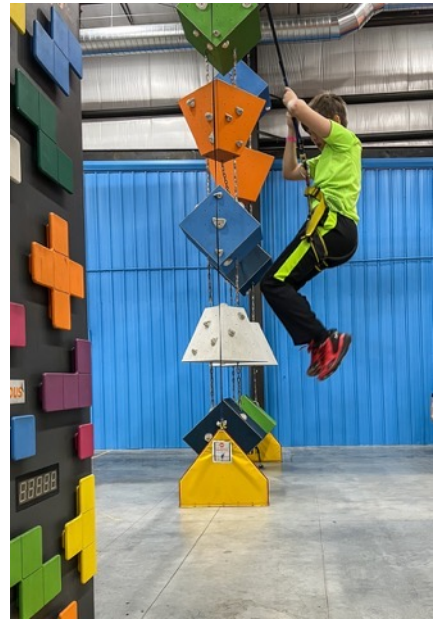
Wesley Anglin, Mr. Anglin, and Nathan Young



Isaac Lohmueller on the zipline



James McConnell



James McConnell



Wesley Anglin, James McConnell, Joe Adkins, Aiden Fischesser, Nathan Young, Nate Booher, Nathan Hoffman, Travis Anglin, Isaac Lohmueller, Austin Young, Ben Adkins
Adults who also attended: Mr. Lohmueller, Mr. Anglin, and Mr. Adkins

After spending the day at the adventure park, the Troop headed back to camp. For dinner, the Scouts had decided to make Dutch oven pizzas.



Austin Young and Nathan Hoffman were the cooks for this meal



The Troop used two Dutch ovens to cook the pizzas



Nathan Hoffman



Nathan Hoffman checking the pizzas



Travis Anglin



Joe Adkins cutting the pizza while Austin Young watches



Travis Anglin and Nathan Hoffman preparing more charcoals



Dutch oven cheese pizza



View of the Fallen Timbers campsite at Camp Hugh Taylor Birch in Yellow Springs, OH

After dinner, the Troop took a short drive to Yellow Springs, OH to enjoy some ice cream from Young's Dairy.



Young's Dairy



Everyone enjoying some ice cream

Backpacking Shawnee State Forest Friendship, OH

April

In order to help the Scouts prepare physically for the rigors of Philmont, the Troop set up several shakedown campouts. The first shakedown backpacking weekend was intended to be at Zaleski State Forest in March 2022 with the intent of hiking around 18 miles. Unfortunately, a late winter snowstorm cancelled the event. In April, the Troop planned a weekend backpacking trip to Shawnee State Forest, with the intent of hiking 20 miles. The plan was to camp at campsite 3 on Friday night, backpack to campsite 5 for Saturday evening, and return to the parking lot near campsite 3 on Sunday. However, the Scouts were able to only complete 10 miles, turning around halfway between campsites 4 and 5, returning to spend the night at campsite 4 on Saturday.



Campsite 3



Declan McGrath making breakfast



Waiting for the scrambled eggs to cook for breakfast



Breakfast time



Crew gear waiting to be divvied up



Filling up everyone's water bottles before starting the hike for the day



Property marker



Nate Booher



Ben Adkins



Hiking down the ridge line



On the trail



Taking a break



Side trail down to campsite 4, which is in a small wooded valley next to a stream



One of the many challenging uphill climbs



On the trail



The trail follows orange blazes



Ben Adkins taking a break



Trailside lunch break



Ben Adkins crossing a small stream next to the campsite



Petey Wilkens climbing up a tree so that he could do some pull up exercises



Ben Adkins using a log as a couch



Campsite 4



Declan McGrath and Petey Wilkens working on dinner



Petey Wilkens cooking dinner – pizza in a pot



There is a small stream next to the campsite



Ben Adkins



Everyone's clean utensils



Clean dishes after dinner



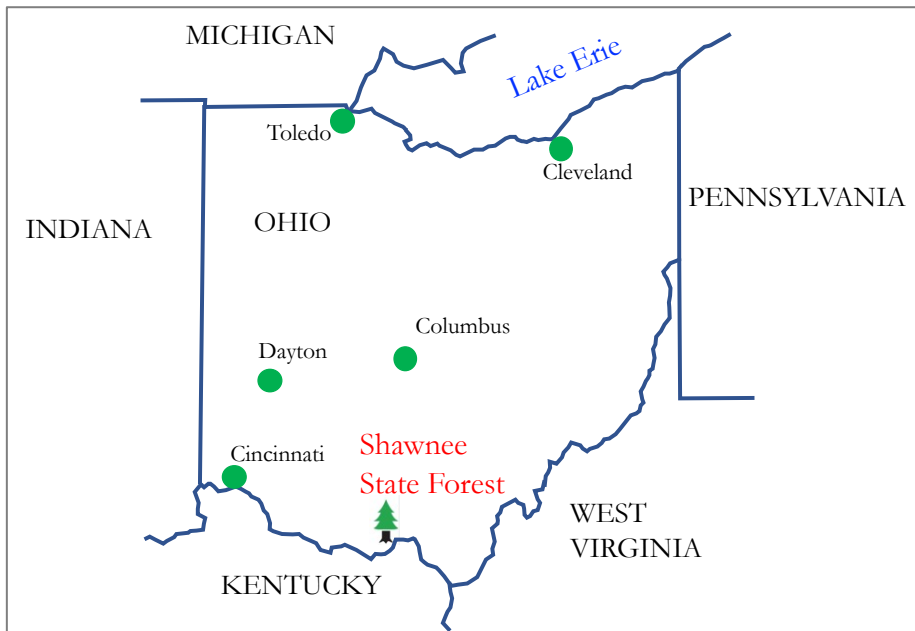
Declan McGrath, Ben Adkins



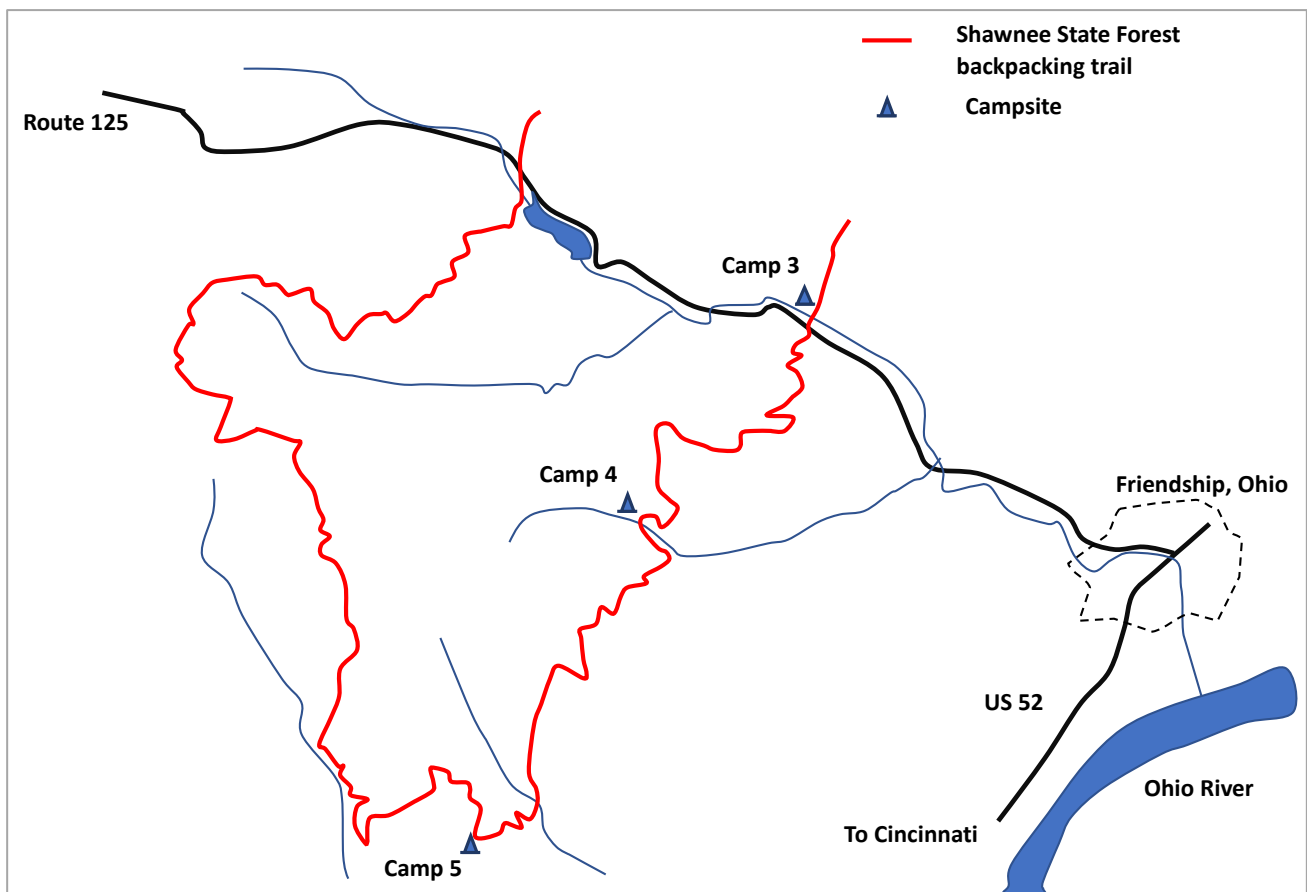
Petey Wilkens, Ben Adkins



Declan McGrath, Ben Adkins, Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens, Mr. McGrath, Nate Booher, Petey Wilkens
(Mr. Lohmueller is taking the picture)



Location of Shawnee State Forest



Shawnee State Forest Backpacking Trail map

Nathan Young Eagle Service Project Heritage Hill Elementary School Springdale, OH

April

For his Eagle project, Nathan Young installed a Gaga ball pit for the Heritage Hill Elementary School, located in Springdale, OH. The school already had purchased the wall of the pit, and Nathan procured the foundation material, then coordinated the installation of the pit on the school property.

The first step in the process was for Nathan to mark the circle where the Gaga pit was to be located.



The empty field before Nathan Young's project



Nathan Young marked the center of the pit with a stake



Using a string attached to the center stake and a can of spray paint, Nathan Young marked the circle where the Gaga pit was to be located



Scouts starting to remove the sod within the boundaries of where the Gaga ball pit was to be located



The scouts had to remove several inches of sod and dirt for the foundation of the Gaga ball pit



The scouts had to remove several inches of sod and dirt for the foundation of the Gaga ball pit



Making good progress



Making good progress



Taking a break. Travis Anglin, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Wesley Anglin, Austin Young, Alex Young, Samantha Young



Nathan Hoffman working on the last small spot of grass



Mr. Stroh, Mrs. Young, Nathan Hoffman, and Austin Young



Nathan Young checking on the work



Mr. Young working on the trench to add the border



The finished base, ready for the landscape fabric and gravel



Several scouts started to lay the landscape fabric while several others were finishing up the border



Several scouts started to lay the landscape fabric while several others were finishing up the border



Laying the landscape fabric



A front loader was used to deliver the gravel



Nathan Young observing the gravel being delivered



Finishing the landscape fabric



Several piles of gravel have been brought to the pit already



About half the gravel has been moved to the pit



Scouts used a tarp to drag the last bit of gravel to the pit



The gravel work is complete



The next step was to build the wall around the pit



Petey Wilkens and Travis Anglin assembling the wall



Assembling the wall. It turned out to be very difficult to get the wall together. The pieces did not fit well, so the scouts were sitting on it and holding it at different angles to try to get the posts in correctly. This took much longer than expected.



Assembling the wall



Working to finish the wall assembly



Once assembled, the wall had to be carried to the pit



Moving the wall into place



Fine tuning the placement of the wall



Mr. Young, Mrs. Young, Samantha Young, Nathan Young, Mr. Anglin, Alex Young, Austin Young, Travis Anglin, Luke Wilkens, Petey Wilkens, Mr. Wilkens, Mrs. Wilkens



Nathan Young with the finished Gaga ball pit



Samantha Young, Wesley Anglin, Alex Young, Nathan Young, and Travis Anglin getting ready to play the inaugural game of Gaga ball



Let the game begin



Some of the students who benefitted from Nathan's project, ready to start playing

Volunteering Evendale Fun Fest Evendale, OH

April

The Evendale Fun Fest is the main fundraiser for the Evendale Elementary School PTA. The funds generated from this event allow the PTA to assist the school and staff in providing for the students in numerous ways. Each year the Troop volunteers to help run some of the events.



Matt Schomaker, Aiden Fischesser



Nate Booher



Wesley Anglin



Nathan Young



Andrew Senter

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 2,380 bags and 72 cubic yards of bulk mulch, raising \$7,592 for the Scouts. The top sellers were Isaac Lohmueller and Declan McGrath. This year the Scouts had the opportunity to deliver on their own the mulch they sold, prior to the Troop delivery weekend. By delivering their own mulch, they would earn a higher profit. This significantly reduced the number of bags the Troop had to deliver on the weekend.



Travis Anglin



Petey Wilkens



Loading up Mr. Wilkens' truck and trailer



Loading up Mr. Wilkens' truck and trailer



James McConnell



James McConnell



Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller, Nathan Young, Travis Anglin, Samantha Young

Backpacking Shawnee State Forest Friendship, OH

May

This month the Troop organized a weekend backpacking trip as a practice shakedown hike for the Scouts heading to Philmont later in the year. The Troop went back to Shawnee State Forest. The Scouts spent Friday night at campsite 3 and Saturday night at campsite 5, completing 20 miles over the weekend.



Campsite 3 on the first night



Wesley Anglin and Declan McGrath working on breakfast



Declan McGrath cooking dehydrated scrambled eggs



Wesley Anglin cooking dehydrated scrambled eggs



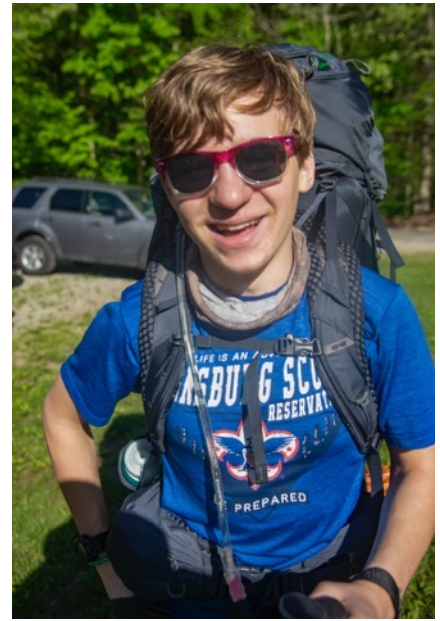
Toby Rainey and Ben Adkins making breakfast burritos



Nathan Young retrieving a pot that was thrown out with the dirty breakfast dishwater



Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, and Declan McGrath



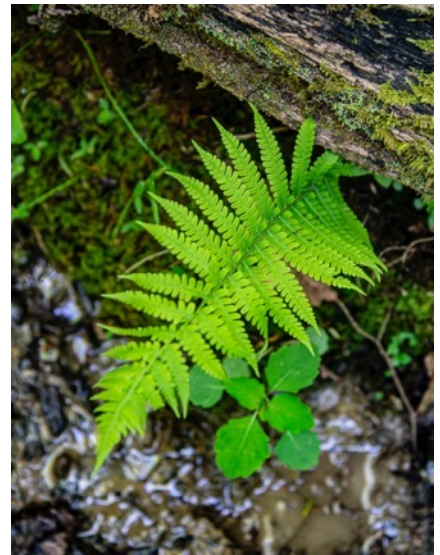
Petey Wilkens



Cherry millipede



Petey Wilkens filling the water purifier with water from a stream



Fern frond



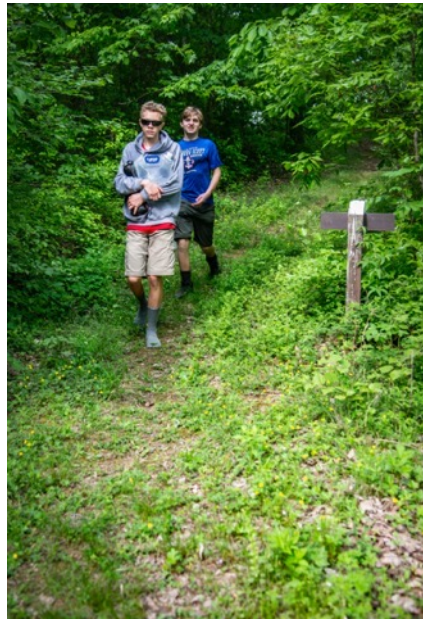
Lunch at campsite 4



Petey Wilkens attempting to do as many pushups in 1 minute as possible



Trailside break



Nathan Young and Petey Wilkens



Wesley Anglin



Petey Wilkens checking out the pictures he took on his camera



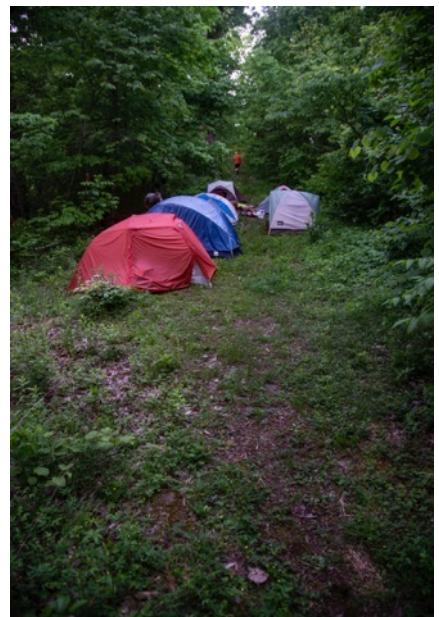
Dinner at campsite 5



Nate Booher



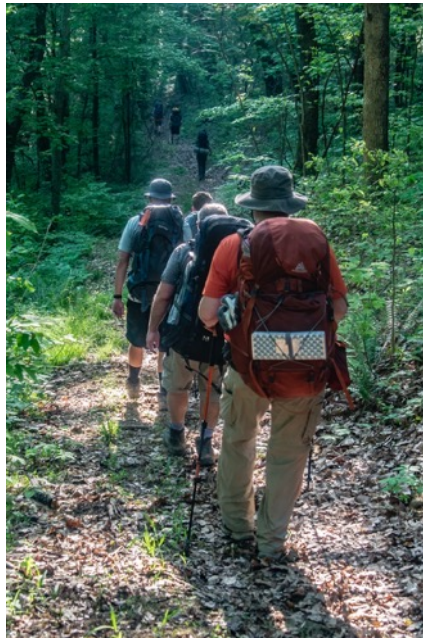
Ben Adkins waiting for the water to boil to start cleanup from dinner



Campsite 5 was very narrow and shallow



Nathan Young



View along the trail



Wesley Anglin and Ben Adkins crossing a stream



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



Climbing up one of the many hills on the hike



View along the trail



Down in the valley a section of the trail got a little muddy



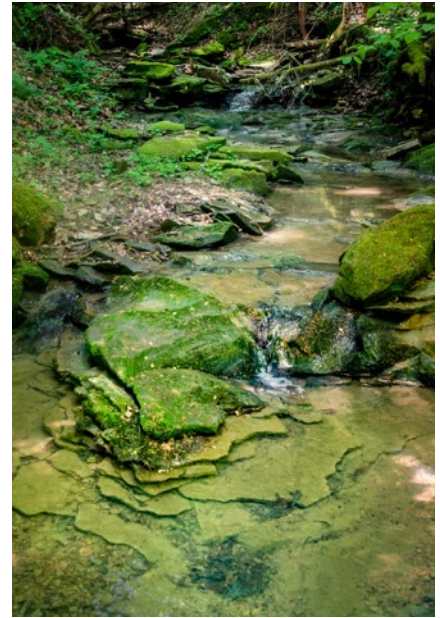
Nathan Young as the trail boss



Nathan Young leading the crew



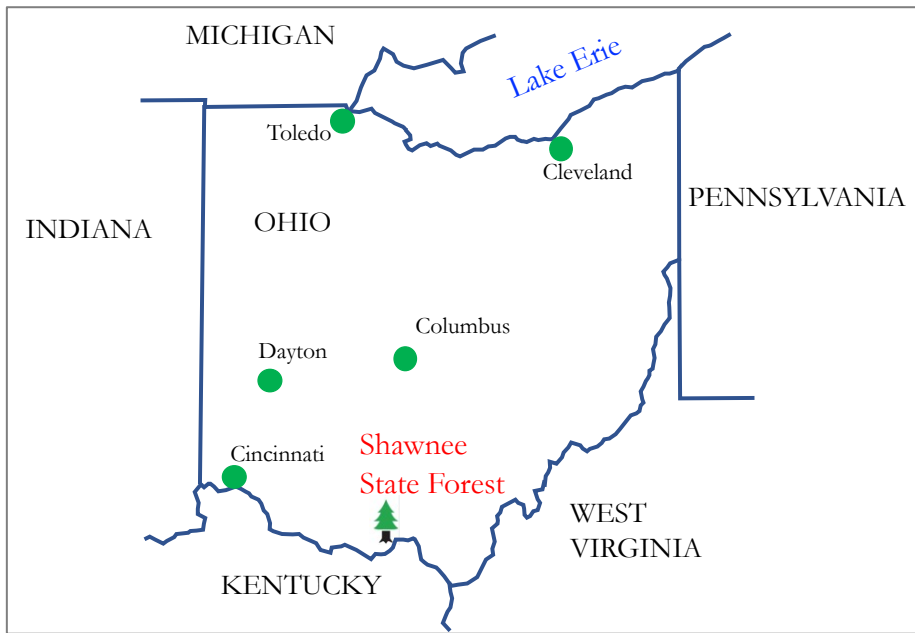
One of the downhill/uphill sections of trail as it passes through a ravine



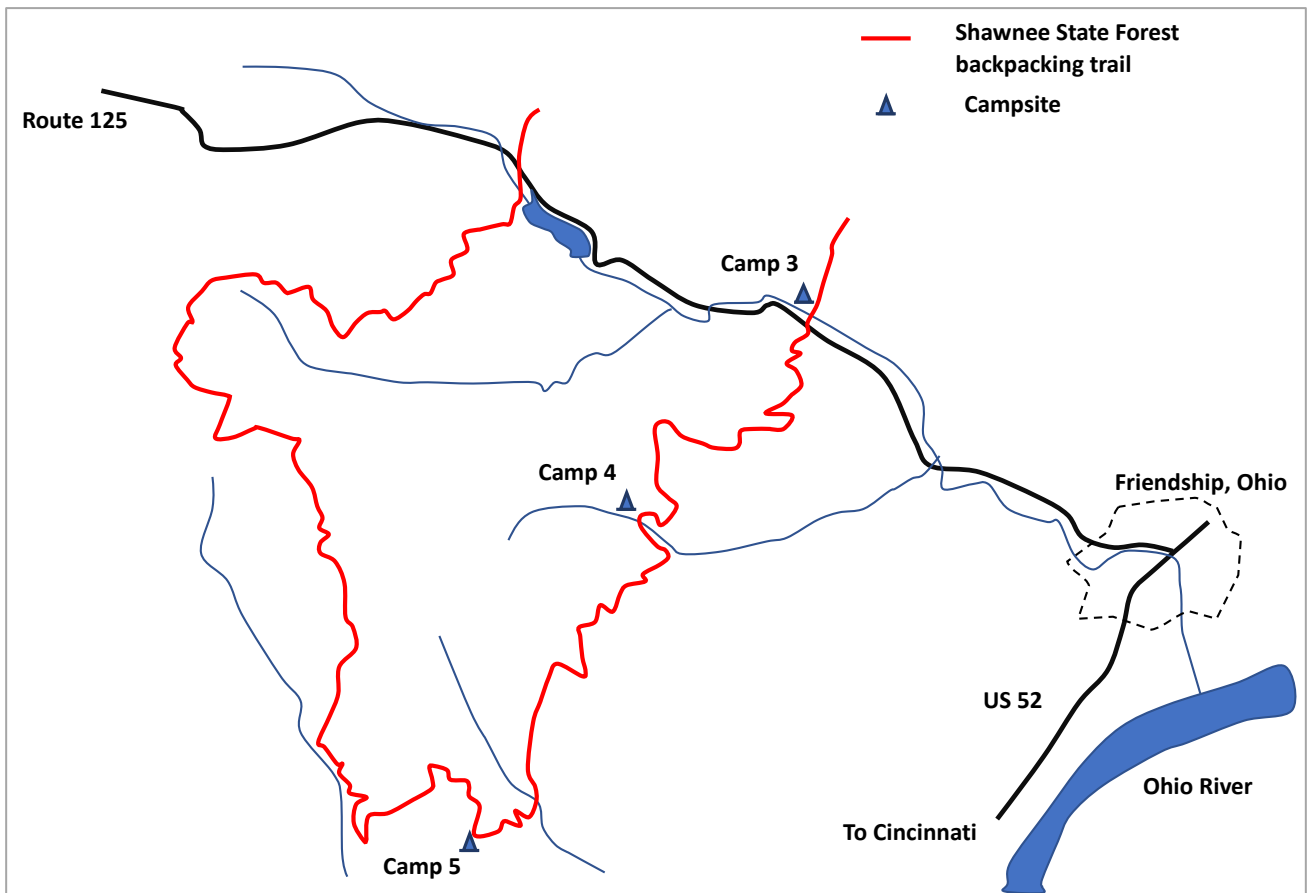
A small stream the trail crossed



For lunch on the way home the Troop stopped at Cruisers Diner



Location of Shawnee State Forest



Shawnee State Forest Backpacking Trail map

Flag ceremony Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

May

Gorman Heritage Farm flies a US flag outside its main office building and it was starting to get worn. The farm reached out to the Troop and asked if the Scouts could perform a flag retirement ceremony to replace the flag with a new US flag. The ceremony was short and respectful, with a new flag flying. Three Troop alumni, Adam Helwig, Nick Booher, and Matt Smeal, attended the event, and afterwards, they spent some time talking to the Scouts who were attending Philmont later that summer. The three alumni participated in a Troop trek to Philmont in 2016 and came to talk to the Troop about their experiences and to offer advice, encouragement, and guidance. Afterwards, the Troop took a hike for about 4 miles throughout the farm's property for physical training for those going to Philmont. The Scouts carried full backpacks on the hike.



The color guard preparing to start the ceremony.
Ben Adkins, Nathan Young, Joe Adkins, and Mr. Wilkens,
with Declan McGrath calling the commands



Color guard approaching the flagpole



Mr. Wilkens, Joe Adkins, and Ben Adkins preparing to raise the new flag while Nathan Young holds the old flag



Raising the new flag



Matt Smeal, Nick Booher, and Adam Helwig sharing their Philmont experiences with the Troop



Hiking across the Upper Meadow



Balou, Mr. Lohmueller, Mr. Wilkens, Mabel, Isaac Lohmueller, Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath, Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young, Toby Rainey, Nate Booher, Mr. McGrath

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, progresses over 2 miles through the 3 cities, and ends at Reading Cemetery in Reading.



Nathan Hoffman, Mr. Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Mr. Wilkens, Aiden Fischesser, Austin Young



Hiking along Wyoming Avenue in Lockland



Hiking up Benson Street in Reading



Nathan Hoffman



Hiking down Reading Road in Reading



Nathan Hoffman, Petey Wilkens, Austin Young, Aiden Fischesser



Nathan Hoffman, Petey Wilkens, Austin Young, Aiden Fischesser

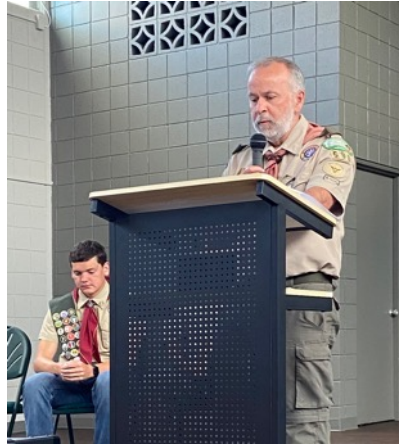
Nick Stroh Eagle Court of Honor Bell Tower Arts Pavilion Evendale, OH

May

Nick Stroh is Troop 598's 72nd Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Nick relocated a donated gazebo and created a proper foundation for the gazebo at Gorman Heritage Farm.



Scoutmaster Mr. Lohmueller, Nick Stroh, Assistant Scoutmaster Mr. McGrath



Mr. McGrath



Brother and Eagle Scout, Matt Stroh



Matt Stroh invited all Eagle Scouts to stand and rededicate themselves to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law



Nick Stroh sharing his thoughts



Nick Stroh presented the Mentor pin to Mr. McGrath



Nick Stroh is presented with the Eagle neckerchief



Nick Stroh, Troop 598's 72nd Eagle Scout

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.



Petey Wilkens and Isaac Lohmueller getting a fire started Friday evening



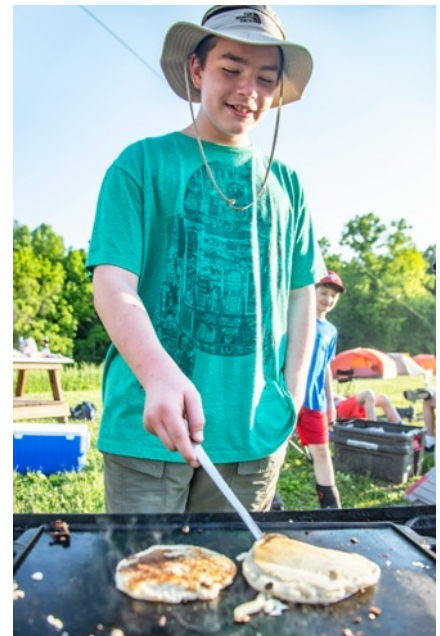
Campsite for the weekend



James McConnell, Aiden Fischesser, and Nathan Hoffman



Nathan Hoffman and Travis Anglin making breakfast



Travis Anglin



Gavin Downing tossing a football while waiting for breakfast



James McConnell, Travis Anglin, Nathan Hoffman, and Aiden Fischesser



Jake Patrick tossing a football while waiting for breakfast



Everyone getting their gear on



Before climbing everyone had to complete the practice course under the watchful eye of the climbing guide



James McConnell



Gavin Downing



Travis Anglin



Nathan Hoffman



Isaac Lohmueller



Ben Adkins



Aiden Fischesser



Petey Wilkens



Mr. Wilkens



Once everyone completed the practice wall it was time to start climbing



Petey Wilkens



The initial climb to the top of Course 1



Tommy Anderson and Travis Anglin



Ben Adkins, Isaac Lohmueller, Aiden Fischesser, and Tommy Anderson



Group of scouts on Course 2



The end of Course 1



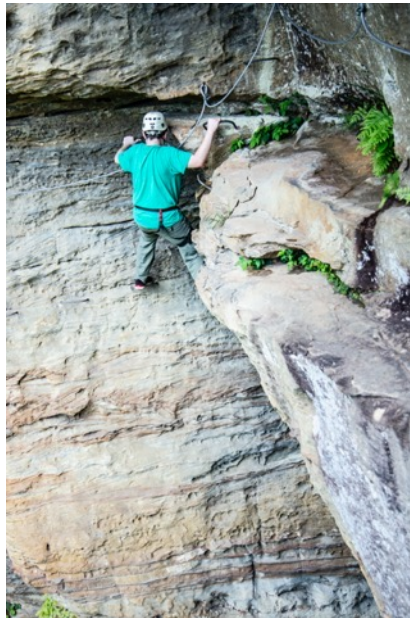
Aiden Fischesser



End of Course 2



Aiden Fischesser



Travis Anglin



Tommy Anderson and Travis Anglin



Ben Adkins, Isaac Lohmueller



Travis starting up Course 3



Eastern fence lizard



Petey Wilkens tackling Course 4



Gavin Downing, James McConnell, Mrs. Lohmueller, Mr. Wilkens



Petey Wilkens on Course 4



Scouts on the beginning of Course 4



Scouts on Course 4



Gavin Downing, James McConnell on Course 3



Travis Anglin on Course 3 looking down the gorge



Nathan Hoffman, Jake Patrick, Ben Adkins, Isaac Lohmueller on Course 4



Nathan Hoffman, Jake Patrick, Ben Adkins, Isaac Lohmueller



Gavin Downing, James McConnell, Mrs. Lohmueller, Mr. Wilkens on Course 3



Aiden Fischesser on Course 4



Travis Anglin



Travis Anglin climbing down the ladder



Aiden Fischesser



Aiden Fischesser on Course 4



View of Courses 5 and 6



Aiden Fischesser on Course 4



Aiden Fischesser on the tight rope between Courses 5 and 6



Aiden Fischesser



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



View of Course 4 from Course 2



James McConnell, Aiden Fischesser, and Gavin Downing starting Course 4



James McConnell



Gavin Downing



Aiden Fischesser



Gavin Downing



Aiden Fischesser



View of the end of Course 2 and the beginning of Course 3



View of Course 2 and 3



Gavin Downing



Gavin Downing on Course 5



Gavin Downing



Gavin Downing



Gavin Downing



Gavin Downing



Ben Adkins and Jake Patrick



Petey Wilkens



Travis Anglin



Ben Adkins and Isaac Lohmueller playing chess



Petey Wilkens cooking cobbler for dessert at dinner time



Petey Wilkens digging into the cobbler



The Scouts spent the evening hanging out in the activity Quonset hut and played some games. Petey Wilkens and Isaac Lohmueller playing table tennis



Jake Patrick leading a game of JP&D



In the morning, the scouts played some football



Mr. Lohmueller, Isaac Lohmueller, James McConnell, Travis Anglin, Tommy Anderson (guest), Gavin Downing, Jake Patrick, Aiden Fischesser, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman, Ben Adkins, Mr. Wilkens

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 Yosemite.



Gavin Downing



Andrew Senter



Nathan Young



Camp-wide flag lowering before dinner



Before each meal the Troops are given a scenario to act out. Those who act out the best get to go into the dining hall first.



Yosemite campsite



Excitedly waiting for the campfire program to start



The staff puts on a campfire program Sunday evening



The staff puts on a campfire program Sunday evening



Lining up for flags before lunch



Mr. Wilkens, Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Joe Adkins



Travis Anglin, Nathan Hoffman, James McConnell, Mr. Wilkens



The Troop was assigned two tables for meals in the tent



Gavin Downing



Joe Adkins, Gavin Downing



Travis Anglin



View of the campsite



James McConnell at the Gaga ball pit



Austin Young, Pety Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman, and Wesley Anglin playing Magic the Gathering



At the flag poles for flag lowering before dinner time



James McConnell, Joe Adkins, Nathan Hoffman



Morning flag raising at the campsite



Travis Anglin, Austin Young



Joe Adkins, Nathan Hoffman, Austin Young



Nathan Young



Gavin Downing



James McConnell



James McConnell

On Tuesday evening the camp staff hosts a Magic the Gathering tournament in the dining hall



About 40 scouts participated in the tournament



Andrew Senter



Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Joe Adkins, Gavin Downing



Travis Anglin, Austin Young, and Nathan Hoffman watching Petey Wilkens play



Nathan Young



Gavin Downing



Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Joe Adkins, Wesley Anglin, Gavin Downing



Austin Young, Andrew Senter, Travis Anglin



Morning flag raising in the campsite



Breakfast time



Jake Patrick waiting for his merit badge class to start



Andrew Senter, Austin Young



Austin Young, Nathan Young, and Wesley Anglin



Nathan Young in Woodcarving Merit Badge



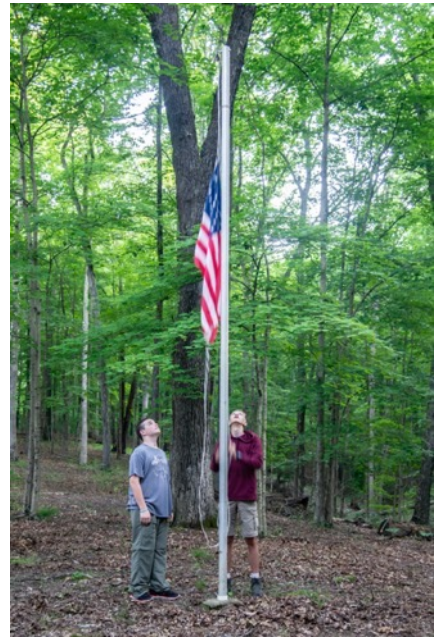
Travis Anglin, Gavin Downing



Joe Adkins, Nathan Hoffman



Jake Patrick



Morning flag raising. Travis Anglin, Nathan Young



Gavin Downing, Austin Young, Wesley Anglin, Nathan Hoffman, Jake Patrick



Evening flag lowering in the campsite



Austin Young



Mr. Wilkens



Scouts listening to safety instructions before open archery



Travis Anglin, Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman, and Gavin Downing during open archery



James McConnell and Travis Anglin during open archery



Retrieving arrows



James McConnell during open archery



Austin Young, Wesley Anglin, Joe Adkins during open archery



Austin Young, Wesley Anglin, Joe Adkins in open archery



Mr. Lohmueller and Mr. Wilkens participating in the adult archery competition. Mr. Lohmueller came in second place.



Petey Wilkens



Gavin Downing



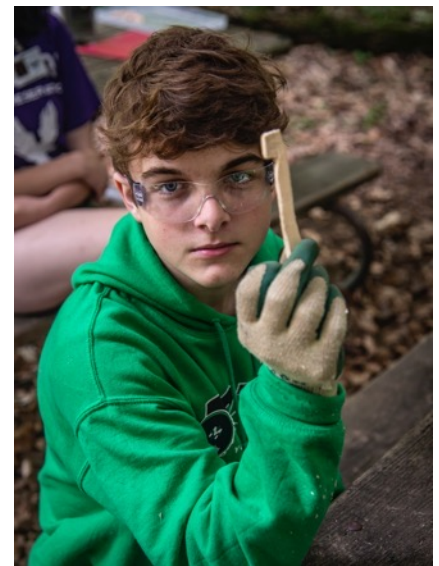
Gavin Downing



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Andrew Senter



Jake Patrick



Petey Wilkens, Wesley Anglin



Gavin Downing in First Aid Merit Badge



Lining up at the flag poles for lunch.



Scouts attending Catholic mass on Wednesday evening, with Jake Patrick doing a reading



James McConnell, Joe Adkins, Jake Patrick



Petey Wilkens, Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young



Waiting for the pizza to arrive



Staff have Wednesday evening off. Each Troop is responsible for their own dinner. The Troop brought in pizza.

To complete Communications Merit Badge, Wesley Anglin had to plan a campfire program and serve as master of ceremonies. He did this on Wednesday evening and invited Troop 1598 to join the program.



Getting the campfire set up



Joe Adkins preparing charcoal for the Dutch oven cobbler



Petey Wilkens teaching James McConnell, Tempe Nolte, and Meredith Harris how to make Dutch oven cobbler.



Petey Wilkens teaching Andrew Senter and Samantha Young how to make Dutch oven cobbler



Petey Wilkens, Travis Anglin



Nathan Young, Eva Casto



Wesley Anglin led a campfire program



Campfire program



Mr. Lohmueller and Mr. Wilkens doing the “Cool and Creamy” skit



Digging into the cobblers after the campfire program



Digging into the cobblers after the campfire program



Some of the Scouts started Magic the Gathering games after the campfire program



Gavin Downing playing Gaga ball



Austin Young, Gavin Downing



View of the lake front



Ransburg sign on the main office



Nathan Young



Andrew Senter



Gavin Downing



Petey Wilkens, working to get the highest score for number of pull-ups in a minute in Personal Fitness Merit Badge



Joe Adkins, seeing how many sit-ups he could do in a minute for Personal Fitness Merit Badge



Wesley Anglin and Petey Wilkens heading off to Horsemanship Merit Badge



Petey Wilkens



Wesley Anglin



Wesley Anglin



Petey Wilkens



Wesley Anglin



Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens waiting for the morning's SPL meeting to start



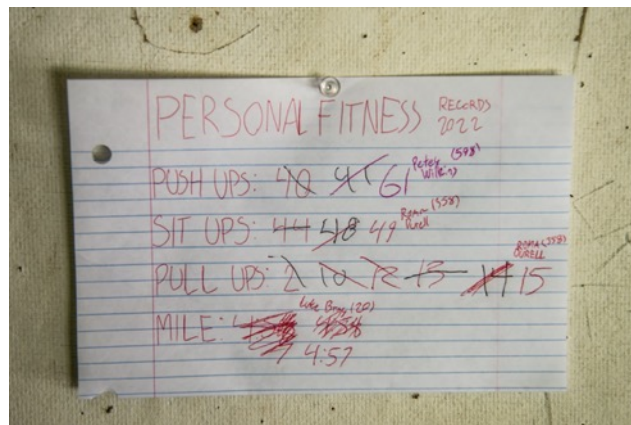
Morning flag raising in the Troop's campsite



Austin Young



Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens earned the top score in Personal Fitness Merit Badge for most push-ups in a minute at 61.



Petey Wilkens



Gavin Downing, James McConnell



Camp-wide flag lowering before dinner

On Thursday evening the staff hosts a triathlon competition. The race consists of canoeing, running, bike riding, and another leg of running. Petey Wilkens and Wesley Anglin competed in the race this year.



Getting ready to start the race.



Petey Wilkens and Wesley Anglin completing the canoeing leg of the race



Petey Wilkens



Wesley Anglin



Petey Wilkens making it to the top of Heart Attack Hill



Wesley Anglin making it to the top of Heart Attack Hill, with Mr. Lohmueller cheering him on.



Petey Wilkens crossing the finish line



Wesley Anglin crossing the finish line, with a squad from Troops 598 and 1598 cheering him on



Petey Wilkens and Wesley Anglin



Nathan Young at Woodcarving Merit Badge



Gavin Downing



Flag raising before breakfast



Nathan Hoffman



Petey Wilkens playing Gaga ball



Gavin Downing playing Gaga ball



Nathan Hoffman slept in a wilderness shelter for Wilderness Survival Merit Badge



For service, the Troop helped move a log out of the Scoutcraft area



For service, the Troop helped clean up the Cooking Merit Badge gear at the end of the week



Travis Anglin doing service time cleaning the Cooking Merit Badge stoves



Nathan Hoffman doing service time cleaning the Cooking Merit Badge stoves



Travis Anglin and Andrew Senter doing service time cleaning the Cooking Merit Badge stoves



Petey Wilkens working with the Camp Chaplain to earn the Duty to God patch



Nathan Hoffman, Jake Patrick, and James McConnell hanging out in camp



This year the Troop was assigned dining tables in the annex tent



Gavin Downing

On Friday evening the staff hosted a closing campfire program.



Waiting to be led into the campfire ring for the closing campfire program



Heading into the campfire ring for the closing campfire program



James McConnell



James McConnell, Gavin Downing



Closing campfire program



Saturday breakfast



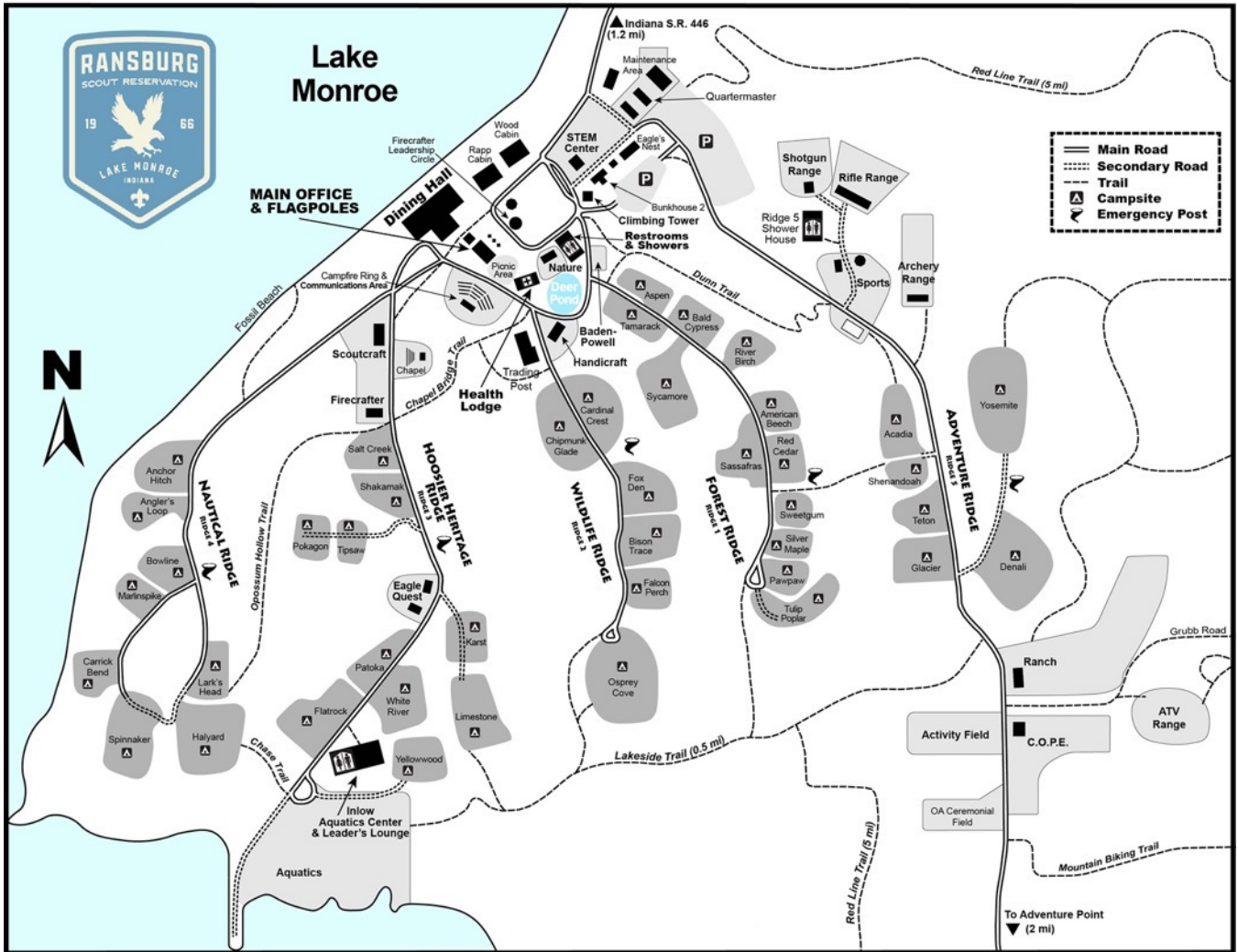
Saturday breakfast



Mr. Lohmueller, Jake Patrick, Travis Anglin, Austin Young, Wesley Anglin, Joe Adkins, Nathan Hoffman, James McConnell, Petey Wilkens, Mr. Anglin, Gavin Downing, Nathan Young, Andrew Senter, Mr. Wilkens, Mr. Downing



Circle time back at the Bell Tower Arts Pavilion for sharing final thoughts



Map of Camp Ransburg



This year's participation patch and Duty to God patch

High Adventure Trek Philmont Scout Ranch Cimarron, NM

June

As part of the Troop's high adventure program, the Scouts took a 2-week trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. The Scouts backpacked 63.6 miles over the course of the trip through the rugged mountains of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.



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

The Troop drove to Galesburg, Illinois, and picked up the Amtrak train. They rode the train overnight to Raton, NM, which is near Philmont. The Scouts rode a bus from Raton to Philmont.



The Southwest Chief upon arrival



Boarding the train



Wesley Anglin, Declan McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey



Arrival in Raton, New Mexico

Trek day 1: Base Camp

The first day at Philmont was focused on getting checked in, getting gear and food, meeting the Ranger that was assigned to the crew, and getting everything packed, ready to head out into the backcountry the following day.



Tent City at Base Camp for incoming crews



Opening campfire program



Youth leaders taking pledge to serve their crew well

Trek day 2: Base Camp to Bent Campsite

From Base Camp the Scouts took the bus to the Ponil Trailhead to start the trek.



Leaving the trailhead down the Middle Ponil Canyon



Crossing the South Ponil Creek

The Scouts stopped at the Ponil staff camp for several activities. The Scouts were able to try their hand at lassoing as they rounded up a herd of “cows”. The Scouts could also get items branded. Lastly, the Scouts were able to enjoy a cold glass of root beer in the cantina.



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young



Ben Adkins



Waiting to get something branded



Inside the cantina



Break time along the trail to the first night's campsite



Petey Wilkens trying his hand in hanging the bear rope



Petey Wilkens and the crew's ranger, Reese

Trek day 3: Bent Camp to Dan Beard Camp



View of the camp at Bent



Hiking up Middle Ponil Canyon



Break time



Bonita Canyon



Arriving at Dan Beard Camp



Reese giving instructions while waiting for the rain to stop



Part of the program activity at Dan Beard Camp involved a variety of team building games





Sam Noble vs. Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young vs. Declan McGrath

Trek day 4: Dan Beard Camp to North Ponil Camp



Starting the day



Reese giving his motivational Ranger speech about the value of wilderness and how everyone can work to preserve it



Heading to the staff cabin in the morning before leaving camp



Nathan Young cleaning up from breakfast Climbing “The Thighmaster” out of Bonita Canyon enroute to North Ponil Camp



View looking north into the Valle Vidal region of the Carson National Forest



Enroute to North Ponil Camp

After setting up camp at North Ponil, the Scouts took a short hike to the mountain biking program area. Unfortunately, the biking was closed, as a scout had been injured just a bit before the Troop arrived, so the staff were busy taking care of that Scout. The Scouts then hiked a bit further to Metcalf Station, where they learned a bit about the history of railroading in the area and got the chance to ride on a pump car down the railroad tracks.



A view of the rail line through the canyon at Metcalf Station



Checking out the railroad museum



Paul demonstrating how to operate a pump car



Ben Adkins, Nate Booher, Declan McGrath, and Wesley Anglin are the first to operate the pump car



Preparing for the impending rainstorm



Sam Noble and Toby Rainey making dinner

Trek day 5: North Ponil Camp to Ponil Camp



View of the campsite from the bear bags



Eating area in Camp around the dining fly



Mr. Lohmueller giving Declan McGrath a lesson on using a compass



Hiking down the North Ponil Canyon



Hiking down the road with Baldy on the horizon



Declan McGrath checking the map



Hiking down through Horse Canyon



Lunch break



Ben Adkins crossing Middle Ponil Creek



View of the crew's campsite



Declan McGrath, Nate Booher, and Wesley Anglin checking out the swap box



One of the program activities at Ponil Camp was a chuckwagon dinner. The entire camp ate a chili dinner together.



Crew enjoying a round of root beer at the cantina before the cantina show



Cantina show

Trek day 6: Ponil Camp to Flume Canyon Camp



Packing up in the morning after breakfast



On the trail to Flume Canyon campsite

The Scouts arrived at Flume Canyon Camp around lunch time. In the afternoon, they decided to take a short hike to Pueblano Camp to see if they could do any of the program activities there. They were able to get a lesson in how railroad ties were historically made, and then each Scout got a chance to try their hand at making ties.



Staff cabin at Pueblano Camp



Wesley Anglin



Back at camp, the scouts took the opportunity to use the nearby stream to wash their clothes. Ben Adkins and Toby Rainey volunteered to do the laundry.

Wesley Anglin, Declan McGrath



Cooking dinner



Dinner

Trek day 7: Flume Canyon Camp to Rich Cabins Camp



The view of the campsite at sunrise



Hiking across Wilson Mesa, with Baldy Mountain shrouded in clouds in the background



Sam Noble opening the gate in the fence



Break in the storm



Hiking down from Wilson Mesa



Hiking up Middle Ponil Canyon to Rich Cabins Camp



Rich Cabins Camp



One of the activities at camp was candle making



View of Rich Cabins Camp



Crew's campsite

The program at Rich Cabins focuses on homesteading. Due to the rain throughout the day, most of the activities were cancelled. In the evening, there was a program to introduce the Scouts with chores required on a farm to take care of the animals..



Sam Noble, Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Ben Adkins and a goat



Ben Adkins and Sam Noble corralling the chickens into their hen house



Nathan Young mucking the animal pen



Petey Wilkens with the piglets



Staff hosting the porch show in the evening

Trek day 8: Rich Cabins Camp to Baldy Skyline Camp



Sunrise. A welcome sight after the previous day of rain



Heading up to the staff cabin for breakfast



Hiking across Wilson Mesa



View across Wilson Mesa with Baldy Mountain



Taking a break at Pueblano Camp



Mr. Lohmueller working with Sam Noble on reading the map



Sam Noble conferring with Mr. McGrath on the crew's location



Starting the climb out of Middle Ponil Canyon up to Wilson Mesa



Passing through a small meadow on the way up to the Baldy Skyline



Elaborate switch back on the trail up to Baldy Skyline



Tying the bear bags off to the trees



Lashing loppers to hiking poles



Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, and Nathan Young purifying water



Declan McGrath and Ben Adkins cooking dinner



Petey Wilkens, Sam Noble, Nathan Young cleaning dishes



Doing the sump dance

Trek day 9: Baldy Skyline Camp to Copper Park Camp



Petey Wilkens getting his bearings before starting the day's hiking



Hiking down the road with a view of Baldy. The crew had started down this road and within a few minutes realized they were on the wrong trail



Taking a break on the staff cabin porch



Isaac Lohmueller heading up to the staff cabin



Panoramic view of Ute Creek Canyon, which extends from Baldy Mountain on the right to the open plains off in the distance on the left. The road leads into Baldy Town.

The Scouts passed through Baldy Town Camp and were able to pick up the next batch of food. After eating lunch there, the Scouts continued on the way to French Henry, where they were able to try panning for gold, do black smithing, and go on a mine tour. After French Henry, they went to Copper Park Camp for the night.



Hiking down the road towards Baldy Town



Dividing up the meals after a resupply



Hiking out of Baldy Town on the way to Copper Park Camp



Staff member explaining how to pan for gold



The crew had the chance to pan for gold



Listening to instructions at the blacksmith forge



Sam Noble



The butter knife that the Scouts made



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



Mine entrance



Staff member explaining how mines were dug



View looking towards the entrance of the mine



Hanging out while waiting for dinner to cook



Wesley Anglin and Ben Adkins doing dinner dishes



Climbing “The Wall” to Copper Park Camp



Colorful skies as the crew approached Copper Park Camp



Taking a break after finishing “The Wall”



The crew highlighting the extra water they carried up “The Wall” to Copper Park

Trek day 10: Summiting Baldy Mountain



Crew’s campsite at Copper Park Camp



Early morning view of Baldy Mountain



Hanging the bear bags before leaving camp



Hiking up the trail to Baldy Mountain



Ben Adkins and Declan McGrath checking the crew's location



Taking a break in a small clearing along the trail



View of Baldy



A rock cairn marked the trail to the summit



Another steep section of trail



Panoramic view of Baldy and the surrounding wilderness. The green meadow at the base of Baldy is Copper Park

Throughout the morning, there was intermittent rain, with the summit of Baldy Mountain covered in clouds. Near the summit there is an old abandoned mining shed. The Troop stopped for lunch there, hoping that the clouds would clear. After a while, the Scouts acknowledged that the weather wasn't breaking any time soon, so they started the hike down the mountain back to Copper Park Camp. Once back in camp the sun came out for about an hour. Late in the afternoon it started to rain, and the rain continued for the rest of the day.



A flat section of trail before the final ascent



The crew ate lunch next to an abandoned mining shed

Trek day 11: Copper Park Camp to Miranda Camp



Rainy morning



Tearing down camp – using the tent fly to keep the tent body dry



Hiking in the rain



Ben Adkins, Wesley Anglin



Nathan Young



On the road back to Baldy Town Camp



Inside the trader's tent demonstration



Working as a team to set up everyone's tents



Hanging out under the dining fly

Trek day 12: Miranda Camp to Base Camp



Hiking up to the staff cabin



Hiking up to the staff cabin



Conservation staff gave a conservation talk in lieu of service time



View of the Miranda Camp meadow from the staff cabin



Getting out of the rain into the teepee



Sam Noble negotiating for a beef stick that Ben Adkins found in the swap box



Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath, Sam Noble



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



The Same Shirt For The Entire Trek club: Wesley Anglin, Declan McGrath, Sam Noble, Mr. McGrath



Waiting for the bus to come



Nathan Young, Wesley Anglin, Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey, and Petey Wilkens



Staff hosting the closing campfire program



Closing campfire program

Heading home

After getting all the crew gear cleaned and turned in to Base Camp, the Scouts took a shuttle bus into the neighboring town, Cimarron. The Scouts went to a restaurant for lunch, and then an ice cream shop for dessert. Afterwards, they headed back to Base Camp to catch a shuttle bus back to Raton to catch the train.



Lunch in town



The crew went to the Cree-Mee Drive In for dessert



Chocolate chip Cree-Mee



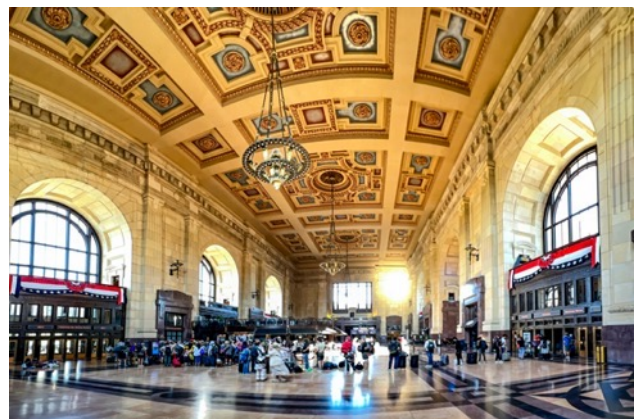
The arrival of the Southwest Chief



Toby Rainey, Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller, Wesley Anglin



On the platform heading to grab the crew's gear



Inside the train terminal

The day before the Troop was scheduled to leave Philmont there was an Amtrak train accident east of Kansas City on the route the Troop would be taking. The accident shut the track down. Amtrak was able to run through to Kansas City and then had to bus the passengers to their final destinations.



Petey Wilkens being interviewed by a local news reporter about the trip to Philmont and the impact of the train accident on the Scouts' travel plans



Getting on the bus for the ride to Galesburg, IL



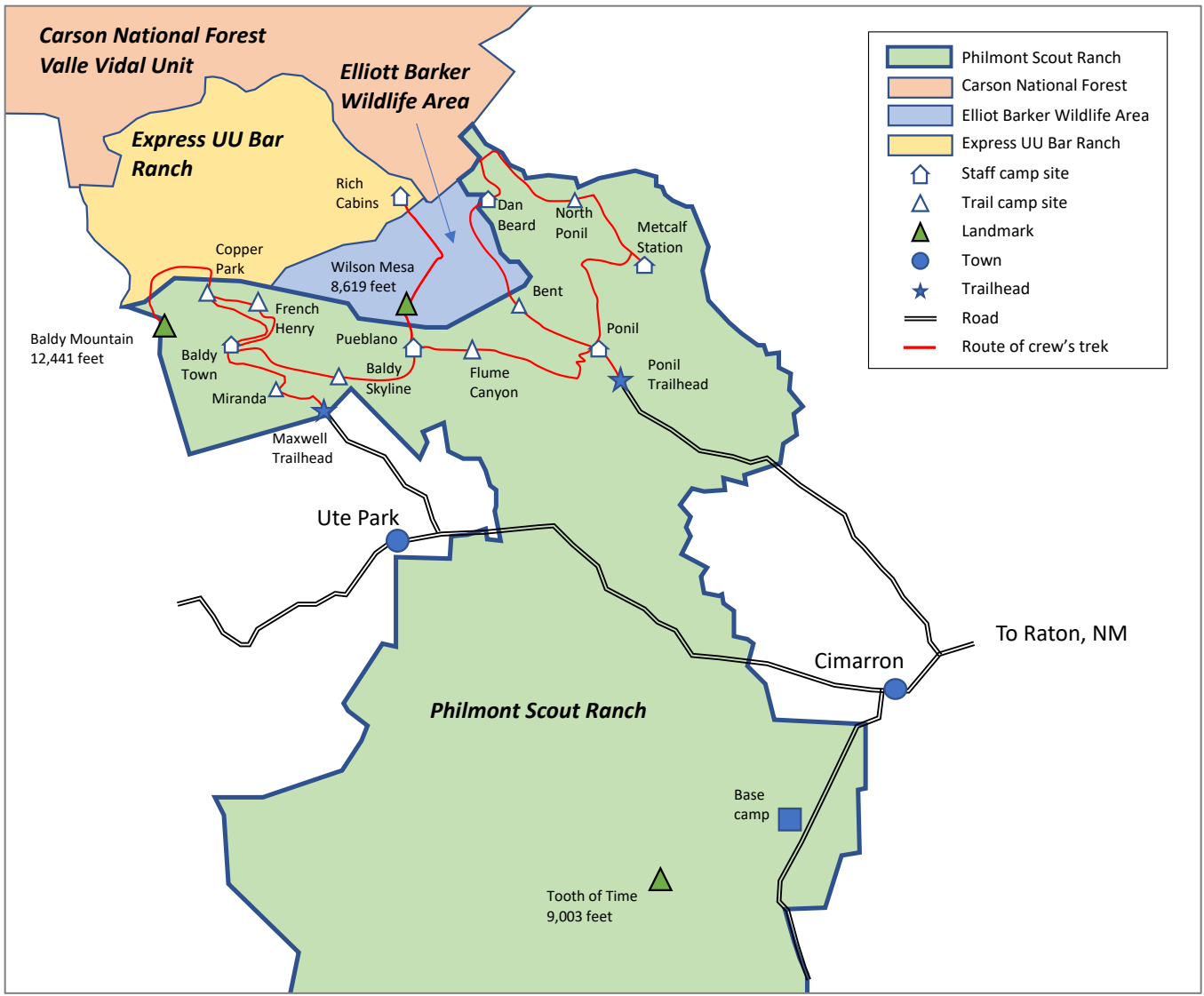
Picking up lunch in Fort Madison, Iowa



One last shot before starting the drive home – Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey, Sam Noble, Mr. Wilkens



Map of Amtrak's Southwest Chief train



Map of Philmont showing route of trek



Patches earned by the Scouts at Philmont

Caving

Marengo Cave

Marengo, Indiana

July

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 Waterfall Crawl wild cave tour and then the Crystal Palace and Dripstone Trail walking tours.



The Troop stayed in the campground at Marengo Cave Friday and Saturday evenings



Making breakfast



Mr. Anglin, Nathan Hoffman, Gavin Downing, Travis Anglin, James McConnell, tour guide, Wesley Anglin, Austin Young



James McConnell



Nathan Hoffman



After showers, the scouts had some time to spend before the walking tours



Gavin Downing, Wesley Anglin, Austin Young waiting for the tour to start



Scouts checking out the cave structures



Scouts checking out the cave structures



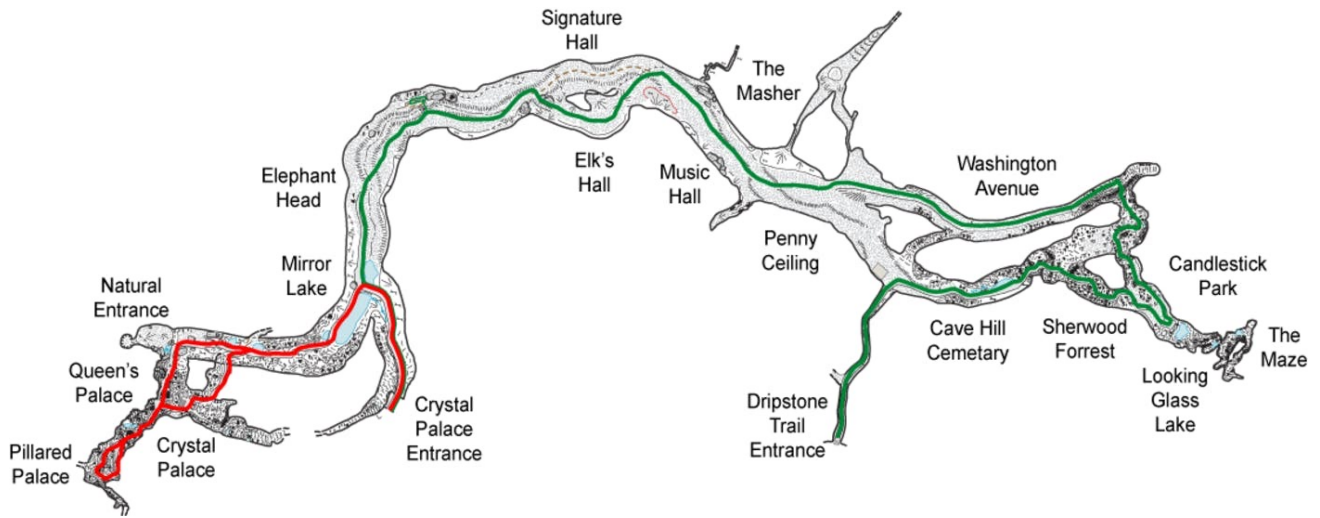
Scouts checking out the cave structures



Hanging out on the porch after the tour



Dinner time



Map of the Crystal Palace and Dripstone Trail tours

Canoeing Campout Little Miami River Evendale, OH

August

The Troop put into the river in Morrow, OH and canoed 2.6 miles Friday evening to a campsite right on the river. On Saturday, the Scouts canoed 13.8 miles down to the Izaak Walton League in Loveland, OH, where they spent the night. On Sunday, the Scouts canoed down to the Kelley Nature Preserve near Miami, OH. Over the weekend, the Scouts canoed 21.2 miles.

The Izaak Walton League provided the canoes for free and only asked that the Scouts help pick up trash while canoing down the river. The Scouts weren't too engaged in picking up trash until Travis Anglin found an old tire that he pulled from a gravel bed and put in the canoe to haul out to the trash. In the end, the Scouts removed 4 tires, 2 chairs, and several large garbage bags of trash from along the river.



Starting the trip down river at Morrow, OH



Floating down the river



Ben Adkins, Mrs. Adkins



Getting close to the campsite as the sun starts to set



The morning started out with a thick fog



The campsite was just a large field next to the river



Travis Anglin heating water for breakfast



In line for hot water for oatmeal



Travis Anglin serving up his dad



The scouts played frisbee while waiting for the adults to drive the gear to the next campsite



Travis Anglin, Matt Schomaker, and Aiden Fischesser vying to catch the frisbee



Matt Schomaker



Joe Adkins



Travis Anglin



Aiden Fischesser



Mr. Anglin



Matt Schomaker



Joe Adkins



Aiden Fischesser



Travis Anglin



Putting in on Saturday morning: Matt Schomaker, Aiden Fischesser, Travis Anglin, Mr. Anglin, Mrs. Adkins, Joe Adkins, Mr. Wilkens, (Mr. Lohmueller taking the picture)



Back on the river Saturday morning



Aiden Fischesser, Matt Schomaker



Travis Anglin retrieving an old tire from the side of the river



Travis Anglin proudly bringing his find back to the canoe



Matt Schomaker showing off his trash find – an old chair



Mr. Anglin, Travis Anglin



Floating down the river



Mr. Wilkens solo canoeing, with a large stash of trash



Matt Schomaker, Travis Anglin having lunch riverside



Matt Schomaker, Aiden Fischesser



Mr. Wilkens



Mrs. Adkins, Joe Adkins



The river wasn't flowing too high, and the canoes frequently got stuck in shallow rapids



Matt "Single Feather" Shomaker



The front of Mr. Lohmueller's canoe



Bald eagle



Aiden Fischesser and Mr. Wilkens pulling the canoes off the river Saturday afternoon



All the trash the Scouts hauled off the river



Jake Patrick was able to join the Troop Saturday afternoon. Here, he is working the winch to pull the canoes up the bank of the river at the Izaak Walton League



Travis Anglin and Matt Schomaker making dinner



Joe Adkins and Jake Patrick cleaning dinner dishes in the Izaak Walton League's lodge



Aiden Fischesser, Travis Anglin making dinner



Aiden Fischesser, Travis Anglin making dinner



Aiden Fischesser making mac and cheese



Jake Patrick and Joe Adkins hanging out waiting for dinner



Travis Anglin, Jake Patrick, Joe Adkins, Aiden Fischesser, and Matt Schomaker having dinner



Campsite at the Izaak Walton League



Sunday morning was sunny and calm



On Sunday, the Scouts were able to use several kayaks



Travis Anglin and Joe Adkins pulling a kayak down the ramp



Matt "Single Feather" Schomaker



Jake Patrick, Joe Adkins, Matt Schomaker, Travis Anglin, Aiden Fischesser , Mr. Wilkens (Mr. Lohmueller taking the picture)



View down river of the Scouts ahead



Jake Patrick



Travis Anglin



Matt Schomaker, Aiden Fischesser, Jake Patrick



Joe Adkins



Mr. Wilkens



Travis Anglin



View looking down stream



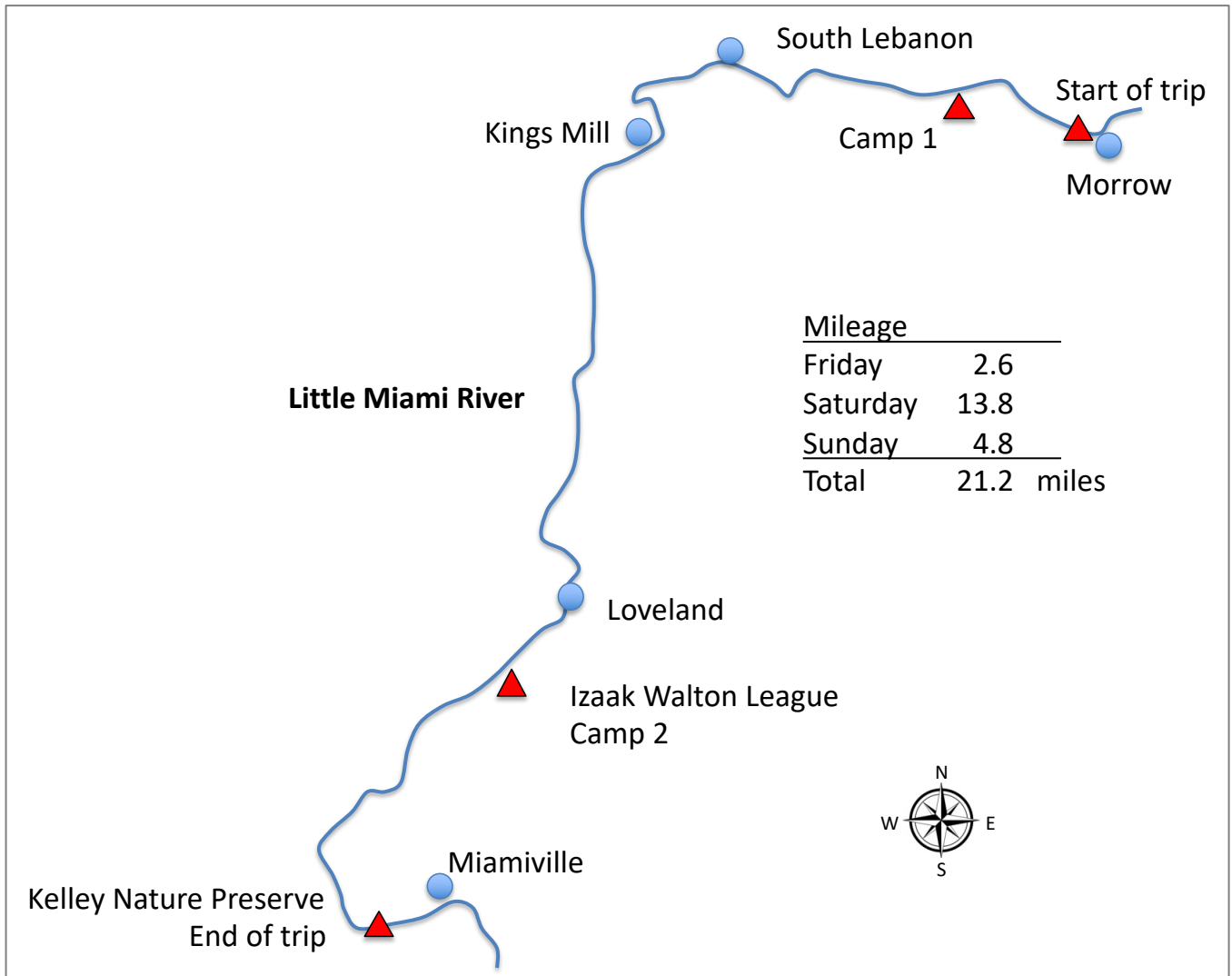
Jake Patrick



Travis Anglin cleaning off his kayak



Aiden Fischesser and Matt Schomaker loading the crew gear



Map of the canoing trip route

Isaac Lohmueller Eagle Court of Honor Evendale Cultural Arts Center Evendale, OH

August

Isaac Lohmueller is Troop 598's 73rd Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Isaac built an extension on a brick patio used by Gorman Heritage Farm, nearly quadrupling the area of the patio.



Mr. Lohmueller giving some last minute instructions for the ceremony



Mr. Wilkens opening the ceremony



Petey Wilkens, calling out the color guard



Wesley Anglin, Aiden Fischesser, Travis Anglin, and Matt Schomaker presenting the colors



Wesley Anglin, Ben Adkins, and Andrew Senter during the Pledge of Allegiance



Petey Wilkens leading the Troop in the Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code



Jake Patrick giving the opening Invocation as Chaplain Aide



Mr. Stroh, Committee Chair, presenting the Eagle Scout Obligation to Isaac Lohmueller



Mr. Stroh, Committee Chair, presenting the Eagle Scout Obligation to Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller being escorted by Eagle Scouts Zach Schwab (friend) and Thomas Lohmueller (cousin)



Mr. Wilkens introducing Isaac Lohmueller



Mr. Greg Lohmueller (uncle) presenting the Eagle Scout Charge to Isaac Lohmueller



Eagle Scout Nick Stroh giving Isaac the Eagle Scout Pledge



All Eagle Scouts reciting the Eagle Scout Pledge



Isaac pinning the Eagle Mother pin on his mom



Isaac pinning the Eagle Father pin on his dad



Isaac's mom pinning on Isaac's Eagle medal



Isaac's dad putting the Eagle neckerchief on Isaac

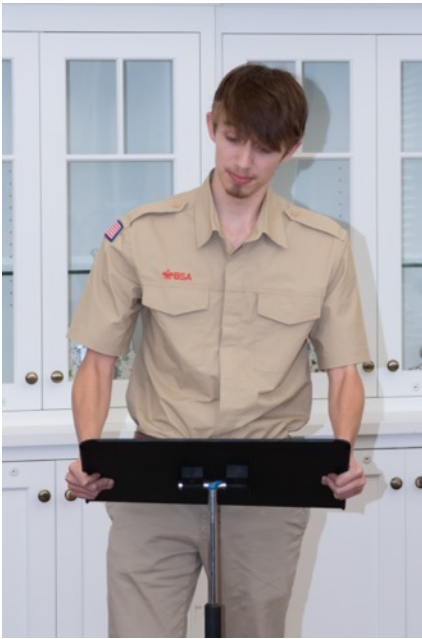


Advancement Chair Mrs. Wilkens presenting Isaac with his Silver palm



Isaac Lohmueller presented to the audience as an Eagle Scout

Eagle Scout Adam Helwig read Isaac's path to Eagle, while Isaac lit a candle representing each rank he earned on the way to Eagle.



Adam Helwig



Isaac Lohmueller lighting the candle for Tenderfoot rank



Isaac Lohmueller lighting the candle for Eagle rank

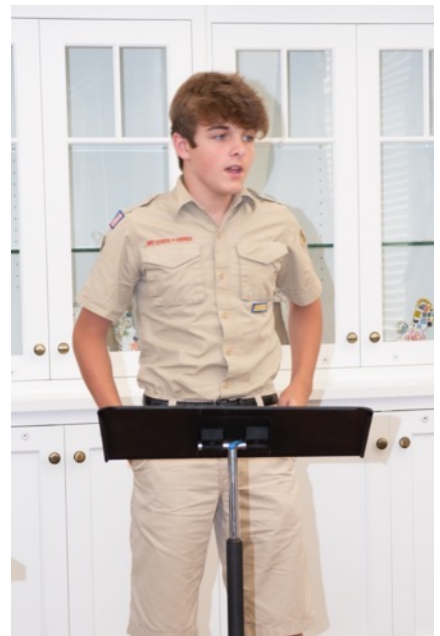
At the end of the ceremony, Scouts and adult leaders were invited to come and share a funny story or memory related to their time in Scouting with Isaac.



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Hoffman



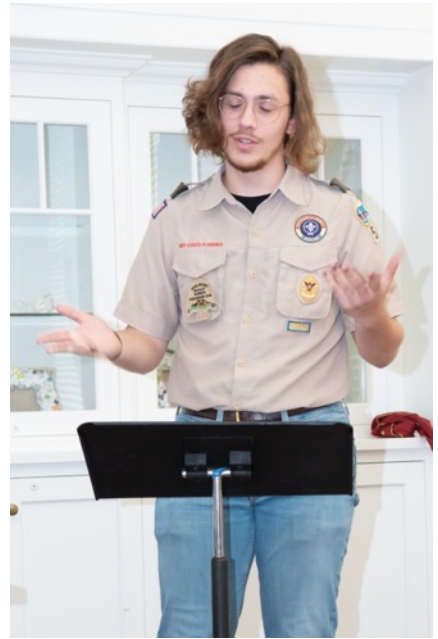
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Ben Adkins



Matt Schomaker



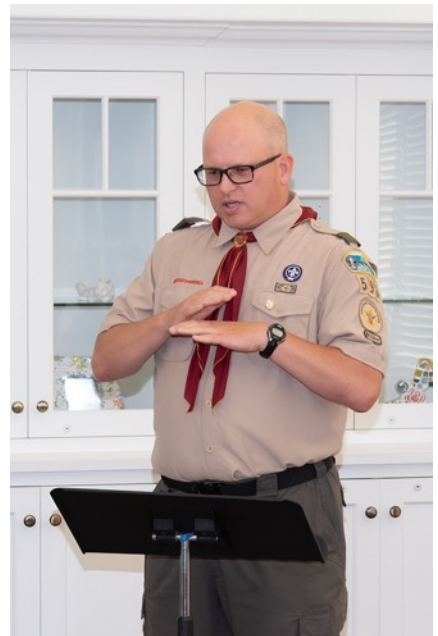
Toby Rainey



Mr. Greg Lohmueller



Mr. McGrath



Mr. Wilkens



Adam Helwig



Isaac Lohmueller



Wesley Anglin



Troop saluting during the retiring of the colors



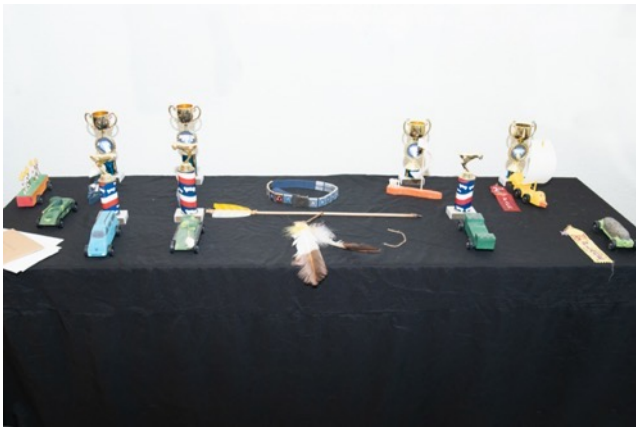
Matt Schomaker leading the color guard



Delicious treat in the reception



Delicious treat in the reception



Display of Isaac's Cub Scout awards



Photo collage of Isaac's Scouting career



Each Eagle Scout in the Troop gets a brick engraved with their name, to be installed in the Troop Eagle tribute area



Ceremony decorations



Eagle Scout cake at the reception



Isaac Lohmueller next to the quilt made from many of his old Scouting Class B t-shirts.



Isaac Lohmueller, Troop 598's 73rd Eagle Scout

Fall Court Of Honor Evendale Cultural Arts Center Evendale, OH

October

Scouts were recognized at the Fall Court of Honor for the advancement they earned in the last 6 months, which included summer camp. A total of 19 scouts earned 72 merit badges, 10 scouts earned rank badges, and 5 scouts earned National Outdoor Awards.

In the first part of the ceremony, Scouts offered their remembrances of the various campouts since the last Court of Honor.



Wesley Anglin



Austin Young, Joe Adkins



Declan McGrath



Nate Booher



Petey Wilkens



Jake Patrick



Matt Schomaker



Travis Anglin



Nathan Hoffman

The Troop attended Philmont this summer and since this was a major trip for the Troop, the Scouts opted to have everyone who attended, including the adults, share a remembrance.



Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Wesley Anglin, Ben Adkins, Nate Booher



Ben Adkins



Nate Booher



Nathan Young



Mr. Lohmueller



Mr. McGrath



Mr. Wilkens

In the next section of the Court of Honor, Mrs. Wilkens, Advancement Chair, passed out the merit badge and rank awards earned by the Scouts.



Joe Adkins



Travis Anglin



Wesley Anglin



Aiden Fischesser



Nathan Hoffman



Declan McGrath



Joseph Mickenberg



Jake Patrick



Matt Schomaker



Petey Wilkens



Austin Young



Nathan Young



Scouts who earned merit badges:

Aiden Fischesser, Travis Anglin, Matt Schomaker, Austin Young, Jake Patrick, Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Joe Adkins, Declan McGrath, Ben Adkins, Nathan Hoffman, Wesley Anglin, Joseph Mickenberg

Not present: Gavin Downing, Mikey Farthing, James McConnell, Toby Rainey, Andrew Senter, Tristan Vonstein



Scouts who earned rank advancement:

Matt Schomaker (First Class), Joe Adkins (Scout, Tenderfoot), Nathan Young (Eagle), Jake Patrick (Second Class), Ben Adkins (First Class, Star), Wesley Anglin (Life), Nathan Hoffman (Tenderfoot)

Not in attendance: Gavin Downing (Scout), Isaac Lohmueller (Eagle), Nick Stroh (Eagle)

Mr. McGrath passed out the awards Scouts earned while at Philmont. He described the patches and then asked the Scouts who held trek leadership positions to pass the awards out to the rest of the Scouts.



Declan McGrath, who served as the Wilderness Guia, is presented with the Wilderness Pledge award



Wesley Anglin, who served as the Trek Chaplain Aid, is presented with the Duty to God award



Pety Wilkens, who served as the Crew Leader, is presented with the Fifty Miler award



Patches earned by the Scouts at Philmont

The Troop recognizes one scout per Court of Honor with the Scoutmaster Choice bead. This award is intended to recognize a Scout who has significantly demonstrated living the Scout Oath and Law or who has had a significant impact on the Troop. Since the Troop did not have a spring Court of Honor, Mr. Lohmueller awarded two Scoutmaster Choice bead awards at this ceremony.



Mr. Lohmueller presenting Wesley Anglin with a Scoutmaster Choice bead.



Mr. Lohmueller presenting Pety Wilkens with a Scoutmaster Choice bead.

Mr. McGrath had served as Scoutmaster of the Troop from 2019 through 2021. Mr. Lohmueller recognized Mr. McGrath's service to the Troop by presenting him with a plaque.



Mr. Lohmueller presenting Mr. McGrath with a plaque in recognition of his 3 years of service to the Troop as Scoutmaster



Matt Schomaker, Nathan Hoffman, Aiden Fischesser, and Ben Adkins retiring the flags at the end of the ceremony



Mr. Wilkens, Mrs. Wilkens, Aiden Fischesser, Austin Young, Travis Anglin, Jake Patrick, Nathan Hoffman, Matt Schomaker, Nate Booher, Joe Adkins, Petey Wilkens, Mr. McGrath, Nathan Young, Declan McGrath, Wesley Anglin, Ben Adkins, Joseph Mickenberg, Mr. Lohmueller

Nathan Young Eagle Court of Honor Scout Achievement Center Evendale, OH

October

Nathan Young is Troop 598's 74th Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Nathan installed a Gaga ball pit for Heritage Hill Elementary School.



Some of Nathan Young's scouting memorabilia



Austin Young, Samantha Young, Wesley Anglin, Travis Anglin



Wesley Anglin giving the opening prayer



Declan McGrath presenting Nathan Young's path to Eagle



Committee Chair Mr. Mike Stroh, presenting the Eagle Scout Obligations



Isaac Lohmueller giving the Eagle Scout Charge



Isaac Lohmueller putting an Eagle Scout neckerchief on Nathan Young



Nick Stroh presenting the Eagle Scout Promise



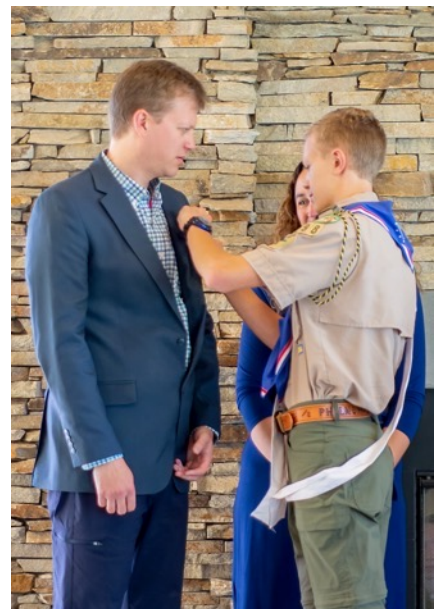
Nick Stroh invited all Eagle Scouts to stand and rededicate themselves to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law



Mrs. Young pins Nathan's Eagle badge on his uniform



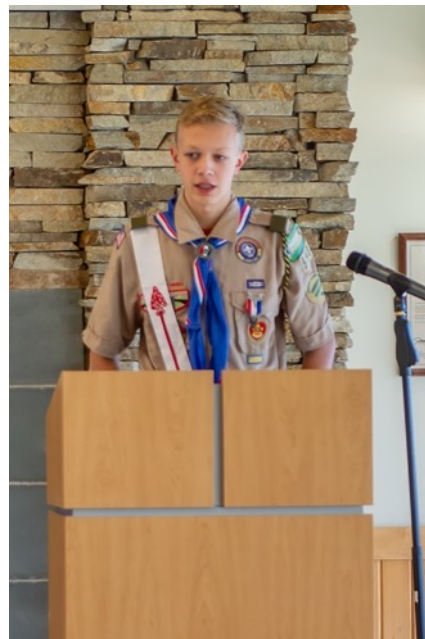
Nathan Young pins the Eagle Mother pin on his mom



Nathan Young pins the Eagle Father pin on his dad



Nathan Young – Troop 598 newest Eagle



Nathan Young sharing his thoughts

At the end of the ceremony, Scouts and adult leaders were invited to come and share a funny story or memory related to their time in Scouting with Nathan.



Declan McGrath



Austin Young



Wesley Anglin



Petey Wilkens



Mr. McGrath gave the closing benediction called "Eagle in a Storm"



Travis Anglin and Austin Young leading the color guard



All Eagles: Mr. Lohmueller, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Isaac Lohmueller, Nick Stroh



Mr. Lohmueller, Nathan Young, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Wilkens



Nick Stroh, Isaac Lohmueller, Mrs. Wilkens, Wesley Anglin, Mr. Stroh, Mr. McGrath, Alex Young, Nathan Young, Mr. Lohmueller, Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Matthew Shelhamer, Austin Young, Travis Anglin, Gavin Downing, Mr. Wilkens, Samantha Young, Ally Downing



Nathan Young, Troop 598's 74th Eagle Scout

Peterloon Camp Lower Craig Loveland, OH

October

Peterloon is a council wide camporee organized by the Dan Beard Council. Started in 1927, Peterloon is the oldest continuously operated camporee in the nation. This event provides scouts the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities and competitions. Typically, the camporee draws around 5,000 scouts for the weekend. This year, the Troop had 3 AOL scouts from Pack 72 join them for the weekend: Tyler Fischesser, Camden Casto, and Matthew Shelhamer.



Tyler Fischesser



Camden Casto



Matt Schomaker helping Tyler Fischesser set up his tent



Petey Wilkens working with Matthew Shelhamer and Tyler Fischesser to set up the dining fly



Everyone getting their tents set up



Matthew Shelhamer helping Mr. Wilkens set up his tent



Gavin Downing, James McConnell, and Camden Casto making omelets in a bag for breakfast



Aiden Fischesser, Matt Schomaker, and Matthew Shelhamer heading up to the events in Camp Friedlander



View looking out over the Little Miami River valley from atop the dam at Camp Friedlander



Matt Schomaker trying his hand at one of the competitions



A local trades school had a station where scouts were able to try their hand at bending electrical conduit



Gavin Downing trying his hand at bending electrical conduit



The Scouts learned that the conduit made good trumpet sounds



Tyler Fischesser using a wood-burning tool to decorate a wooden medallion



James McConnell



Matthew Shelhamer



Gavin Downing



Aiden Fischesser



Matt Schomaker



Aiden Fischesser working on his wooden medallion



Matthew Shelhamer working on his wooden medallion



Matt Schomaker helping Matthew Shelhamer turn his medallion into a necklace



Matt Schomaker helping Matthew Shelhamer turn his medallion into a necklace



Matthew Shelhamer trying his hand at an Angry Bird game, launching bean bags at a tower made of wooden blocks



Matthew Shelhamer trying his hand at an Angry Bird game, launching bean bags at a tower made of wooden blocks



Matt Schomaker and Aiden Fischesser at a competition to see how many nails they could balance on the head of a nail



Matthew Shelhamer and Matt Schomaker sporting fashionable glasses they won in a competition



The American Sign Museum had a booth on how neon signs work



Tyler Fischesser at the paintball range



James McConnell at the paintball range



Gavin Downing at the paintball range



Hanging out with Smokey Bear at the end of the day



Tyler Fischesser doing a push up challenge sponsored by the US Army



Troop's campsite for the weekend



Troop's campsite for the weekend



Tyler Fischesser blowing his conduit trumpet



Tyler Fischesser blowing his conduit trumpet



Austin Young and Gavin Downing making dinner



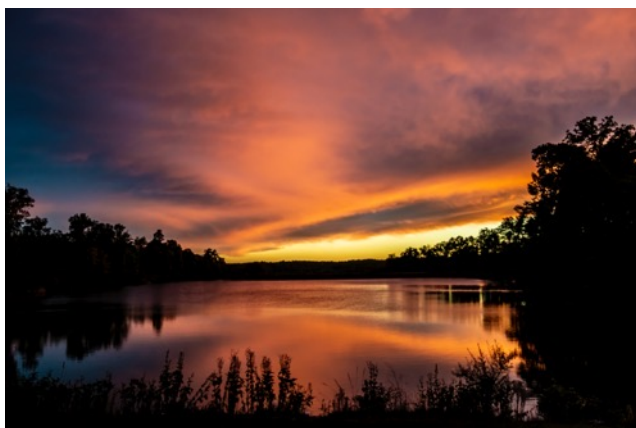
Wesley Anglin teaching Camden Casto and Matthew Shelhamer how to make Dutch oven cobbler for dessert



Wesley Anglin prepping the charcoals to bake the Dutch oven cobbler for dessert



On Saturday evening the Peterloon staff hosted a campfire program. The Troop arrived early to get good seats, so they hung out in the amphitheater until dark, when the program started



Sunset over Lake Schott



Once it got dark outside, the campfire program started



To close out the campfire program there was a fireworks display. The fireworks were launched off a raft floating out in the middle of Lake Marge.



Hanging out at the campsite on Saturday evening after the campfire program



Aiden Fischesser helping take down the dining fly



Mr. Schomaker, Mr. Casto, Camden Casto, Matt Schomaker, Travis Anglin, James McConnell, Matthew Shelhamer, Mrs. McDowell, Mr. Wilkens, Mr. Lohmueller

Rocket Campout 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 removing leaves and dirt from a drainage ditch next to the parking lot.



Nathan Hoffman was the master of ceremonies for the flag retirement ceremony



Travis Anglin and Aiden Fischesser display a flag while Nathan Hoffman reads the program



Nathan Hoffman places a flag into the fire



Nathan Hoffman honors the flag by giving the Scout salute



View of the shelter house



View of the Mill Creek Valley from the shelter



View of the shelter house and the Mill Creek Valley



Shelter house and campfire



Travis Anglin, Joe Adkins



Aiden Fischesser, Joe Adkins, Travis Anglin



Travis Anglin

Each year the Troop performs a service project for Gorman Farm. This year, the farm asked the Scouts to clear out a drainage ravine next to the parking lot. The ravine was filled up with leaves and dirt.



The ravine before the Scouts started working



Clearing the ravine of leaves



Travis Anglin



The drainpipe for the ravine was plugged with dead leaves.
Petey Wilkens and Nathan Hoffman



Aiden Fischesser



Matt Schomaker



Ben Adkins



Joe Adkins



Nathan Hoffman, Petey Wilkens, Aiden Fischesser



Nate Booher



Matt Schomaker



Travis Anglin, Matt Schomaker, Aiden Fischesser



Aiden Fischesser, Matt Schomaker



Nathan Hoffman



Nate Booher



Travis Anglin



Nathan Hoffman, Ben Adkins



Petey Wilkens



Ben Adkins, Joe Adkins, Nate Booher, Petey Wilkens, Matt Schomaker, Aiden Fischesser, Austin Young, Nathan Hoffman, Travis Anglin



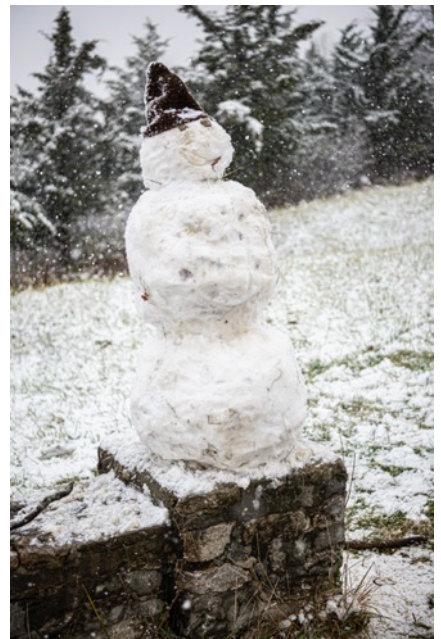
Shelter house in the snow



Austin Young



Travis Anglin



The scouts built a snow man



Travis Anglin, Joe Adkins, Nathan Hoffman, Aiden Fischesser, Joe Adkins, Matt Schomaker



Aiden Fischesser, Austin Young



Matt Schomaker



Matt Schomaker, Austin Young, Joe Adkins



Austin Young



Matt Schomaker



Aiden Fischesser, Nathan Hoffman



Making a running play



Nathan Hoffman passes the ball to Aiden Fischesser



Aiden Fischesser and his 5' rocket



Joe Adkins, Mr. Anglin



Travis Anglin making dessert for dinner



Nathan Hoffman and Aiden Fischesser making dinner



Travis Anglin and Joe Adkins preparing the charcoal to bake the Dutch oven dessert



Nathan Hoffman and Austin Young making a Thanksgiving dinner



Aiden Fischesser working on the Thanksgiving dinner



Aiden Fischesser and Joe Adkins burying the ashes from the flag retirement ceremony



Mr. Anglin, Aiden Fischesser, Joe Adkins, Nathan Hoffman, Travis Anglin, Mr. Lohmueller



The Scouts had to do an “emergency evacuation” and backpacked their gear from Gorman Farm back to the Bell Tower Arts Pavilion

Rock Climbing Overnight Rock Quest Climbing Gym Sharonville, OH

December

The Troop organized an overnight at Rock Quest Climbing Gym. The Scouts were able to climb for about 4 hours on Friday evening and another 2 hours on Saturday morning. The Troop had invited the girls from Troop 1598 and the Arrow of Light Scouts from Pack 72 to also attend. Camden Casto and Tyler Fischesser attended from Pack 72



Everyone getting their gear on



The Troop hid tags on the various climbs and any scout who found one could claim a goodie prize.



Tyler Fischesser



Austin Young



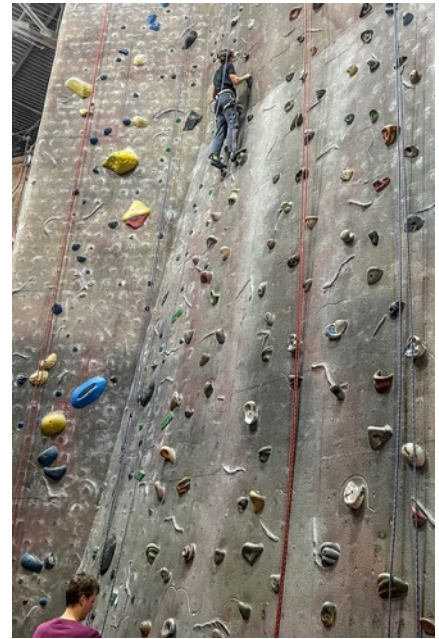
Tyler Fischesser rappelling down while Mrs. Lohmueller watches



Mr. Lohmueller, Camden Casto



Travis Anglin



Austin Young



Mrs. Lohmueller belaying Tyler Fischesser



James McConnell on the bouldering wall



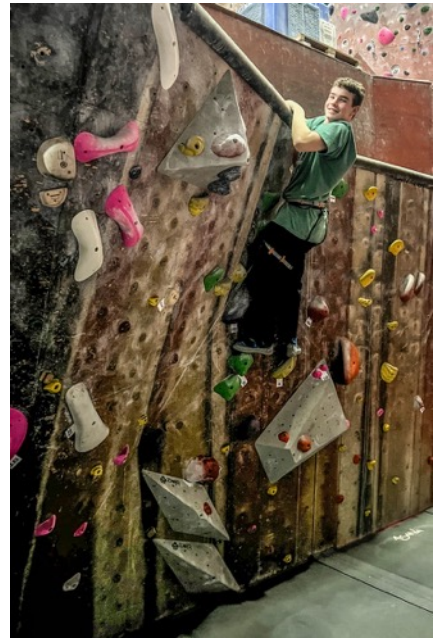
Aiden Fischesser



Mrs. Casto belaying for Camden Casto



Camden Casto



Travis Anglin on the bouldering wall



Nathan Hoffman



Tyler Fischesser



Austin Young



Austin Young belaying Travis Anglin



Travis Anglin



Wesley Anglin



Nathan Young



Nathan Young



Austin Young



Austin Young



Austin Young, jumping from one wall to another



Nathan Young, jumping from one wall to another



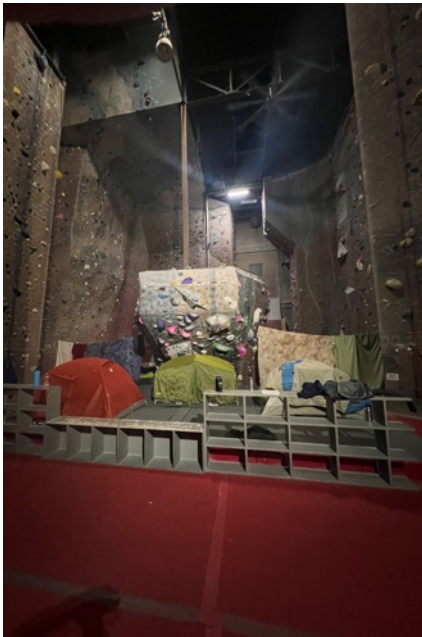
Nathan Hoffman planning his route up a climbing wall



Camden Casto



James McConnell



The "campsite" for the night. Troop 598 had their sleeping area to the left of the boulder, 1598 to the right, and the adults were in the front in tents



Tyler Fischesser



Nathan Hoffman



Nathan Hoffman



Tyler Fischesser



Austin Young



Austin Young belaying



Tyler Fischesser climbing with Austin Young belaying



Austin Young belaying Tyler Fischesser



Mrs. Casto, Mrs. Lohmueller, Mr. Wilkens, James McConnell, Aiden Fischesser, Travis Anglin, Tyler Fischesser, Nathan Hoffman, Eli Avery-Brown (friend of Nathan Hoffman), Camden Casto, Nathan Young, Austin Young, Wesley Anglin, Mr. Young, Isaline Bonnefond, Ally Downing, Payton Aufrance, Eva Casto, Samantha Young, Mr. Lohmueller, Zoey Scott, Sixtine Couturier

Miscellaneous Photos



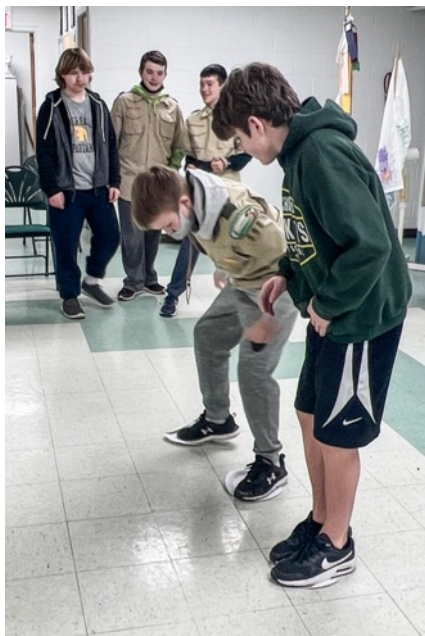
The bead cords for this year incorporate a blue color band



This year's grubmaster bead was a hot dog. The grubmaster got to choose either ketchup or mustard on their hot dog.



Pety Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Matt Schomaker, and Austin Young playing indoor soccer for a game during a meeting



In one of the meetings, the Scouts played a game where they had to cross a wide, piranha filled river. They could only step on the paper plates, of which they had fewer than the number of Scouts. This was an exercise in team building and problem solving.

One of the requirements Troops must meet in order to go to Philmont is that at least two adults need to be trained in CPR. The Troop coordinated with the Evendale Fire Department to provide the required training. The Troop opened it up to any Scout that was interested in learning the life saving procedure.



Ben Adkins



Ben Adkins, Declan McGrath



Jake Patrick and Petey Wilkens find an unconscious person on the ground!



Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens, Jake Patrick

Over the course of several meetings, the Scouts worked on Chess Merit Badge



Tommy Anderson, Travis Anglin, Andrew Senter



Petey Wilkens, Nate Booher



Wesley Anglin, Aiden Fischesser



The Troop did many day hikes around Evendale to prepare physically for Philmont.
Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller, Nate Booher, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens, Shiloh, Mr. Lohmueller, Balou, Mrs. Lohmueller



The Troop also walked/ran the steps at the Reading High School football stadium to prepare for Philmont.
Mr. Wilkens

The Troop started a new tradition after the spring elections. The Scouts elected to leadership positions would participate in a swearing in ceremony, committing to serving the Troop to the best of their abilities.



The Evendale Elementary School sponsored a parent night to get parents involved with the PTA at the school to help out at various activities. The school reached out to the Troop to ask for some volunteers to play with the children while the parents were in the PTA meeting.



Nathan Young, Wesley Anglin, Travis Anglin, and Mr. Lohmueller came to help out at the event.

Swearing in ceremony after the fall elections.



Petey Wilkens swearing in Declan McGrath as the new Senior Patrol Leader



Declan McGrath swearing in Matt Schomaker as Patrol Leader



Declan McGrath swearing in Nathan Hoffman as Historian

For the last meeting of the year, the Scouts held a Christmas-themed meeting. Scouts were encouraged to wear festive clothing, and they had a Scout wrap-off competition. In this game, each patrol had to wrap a Scout as a present.



Ben Adkins, Jake Patrick, Travis Anglin, Austin Young



Wesley Anglin, Nathan Hoffman, Matt Schomaker, Joe Adkins, Gavin Downing, Aiden Fischesser



Bringing the wrapped “present” to the judge for scoring.
Austin Young, Travis Anglin, Jake Patrick, and Ben Adkins



Bringing the wrapped “present” to the judge for scoring.
Gavin Downing, Matt Schomaker, Nathan Hoffman



Travis Anglin decorating cookies



Gavin Downing with his decorated cookies

Events Without Photos

Merit Badge Challenge

Evendale Big Art Party volunteering



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.