



# **Troop 598**

# **Year in Photos**

# **2019**

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# Klondike Camporee Camp Friedlander Loveland, OH

January

The theme of the camporee was “What is your call of duty?” and involved 10 different competitions, with each competition focused on a given mission objective. The Troop placed first in the Mission: Traverse competition. In this competition, the scouts had to walk along a thick ratchet strap suspended slightly above the ground, without falling off and while carrying an ammo can. The objective was to get 8 scouts across the strap in the fastest time without anyone falling off.

The Troop participated in the camporee as a day-event only. It was very cold but without any snow, it was a bit challenging for the boys to pull the sled around during the First Aid Challenge competition.



The first-place plaque for winning the Mission: Traverse competition

# 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 out for a day of skiing and tubing. This is an event that the Troop participates in each year.



Nathan Young and Petey Wilkens riding the carpet lift



Mr. Young and Nathan Young riding the chair lift up one of the slopes



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

# Merit Badge Challenge Sycamore High School Cincinnati, OH

February

Merit Badge Challenge is an event organized each winter by Dan Beard Council as a way for Scouts to earn various merit badges. The event is held over the course of 3 Saturdays in February and March, and each Scout can earn up to 3 merit badges.



Each Scout that participated earned this patch

# Caving

## Marengo Caves

### Marengo, Indiana

March

Marengo Caves 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. The only light in the caves are the lights the Scouts carry with them. This year the Scouts did the Waterfall Crawl tour.



Clay Kessler



Getting ready for breakfast:  
Grant Edwards, Adam Helwig, Declan McGrath, Wesley Anglin, Nate Booher



The beginning of the tour  
Grant Edwards, Adam Helwig, Nate Booher, Nathan Young, Mr. Edwards, Declan McGrath, Wesley Anglin, Sam Noble, Clay Kessler, Mr. McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller, Mr. Anglin



After the tour  
Mr. Edwards, Declan McGrath, Adam Helwig, Isaac Lohmueller, Wesley Anglin, Clay Kessler, Nathan Young, Grant Edwards, Nate Booher, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Anglin, Sam Noble

# Adam Hall Eagle Project Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

March

For his Eagle project, Adam Hall constructed two wheelchair accessible flower beds for Gorman Heritage Farm.



Friend of Adam Hall, Adam Hall,  
Mr. Wilkens, Nathan Young



Mrs. Hall, Mr. McGrath, Petey Wilkens,  
Mr. Hall, Kevin Hall



Finished project



# Service Project

## Camp Conservation Day

### Camp Friedlander

#### Loveland, OH

April

Each year Dan Beard Council sets up a Camp Conservation Day at Camp Friedlander. Troops from all over the council participate for the day providing conservation service to the camp. This year the Troop planted trees on the hillside of Cub World.

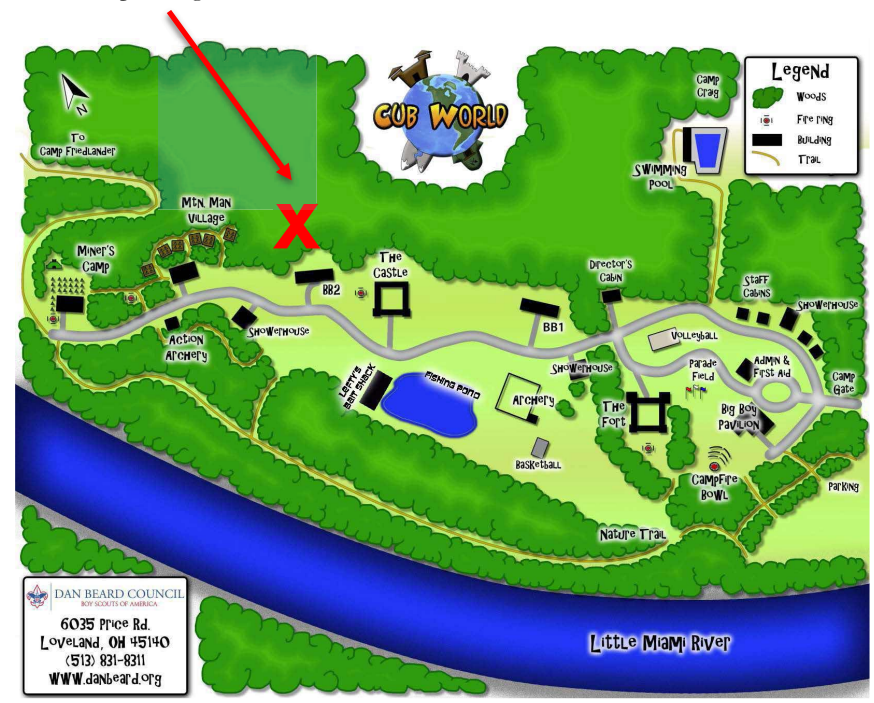


The Troop planted trees on the hillside of Cub World



Isaac Lohmueller, Samantha Young, Alex Young, Joseph Mickenberg, Petey Wilkens

Location of tree planting



# Geocaching Campout Camp Friedlander Loveland, OH

April

The campout involved a geocaching course set up by Declan McGrath to complete a requirement for the Geocaching Merit Badge. Declan marked several spots around Friedlander that involved “things Declan likes to do”. He then had two teams go out and see if they could find the spots he marked and determine what about them that Declan enjoyed. These included the baseball fields, basketball court, and gaga ball pit.



Nathan Hoffman



Nick Stroh



Petey Wilkens



Isaac Lohmueller and his pioneering project



Petey Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman, Nick Stroh



Nathan Hoffman



Cooking dinner: Nick Stroh, Isaac Lohmueller, Declan McGrath



Mr. McGrath, Petey Wilkens



An unwelcomed visitor



Isaac Lohmueller, Declan McGrath



Dinner time: Nathan Hoffman, Joseph Mickenberg, Nick Stroh



Nathan Hoffman, Declan McGrath

# Evendale Fun Fest Evendale, OH

April

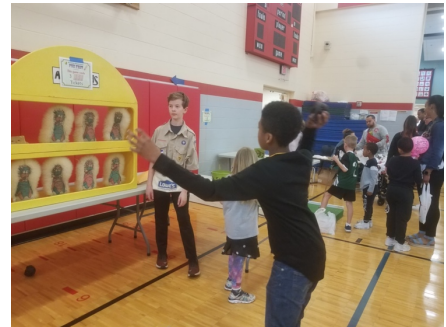
The Evendale Fun Fest is the main fundraiser for the Evendale Elementary School PTA. The funds generated from this event allow the PTA to assist the school and staff in providing for the students in numerous ways. Each year the Troop volunteers to help run the events.



Nick Booher



Wesley Anglin



Nate Booher



Charles Pelz



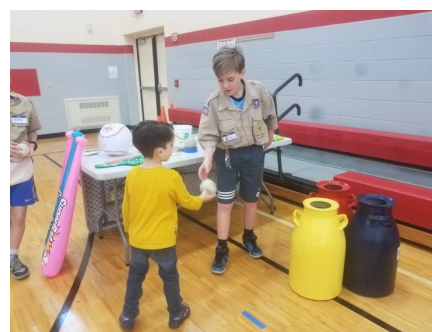
Nick Stroh, Joseph Mickenberg



Isaac Lohmueller, Nathan Young, Mr. Young



Drew Dunlap, Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens

# Canoeing Campout Little Miami River Evendale, OH

May

The Troop camped at the Izaak Walton League in Loveland OH. The Troop was able to put in the river right at the campsite and canoed 9.7 miles, pulling out at Milford, OH. The Troop performed a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday night, retiring a flag that Declan McGrath's cousin flew outside his quarters while stationed with the Marines in Iraq.



Making dinner on Friday night:  
Toby Rainey, Clay Kessler, Sam Noble,  
Charles Pelz



The Izaak Walton League let the Troop borrow their canoes



Petey Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman,  
Declan McGrath



Gearing up and getting ready



Mr. Anglin showing that he is ready to go



Everyone getting their canoes ready



Nathan Hoffman



The Izaak Walton League has their own canoe launch ramp to the river



Mr. McGrath, Nathan Young,  
Declan McGrath, Nathan Hoffman,  
and Clay Kessler launching a canoe



Declan McGrath, Clay Kessler



Declan McGrath



Clay Kessler



A view of the natural environment along the river



Mr. Anglin, Petey Wilkens



Looking down river



Toby Rainey and Isaac Lohmueller working on a lashing project as a flag for their boat, using some sticks and a bush



Nathan Young and Mrs. Hoffman



Nathan Young



Clay Kessler, Declan McGrath



Nathan Young and Mrs. Hoffman



Petey Wilkens and Mr. Anglin (front) Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey (back)



Riverside lunch at the Kelley Nature Preserve: Clay Kessler, Charles Pelz, Declan McGrath, Mr. Anglin, Wesley Anglin, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman, Jake Patrick, Isaac Lohmueller, Nathan Young



Clay Kessler cooking up some backpacking meals for lunch



Looking upstream



Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller



Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller



Mr. McGrath, Nathan Hoffman



Nathan Young



Mr. McGrath, Nathan Hoffman



Jake Patrick



Declan McGrath with the flag to be retired



Wesley Anglin, Nathan Hoffman, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Jake Kinney, Declan McGrath, Sam Noble during the flag retirement ceremony



Declan McGrath leading the flag retirement ceremony



Declan McGrath and Jake Patrick showing off the grommets they received from the flag retirement ceremony



Wolf spider

# Memorial Day Parade Arlington Heights, Lockland, and Reading, OH

May

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 Koenig's Park in Reading.



Nearing the end of the parade route along Jefferson Avenue in Reading. Jordan Matzinger, Petey Wilkens, Wesley Anglin, Drew Dunlap, Declan McGrath, Mr. Wilkens, Mr. McGrath



Jordan Matzinger, Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Drew Dunlap, Mr. Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Mr. McGrath



Jordan Matzinger, Mr. McGrath, Drew Dunlap, Wesley Anglin, Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath

# Clay Kessler Eagle Project Gorman Heritage Farm Evendale, OH

May

Clay Kessler built a tractor playset for Gorman Heritage Farm.



Mrs. Kinney, Josh Kinney,  
Clay Kessler



Travis Anglin, Mr. Anglin, Declan  
McGrath, Mitchell Kessler (Clay's  
younger brother)



Clay Kessler



Wesley Anglin



Declan McGrath



Declan McGrath



Painting the tractor cab:  
Jake Kinney, Josh Kinney, Finn Hayes  
(Clay's next-door neighbor)



Painting the tractor cab:  
Jake Kinney, Mitchell Kessler, Finn Hayes



Mr. Kessler





Clay Kessler with all the pieces made and painted



Hauling all the pieces to Gorman Farm



Jake Kinney, Travis Anglin, Clay Kessler, Wesley Anglin



Wesley Anglin, Jake Kinney, Clay Kessler



Clay Kessler, Jake Kinney



Clay Kessler  
Is it really that heavy?



It doesn't look like it is.



Clay Kessler



Mr. Kessler, Jake Kinney, Mrs. Kinney, Clay Kessler



Clay Kessler, checking to make sure the axle is level



Jake Kinney, Wesley Anglin



Jake Kinney, Clay Kessler, Wesley Anglin



Wesley Anglin



Mr. Anglin, Clay Kessler,  
Mr. Kessler



Jake Kinney, Clay Kessler,  
Mr. Kessler



Installing the cab onto the tractor



Installing the cab onto the tractor:  
Mrs. Kinney, Clay Kessler, Mr. Anglin,  
Mr. Kessler



Mr. Kessler, Mrs. Kinney, Wesley Anglin,  
Travis Anglin, Mr. Anglin, Jake Kinney,  
Clay Kessler, Mr. McGrath, Mrs. Anglin



Clay Kessler



Mr. Kessler, Clay Kessler



Bill Tonne (Farm Manager), Clay Kessler



The finished project

# Service Project

## Matthew 25 Ministries

### Blue Ash, OH

June

Matthew 25 Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to fulfilling Matthew 25:34-40 of the New Testament by providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to those in need. The Troop volunteered to help in their facility sorting clothing that has been donated to the charity.



Jake Patrick



Pety Wilkens, Drew Dunlap, Declan McGrath, Mrs. McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller



Mrs. Booher, Mrs. Lohmueller



Pety Wilkens



Nick Booher



Jake Kinney



Mrs. Kinney, Jake Kinney



Nathan Hoffman, Drew Dunlap, Jake Kinney, Declan McGrath, Nick Booher, Jake Patrick, Isaac Lohmueller, Pety Wilkens

# NYLT

## Camp Craig

### Loveland, OH

June

The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program is a week-long training course on leadership for youth within Scouting. This year, Joseph Mickenberg was able to participate in the program for the Troop. On Wednesday night the Scoutmaster or other adult leader from the Troop is invited to come out to visit the boys.



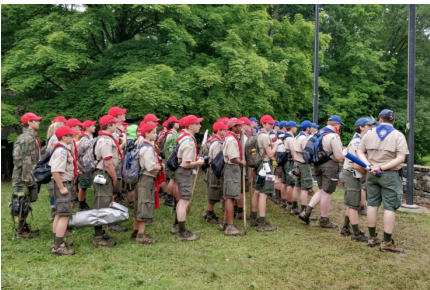
Flag lowering assembly for Scoutmaster Night, when Scoutmasters are invited to visit their Scouts during NYLT



Joseph Mickenberg lowering the NYLT flag



Joseph Mickenberg leading his patrol off the assembly field



The scouts and staff of the NYLT troop



Joseph Mickenberg leading his patrol in preparation for the campfire program



Joseph Mickenberg, Mr. Wilkens

# Summer Camp Camp Ransburg Bloomington, IN

July

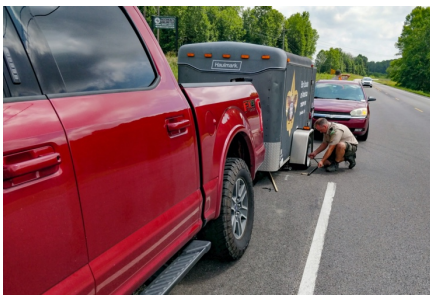
Every summer the Troop goes on a week-long summer camp trip to Camp Ransburg. The main objective is to complete merit badges, but there are lots of opportunities for fun as well. This year the Troop stayed in the campsite Deer Haven.



Pre-departure discussion



Mr. Wilkens, Adam Helwig, Mrs. Kinney, Nate Booher, Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Jake Patrick, Toby Rainey, Wesley Anglin, Jake Kinney, Declan McGrath, Charles Pelz, Nathan Hoffman, Isaac Lohmueller, Mr. Lohmueller, Mr. McGrath



The trailer got a flat tire on the way to summer camp. Mr. McGrath had to do a roadside tire replacement.



Adam Helwig leading a Troop discussion on expectations for the week



Waiting for the opening campfire to start



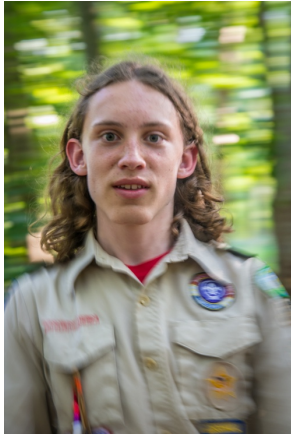
Nathan Hoffman and Jake Patrick enjoying a cold treat



Each morning the Troop does a flag raising ceremony at the campsite. Isaac Lohmueller and Jake Kinney raised the flag.



There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm at the campfire program



Isaac Lohmueller



Jake Kinney at Cooking Merit Badge



Declan McGrath heading down to Aquatics



Wesley Anglin at Cooking Merit Badge



Wesley Anglin at Cooking Merit Badge



Jake Patrick at Moviemaking Merit Badge



Wesley Anglin at lunch



Jake Patrick and Declan McGrath



Lunch time



Charles Pelz



Jake Patrick



Nathan Hoffman



Jake Kinney



Isaac Lohmueller in Sculpture Merit Badge



Toby Rainey



Declan McGrath in a merit badge class



Jake Kinney working with Charles Pelz to teach how to tie a lashing



Jake Kinney



Enjoying a snack at the Trading Post: Nathan Young, Wesley Anglin, Nathan Hoffman, Declan McGrath, Nate Booher



Prior to entering the dining hall for meals, the staff leads the camp in a song. Today, it was a Do-As-I-Do type of song



Matt Stroh (ball cap on backwards), a member of the Troop, was on staff this summer



After dinner, the camp does a flag lowering ceremony. This year there was a staff member from Canada, so their flag is included in the ceremony.



After dinner and the camp-wide flag lowering ceremony, the Troop holds its own flag lowering ceremony back at its camp.



Adam Helwig passing on announcements after the flag-lowering ceremony



Monday night the Troop spent the evening hanging out around a campfire



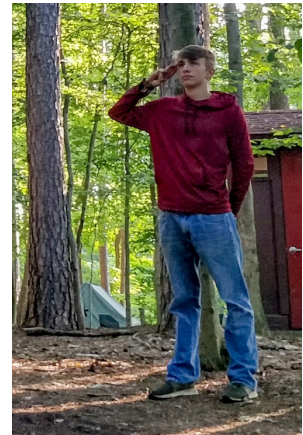
Petey Wilkens



Troop morning flag raising



Declan McGrath and Charles Pelz raising the flag



Adam Helwig



Isaac Lohmueller at Basketry Merit Badge



Wesley Anglin and Mr. McGrath during a Scoutmaster Conference



Mr. Lohmueller made neckerchief slides, called woggle knots, for each Scout



One of the scouts found a piece of a log that was cut in such a way that it was roughly round. Someone had the idea of cutting 6 pieces of wood and making a bowling alley.



Petey Wilkens cutting the bowling pins



Charles Pelz, Isaac Lohmueller



Petey Wilkens



Toby Rainey



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller



Charles Pelz



Nate Booher



Nathan Hoffman



Toby Rainey



Mrs. Kinney



Mr. Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller



Mr. McGrath



Petey Wilkens using the axe yard



View of the campsite



Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, and Nathan Hoffman at the axe yard



Nate Booher



Declan McGrath



At Handicraft the Scouts made flags for the bowling lane, gateway, and axe yard



Adam Helwig, Nate Booher and Jake Kinney working on the Troop flags



Nathan Young



Adam Helwig, Nate Booher and Jake Kinney working on the Troop flags



598 Lanes flag



Petey Wilkens in Leatherwork Merit Badge



Wesley Anglin with an animal print plaster cast for Nature Merit Badge



Jake Patrick



Isaac Lohmueller playing Exploding Kittens while waiting for class to start



Isaac Lohmueller



Nathan Young and Mr. Wilkens



Declan McGrath



Camp logo on the main office building



Axe yard



Isaac Lohmueller in Engineering Merit Badge



Nate Booher



Isaac Lohmueller



Jake Kinney using the axe yard



Isaac Lohmueller



Nate Booher



Nathan Young

Toby Rainey created a Modern Art Museum in the campsite, and he acted as a guide to any visitor to explain the meaning of the pieces.



Troop 598's Modern Art Museum



Charles Pelz and Toby Rainey



The museum had its own sign



Charles Pelz and Mrs. Kinney at the bowling lane



Nathan Hoffman



Isaac Lohmueller



At each meal a staff member gives a scene that the troops act out. The troop that best portrays the scene goes in first. This time the Scouts had to look like a dead moose Dinner in the dining hall



Declan McGrath and Charles Pelz lowering the Troop flag



Scouts at attention during the flag lowering ceremony



Charles Pelz, Declan McGrath



Adam Helwig giving announcements

On Tuesday evening the camp offers an adult archery competition. Mr. Wilkens entered the competition against about 10 other adults, and he ended up winning it all.



Mr. Wilkens



Mr. Wilkens



All arrows in the bullseye!



For the final round the adults had to shoot through the ring and hit the red target in the background



Mr. Wilkens in the final round, bringing home the victory

Also on Tuesday evening, the Order of the Arrow performed its Calling Out ceremony. This ceremony is the first step in inducting the recently elected candidates into the Order of the Arrow and serves as a public recognition for the candidates. This year the Troop had elected four members into the Order of the Arrow: Isaac Lohmueller, Declan McGrath, Jake Kinney, and Toby Rainey.



While waiting at the Activity Field for the OA ceremony to start, Adam Helwig organized an impromptu game of 500.

Each Scoutmaster would hold an OA sash behind the candidates from his troop, indicating to the OA staff members running the ceremony who should be “called out” and asked to join all the other candidates.



Isaac Lohmueller



Jake Kinney



Toby Rainey



Declan McGrath



Order of the Arrow members



The entire troop attended the event to see their fellow members called-out



All the elected candidates were formally recognized as candidates and invited to become full members through an Ordeal weekend campout



Nathan Hoffman and Pety Wilkens



Adam Helwig giving Declan McGrath a lift so he can see the activity as well



Lunch time



Nathan Hoffman



Adam Helwig



Jake Kinney



Adam Helwig



Pety Wilkens helping Nathan Hoffman and Jake Patrick with advancement



Declan McGrath talking about some aspect of Mammal Study Merit Badge



Mr. Anglin and Wesley Anglin



Isaac Lohmueller made another one of his famous weather rocks, this time out of matchsticks. It ended up as an exhibit in the Modern Art Museum



Isaac Lohmueller and Pety Wilkens worked to build the Troop gateway pioneering project



Isaac Lohmueller putting the final touches on the Troop gateway



The final gateway entrance into the Troop's campsite



Scouts hanging out in camp after class



Mr. Lohmueller worked with Wesley Anglin, Jake Kinney, and Declan McGrath to make dutch oven cobbler



Working as a team to get the cobbler baked



Blackberry and blueberry cobbler



It was a dirty job, but the cobbler tasted great



Jake Kinney and Adam Helwig setting up the pizza dinner



Camp staff have the evening off on Wednesdays, so the Troops must provide their own dinner. Troop 598 brought in pizza. Jake Kinney, Adam Helwig, and Charles Pelz digging in.



Toby Rainey, Jake Kinney, and Isaac Lohmueller getting some cobbler



Nate Booher



Mr. Young, Nathan Young



The Scouts decided that they wanted to have a bowling tournament that evening, so Troop 598 Lanes was put to good use. They even made a trophy to go to the winner



Playing Rock-Paper-Scissors to see who goes first. Isaac Lohmueller beats Declan McGrath with paper over rock. Petey Wilkens was the judge



Bowling tournament trophy



Flag for Troop 598 Lanes



Wesley Anglin, Mr. Anglin



Isaac Lohmueller's round, with lots of spectators



Toby Rainey



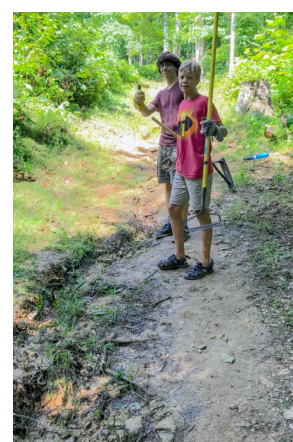
Petey Wilkens



Wesley Anglin, Declan McGrath, and Nathan Young working on a conservation project



Declan McGrath, showing off a leaf he found that the Scouts determined was bigger than his head.



Toby Rainey and Nathan Young during the conservation project



Mr. McGrath trimming a dead branch as part of the conservation project



Wesley Anglin



Mr. Anglin, Wesley Anglin



Mr. Young, Nathan Young



Petey Wilkens and Wesley Anglin raising the flag in the campsite



Morning flag raising



Jake Kinney and Adam Helwig



Lunch time



Petey Wilkens



The Ridge Commissioner tried her hand at the bowling lane



Toby Rainey and Isaac Lohmueller building a doorbell for the gateway



Toby Rainey and Isaac Lohmueller and the finished doorbell for the gateway



The doorbell for the Troop gateway



On Thursday evening the staff organized a Magic the Gathering tournament



The Troop participated in a Firecrafter campfire program put on by a neighboring Troop



For Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Jake Patrick had to build a shelter out of natural materials and spend the night in it.



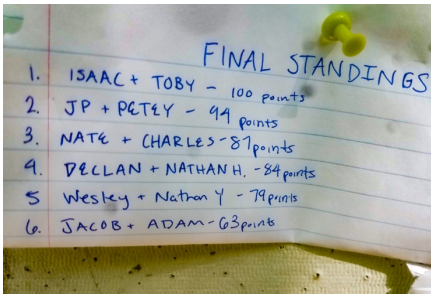
Jake Patrick had a successful night in his wilderness shelter



Breakfast



Declan McGrath at the gateway to the Troop campsite



Adam Helwig set up a competition for tent inspections. Isaac Lohmueller and Toby Rainey won at the end of the week



Toby Rainey and Isaac Lohmueller with their prizes for the tent inspection competition



Charles Pelz



Morning flag raising



Lake Monroe and the Aquatics area



Adam Helwig, Mrs. Kinney



Declan McGrath and Mr. McGrath, winner of the bowling tournament



Mr. McGrath earned his Scout Leaders Merit Badge



Adam Helwig showing off his project from Welding Merit Badge



Nathan Young



View of the campsite, Deer Haven



Petey Wilkens



Declan McGrath using the axe yard



Petey Wilkens in the upside-down hammock



Toby Rainey



Toby Rainey in the upside-down hammock



Isaac Lohmueller and Nathan Young participating in the "Wisconsin Milk" song



The enshrined bowling ball



Sign for Troop 598 Lanes



Jake Kinney



Lunch time: Nate Booher, Adam Helwig, Petey Wilkens, Mr. Wilkens, Jake Kinney, Mrs. Kinney



Adam Helwig



Nate Booher, Toby Rainey, and Nathan Young in a merit badge session



Nathan Hoffman, Declan McGrath, and Nathan Young on their way to class



Nate Booher setting up the pins for another round of summercamp bowling



Nate Booher



Nathan Hoffman



Jake Kinney



Nathan Young



Charles Pelz



Mr. McGrath



Isaac Lohmueller



Adam Helwig



Jake Patrick



Nathan Young



Declan McGrath



Jake Patrick



Nathan Young



Declan McGrath



Petey Wilkens with a message home



Charles Pelz doing hopper duty



Flag lowering ceremony

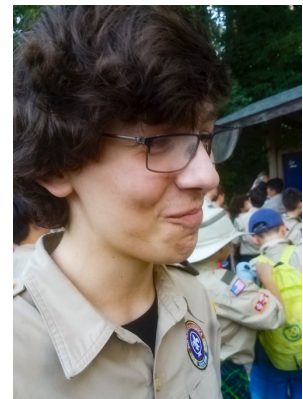
On Friday nights at camp the staff hosts a closing campfire ceremony. The ceremony includes skits, awards, and recognitions, not to mention a lot of laughter and enthusiasm.



Nathan Hoffman



Nate Booher



Toby Rainey



The adult leadership for the week:  
Mr. McGrath, Mrs. Kinney, Mr. Wilkens,  
Mr. Anglin, Mr. Young



Funny moment while waiting for the  
closing ceremony



Waiting for the ceremony to start



Campfire skits



Mr. McGrath recognized for his role as  
Scoutmaster at camp



Camp staff



Nathan Young, Matt Stroh  
After the campfire, staff member Matt  
Stroh stopped by the Troop for a visit.  
Matt was a member of the Troop



An empty campsite as the Scouts start  
the trip home



Walking to the parking  
lot for the trip home



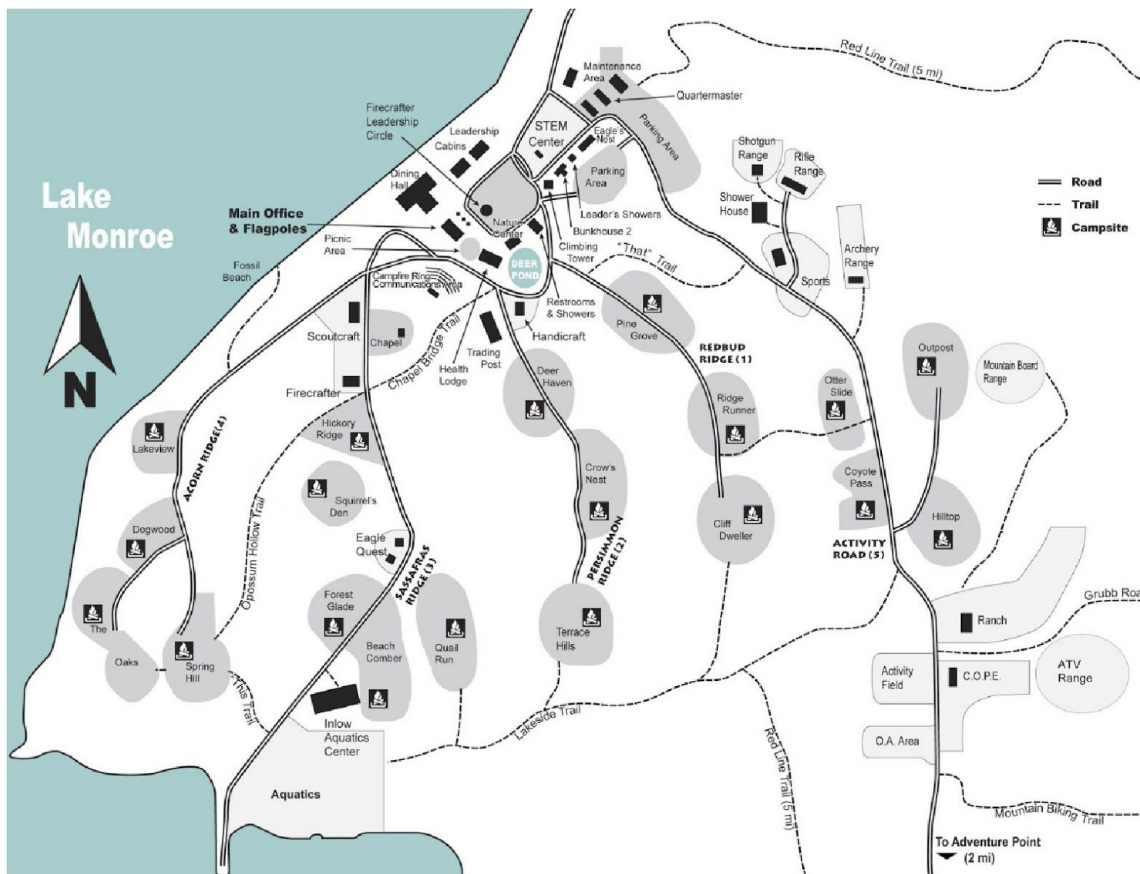
The gear is all packed up ready for the  
trip home



The participation patch each scout  
received



Mr. Wilkens, Mrs. Kinney, Mr. Young, Isaac Lohmueller, Charles Pelz, Jake Kinney, Nate Booher, Adam Helwig, Jake Patrick, Nathan Young, Nathan Hoffman, Declan McGrath, Toby Rainey, Petey Wilkens, Wesley Anglin, Mr. Anglin, Mr. McGrath



The Troop stayed in the campsite Deer Haven



# Climbing Overnight Rockquest Climbing Center Sharonville, OH

August

The campout this month was an overnight at the RockQuest Climbing Center. Everyone arrived at 9:00 pm, and after a brief period of instruction, the boys could climb until 2:00 am, when it was lights out. Everyone slept out on the climbing mats. Climbing could begin again the next morning for 2 hours. The campout was a big hit with everyone. This was a first-time climbing experience for many of the scouts.



The boys received safety training prior to climbing



Mr. McGrath, Nathan Young



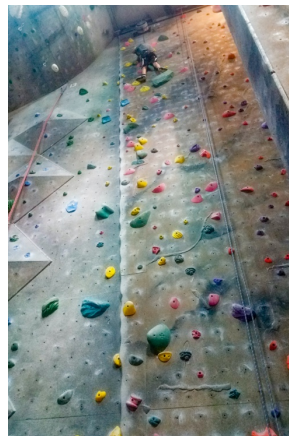
Matt Schomaker



Adam Helwig



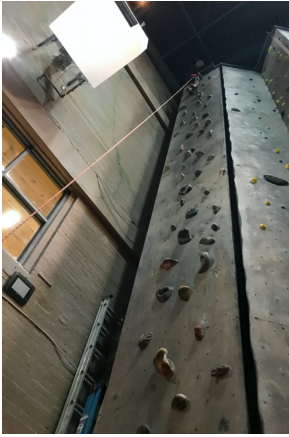
Adam Helwig



Wesley Anglin



Mr. McGrath belaying Nathan Young



Austin Young



Mr. McGrath belaying  
Nathan Young



Mrs. McGrath belaying  
Declan McGrath



Nathan Young



The Troop watches on as  
two scouts race to the top



Declan McGrath



Charles Pelz



The scouts slept anywhere they wanted  
in the climbing area



Matt Schomaker



Nathan Young, Matt Schomaker, Zach Burns (guest of Declan McGrath), Aiden Fischesser, Isaac Lohmueller, Austin Young, Travis Anglin, Adam Helwig, Jake Patrick, Wesley Anglin, Declan McGrath, Charles Pelz

# Order of the Arrow Induction Camp Friedlander Loveland, OH

August

This year the Troop had 3 members get inducted into the Order of the Arrow after completing their OA Ordeal Weekend. The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America, comprised of Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives as elected by their peers. Members maintain Scout traditions, promote resident camping, and provide volunteering services.



Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey, Declan McGrath

# Cycling High Adventure Campout

## Little Miami Bike Trail

### Morrow, OH

August

This trip was the Troop's high adventure trip, with the goal of riding 100 miles over the course of the weekend. The Troop camped at Morgan's Riverside Campground near Morrow, OH. The Scouts rode 25 miles along the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail on Friday, then 50 miles on Saturday, and wrapped up with 25 miles on Sunday.

To help get the Scouts ready for the trip, Mr. Wilkens taught the Cycling Merit Badge at the beginning of the summer. The Scouts learned about bike maintenance, hand signals, and safety while riding. Afterwards, they went for a bike ride to practice their newly obtained knowledge.



Mr. Wilkens teaching bike maintenance to Nathan Young and Toby Rainey



Toby Rainey, Nathan Young



Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Toby Rainey

In order to prepare physically and to complete the requirements for Cycling Merit Badge, the Troop set up numerous day rides throughout the summer in the weeks leading up to the campout weekend. One of the early bike trails the Troop rode on was the Little Miami Bike Trail, which they picked up in Milford, OH. Afterwards everyone stopped for some ice cream. Ice cream became a central theme for many of the training rides.



Nathan Young, Mrs. McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath



Mr. McGrath, Mrs. McGrath, Nathan Young, Toby Rainey, Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Mr. Wilkens



Toby Rainey



Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath

For another bike trip, the Troop went back to the Little Miami Bike Trail, but this time picked up the trail in Loveland, OH



Mr. McGrath, Nathan Young



Nathan Young



Petey Wilkens



Mr. McGrath



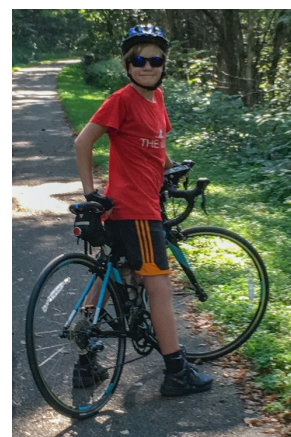
Mr. Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens



Entering Morrow, OH:  
Mr. Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Mr. McGrath



Crossing Todd Fork Creek on the old railroad truss bridge



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young



Mr. McGrath, Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young



Returning back through Morrow, OH



Nathan Young



Taking a break at the old train station in downtown Morrow, OH:  
Mr. McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens



Once back in Loveland, the Troop stopped for some ice cream:  
Nathan Young, Mr. McGrath, Mrs. McGrath, Declan McGrath, Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens



Enjoying some cold treats at the Loveland Sweet Shop

For the next bike trip, the Troop went to the Otto Armleder Park and Lunken Airport Bike Trails in Cincinnati, OH.



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



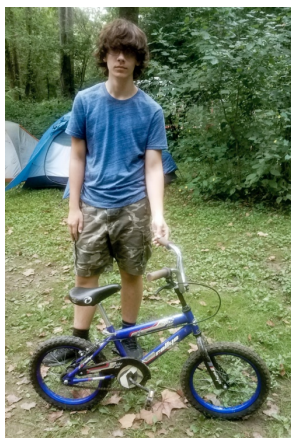
Petey Wilkens



After the bike ride the Troop went to the Mount Washington Creamy Whip for some ice cream:  
Mr. Lohmueller, Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens,

After numerous training rides the Scouts were finally prepared for the big 100-mile ride weekend. A 100-mile ride is often called a century ride.

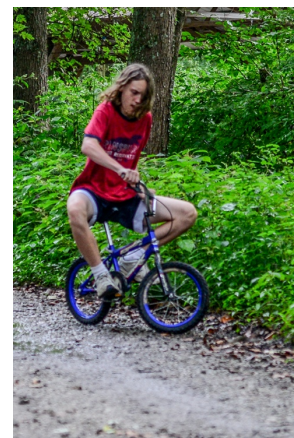
Mr. McGrath had brought a small kid's bike for the scout to use practicing how to change a bike tire. The Scouts had a good time trying to ride the bike.



Toby Rainey



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller

The Troop camped at Morgan's Riverside Campground near Morrow, OH. On Friday evening, the Scouts did a 25-mile round trip heading north along the Little Miami Bike Trail. On Saturday, after breakfast the Scouts learned how to repair a flat tire, then headed south for a 25-miles loop along the trail. After lunch, the Scouts did a 25-mile loop north from the campsite.



Declan McGrath



Mr. McGrath explaining how to replace an inner tube



Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young



Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Mr. Wilkens, Mr. McGrath, Nathan Young



Petey Wilkens



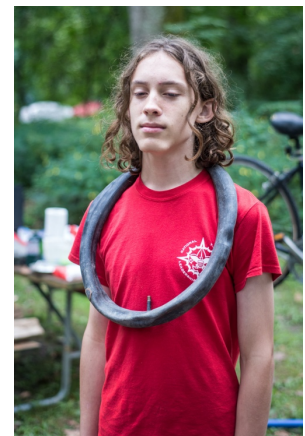
Petey Wilkens



Isaac Lohmueller



Nathan Young



Isaac Lohmueller





Isaac Lohmueller



Petey Wilkens



Mr. Wilkens



Finger jousting: Nathan Young, Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller



Toby Rainey, Mr. Wilkens



Key tools for bike repair



Nathan Young



Toby Rainey, Mr. Wilkens



Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens



Ready to start riding for the day: Isaac Lohmueller, Petey Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Toby Rainey



Mr. Wilkens



Petey Wilkens



Declan McGrath



Nathan Young



Isaac Lohmueller



Toby Rainey



Mr. McGrath, Mr. Young



Declan McGrath crossing over Todd's Fork Creek in Morrow, OH



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young



Toby Rainey



Isaac Lohmueller, Mr. McGrath



A worn-out Nathan Young



Declan McGrath



Field repair of a flat tire



Nathan Young



Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Mr. Wilkens



Pizza for dinner!



Mr. Wilkens making a S'more



S'mores for dessert



Toby Rainey and Nathan Young roasting marshmallows



A katydid hung out with us for awhile



Declan McGrath, Toby Rainey



Declan McGrath, Toby Rainey



Mmmmmmm!

On Sunday, the Scouts finished strong with another 25-mile round trip ride along the Little Miami Bike Trail, this time heading north again.



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



Nathan Young



Mr. Wilkens leading the Troop to the bike trail from the campsite



Nathan Young, Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey, Petey Wilkens, Mr. McGrath



Nathan Young



Declan McGrath



I71 Jeremiah Morrow Bridge over the Little Miami River



Nathan Young



At one point along the trip one of the adult leaders was talking to Toby Rainey and asked him what he thought of the bike trip so far. He said that he was having fun but added that he was a bit disappointed. This was a high adventure trip, but he felt that it was lacking a sense of risk and danger. About 5 minutes later, we came across this sign.



Nathan Young



Mr. Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Toby Rainey



Mr. McGrath, Isaac Lohmueller

The Scouts celebrated the successful completion of the 100-mile century ride weekend with ice cream from the camp store.



Nathan Young



Mmmmmm, a Klondike Bar!



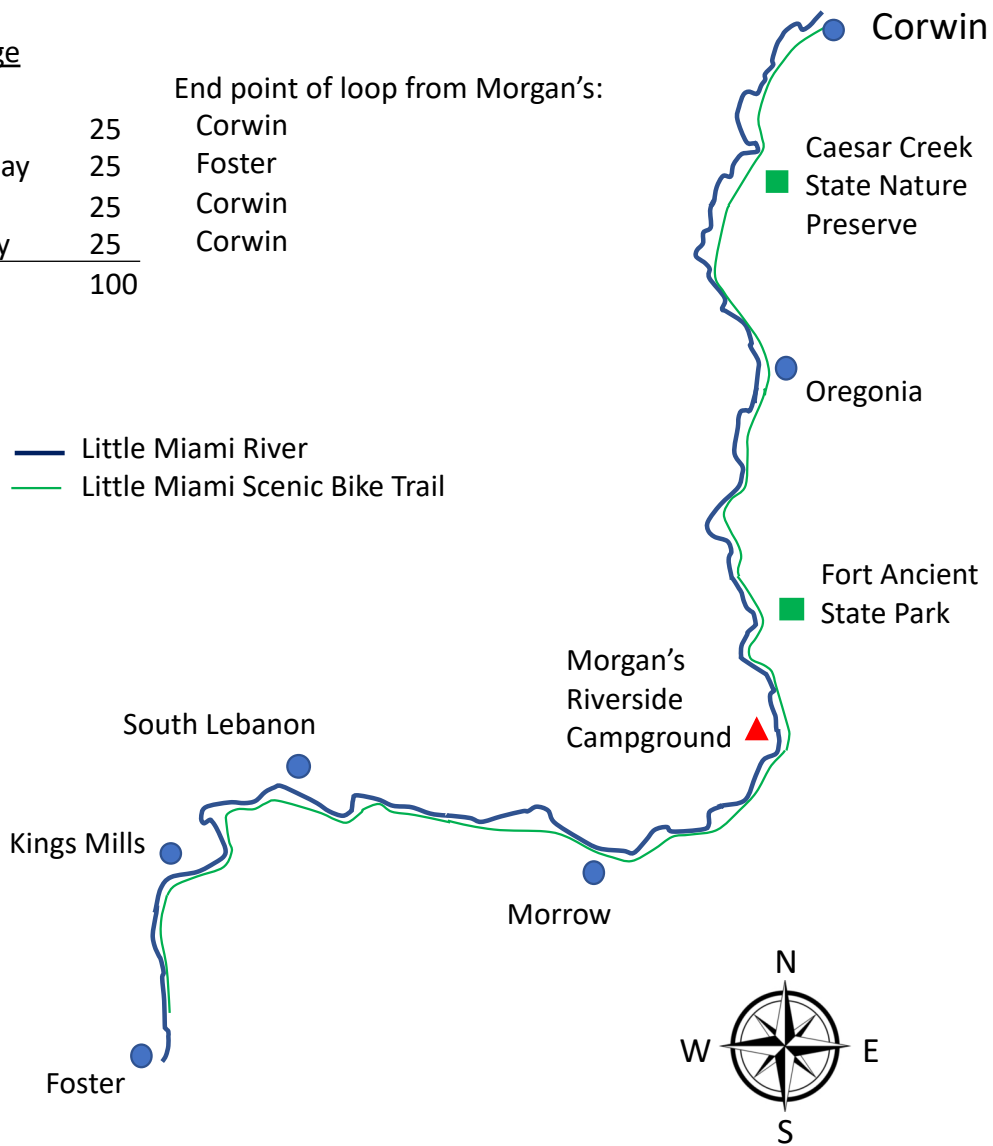
Mr. Lohmueller, Isaac Lohmueller

Mileage

Friday	25
Saturday	25
	25
Sunday	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

End point of loop from Morgan's:

- Corwin
- Foster
- Corwin
- Corwin



# Cincinnati Reds Overnight Great American Ballpark Cincinnati, OH

September

Each year Boy Scouts from all over the area are invited down to Great American Ballpark, home of the Cincinnati Reds, for Scout Night. The Scouts get to enjoy a game, watch a movie on the big jumbotron screen, and spend the night on the field.



Waiting to get into the park



Walking around the field pre-game



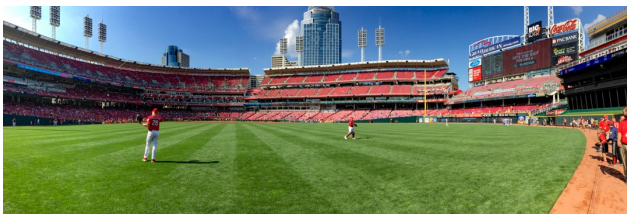
Declan McGrath with the Reds warming up for the game



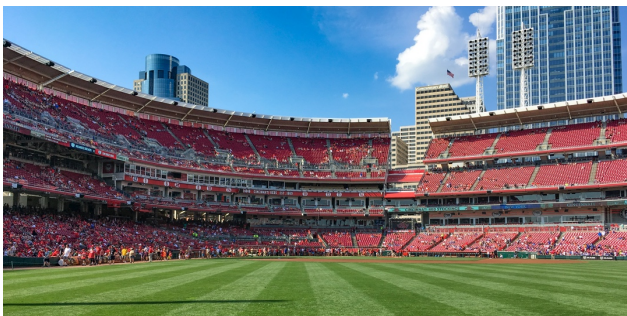
Ground crew getting the field ready



Ground crew getting the field ready



Walking around the field pre-game while the Reds warm up



Field level view of the stadium before the game



Nathan Young, Wesley Anglin, Nick Stroh, Nathan Hoffman, Drew Dunlap, Travis Anglin, Austin Young, Declan McGrath, Mr. Anglin, Samantha Young



Drew Dunlap, Declan McGrath, Austin Young, Nathan Young, Nick Stroh, Travis Anglin, Nathan Hoffman, Mr. Hoffman



Joey Votto at bat



Reds player at bat



Reds player hitting it deep into the outfield



Panoramic view of the stadium and the game below



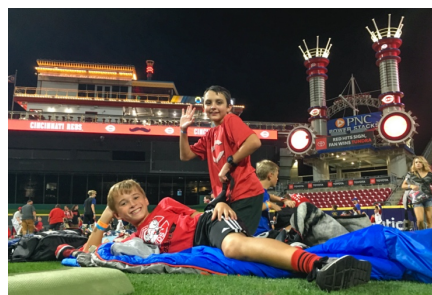
Celebrating the Reds' victory over the New York Yankees: 3 to 2



Waiting to get onto the field for the movie



Setting up "camp" for the night – everyone slept under the stars



Declan McGrath, Drew Dunlap



Wesley Anglin, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Drew Dunlap



Nathan Hoffman, Mr. Hoffman



Drew Dunlap, Declan McGrath,  
Nathan Young watching the movie



Drew Dunlap, Declan McGrath,  
Nathan Young watching the movie



Mr. Young, Samantha Young



# Orienteering Event Evendale, OH

September

Declan McGrath led an orienteering event, teaching the scouts how to use a compass, how to measure their own pace, and how to use multiple ways to estimate heights and distances. He then led the Scouts on a one-mile orienteering course, designed to help them meet Requirement 4a for First Class. The course included fun facts about Evendale as well as some history of Troop 598.



Nate Booher, Nathan Hoffman, and Adam Helwig following along the course



Nathan Hoffman with his family's brick



Nate Booher, Adam Helwig



Wesley Anglin



Nate Booher, Adam Helwig, Nathan Hoffman



Nate Booher



Nathan Hoffman



Nate Booher, acting as a measuring stick to help other scouts determine the height of the tower



Nathan Hoffman using a technique for estimating heights



Nate Booher using a compass to chart the next direction



Declan McGrath



Wesley Anglin, Jake Patrick,  
Declan McGrath



Declan McGrath, reviewing the  
course results with Wesley Anglin



Declan McGrath, Nathan Hoffman,  
Wesley Anglin, Nate Booher, and Jake  
Patrick, recapping the day's events



Declan McGrath and Nathan Hoffman  
reviewing Nathan's answers

# Fall Court of Honor Evendale Community Church Evendale, OH

September

Scouts are recognized at the Fall Court of Honor for the advancement they earned in the last 6 months, which includes summer camp. Seventeen scouts earned 84 merit badges and eleven scouts earned rank badges.



Adam Helwig calling the Court of Honor to order



Color guard, led by Clay Kessler and Nathan Young



Troop adult leadership:  
 Committee Chair: Mr. Stroh  
 Advancement Chair: Mrs. Wilkens  
 Assistant Scoutmaster: Mr. Wilkens  
 Scoutmaster: Mr. McGrath

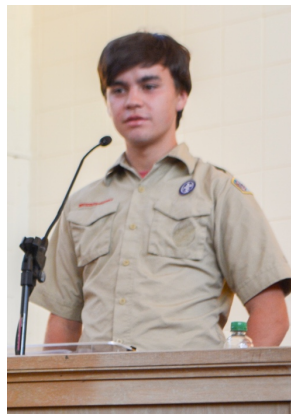


Adam Helwig relaying information about upcoming events

During each Court of Honor, Scouts present their remembrances of the various campouts during the last 6 months.



Nathan Hoffman



Jake Kinney



Declan McGrath



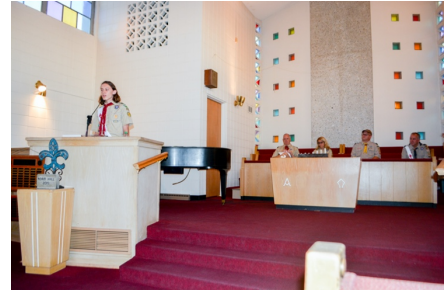
Nathan Young



Jake Patrick, Nate Booher



Jake Patrick, Nate Booher,  
Declan McGrath, Nathan Hoffman



Isaac Lohmueller



Nate Booher



Wesley Anglin



Isaac Lohmueller

The Scouts earned a total of 63 merit badges, mostly from summer camp. The merit badges were presented to the Scouts by the Advancement Chair Mrs. Wilkens.



Nathan Hoffman



Clay Kessler



Joseph Mickenberg



Nate Booher



Jake Kinney



Adam Helwig



Declan McGrath



Petey Wilkens



Nathan Young



Jake Patrick



Nick Stroh



Scouts who earned merit badges: *Mrs. Wilkens*, *Mr. Stroh*, Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller, Nathan Young, *Mr. McGrath*, Jake Patrick, Grant Edwards, Joseph Mickenberg, Declan McGrath, Nick Stroh, Wesley Anglin, Adam Hall, Nathan Hoffman, Jake Kinney, Adam Helwig, Nate Booher, Clay Kessler, *Mr. Wilkens*.

(Not in attendance: Charles Pelz, Toby Rainey)

Each Scout that earns a rank gets to light a candle during the ceremony to symbolize his advancement along the path to Eagle.



Wesley Anglin, Tenderfoot



Petey Wilkens, First Class



Nathan Young, First Class



Declan McGrath, Star



Nick Stroh, Star



Scouts who earned ranks: *Mrs. Wilkens, Mr. Stroh, Wesley Anglin, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Young, Declan McGrath, Nick Stroh, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Wilkens*  
(Not in attendance: Toby Rainey, Star)



Scouts who participated in the Century Ride bike high adventure campout. Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller, Declan McGrath, Nathan Young, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Lohmueller



Mr. McGrath offering his Scoutmaster comments

The Troop also celebrated Adam Hall's Eagle Court of Honor.



Adam Hall and fellow Eagle Kevin Hall



Eagle Kevin Hall



Mr. Stroh reading Adam Hall's Eagle letters of recommendation



Adam Hall pinning the Eagle Mom pin onto Mrs. Hall



Adam Hall pinning the Eagle Scout Dad pin onto Mr. Hall



Mrs. Hall pinning the Eagle pin onto Adam Hall



Mr. Hall, Adam Hall, Mrs. Hall



Adam Hall with his Eagle rank certificate



Mr. Hall, Adam Hall, Mrs. Hall, Kevin Hall



Adam Hall lighting his advancement candle



Adam Hall presented the Mentor pin to Mr. Stroh



Adam Hall presented the Mentor pin to Mr. Stroh



Adam Hall adding his name plate to the Troop Eagle plaque



Adam Hall presented his thoughts on achieving the Eagle Rank. Adam is the Troop's 68<sup>th</sup> 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 year's theme focused on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp Friedlander and the event provided scouts the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities and competitions. Typically, the camporee draws around 5,000 scouts for the weekend.



While driving to the event on Friday evening the Troop trailer got a flat. Mr. Wilkens replaced the tire.



Getting the campsite set up on Friday evening. The Webelos from Pack 72 were invited to spend the weekend with the Troop.



Adam Helwig passing on information about the weekend's events



Camp in the morning



Breakfast



Troop campsite



Getting ready to start the day's activities



A Blackhawk helicopter was on display



On Saturday night, there was a campfire program, complete with a fireworks display from across the lake.



There was a fireworks display from across Lake Marge Schott



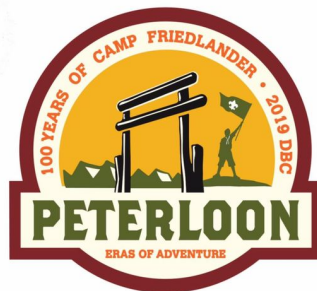
Scouts hanging out in the campsite



Magic the Gathering game



Nathan Young talking to the Webelos at the end of the weekend.



Participants for the weekend received this patch

# 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. Boy Scout Troop 598 is the only group that is allowed to camp on the property. The Scouts do a service project for the farm in the morning, and the Scouts can launch model rockets in the afternoon. In the evening, the Troop does a flag retirement ceremony.

The service project this year was to rake out the leaves from the water runoff ravine next to the parking lot.



Petey Wilkens and Nathan Young cooking burgers for dinner



Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller, and Nathan Young cooking burgers for dinner



Nathan Young, Nate Booher



Campsite in the early morning hours



Raking leaves out of the drainage ravine



Petey Wilkens, Toby Rainey



Mr. Wilkens



Petey Wilkens



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



Toby Rainey, Wesley Anglin



Toby Rainey, Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller,  
Toby Rainey



Nate Booher



Lunch around the cold fire pit:  
Jake Patrick Nathan Hoffman, Petey  
Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Wesley  
Anglin



Toby Rainey



Mr. Wilkens, Declan McGrath, Wesley Anglin



Nathan Hoffman, Isaac Lohmueller, Toby Rainey



Mr. Wilkens, Jake Patrick



Declan McGrath



Declan McGrath



Nate Booher,  
Isaac Lohmueller



Mr. Wilkens, Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens



Petey Wilkens' rocket is ready for launch



Petey Wilkens launching his rocket



Isaac Lohmueller continued his tradition of launching a homemade rocket, this time made from Magic the Gathering cards



Isaac Lohmueller



Isaac Lohmueller



Building the fire



Nathan Young and Petey Wilkens working to get a fire started



Wesley Anglin, Nate Booher, Jake Patrick, Nathan Young, Declan McGrath, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman



Declan McGrath, Wesley Anglin



As is tradition, the Troop held a flag retirement ceremony. Declan McGrath, Mr. McGrath, Jake Patrick, Nate Booher, Nathan Hoffman, Wesley Anglin, Isaac Lohmueller

# Winter Camporee England-Idlewild Park Burlington, KY

December

The winter camporee was sponsored by the Trailblazer District and this year's theme was "Ticket to Hike – Blazing A Trail Across America". There were 8 events that the Scouts needed to complete as a team. These included: building a fire hot enough to pop Jiffy Pop within 30 minutes; estimating heights and distances (Troop 598 won this one, thanks to their orienteering work earlier in the year); first aid; swamp skiing; geocaching; tomahawk throwing; a team balance exercise; and identifying campsite violations. Mr. Wilkens and Mr. McGrath cooked them a nice hot lunch while they were out, in a rare role reversal! It was a cold and wet weekend, but the boys had a great time! On our way home, the boys came to cheer on Declan in his hockey game in Northern Kentucky. Inspired by Troop 598, Declan scored a goal in the victory.



Setting up the dining fly



Dinner time



Nathan Hoffman, Wesley Anglin,  
Jake Patrick, Petey Wilkens

For the Jiffy Pop competition, each Troop was given some rope as a fire starter and a small amount of wood. The fastest troop to finish popping their popcorn was the winner.



Adam Helwig, Isaac Lohmueller, Nathan Hoffman, Petey Wilkens, Wesley Anglin



Making fire starters by fraying rope: Jake Patrick, Declan McGrath, Wesley Anglin, Petey Wilkens, Nathan Hoffman, Isaac Lohmueller, Adam Helwig



The fire is built ....



and the time starts with striking the first match ....



and the fire is fed some more rope ....



and the popcorn starts to pop ....



While Isaac Lohmueller fans the flames ....



and finally, the popping is done. Time to see how the popcorn turned out.

Another competition was swamp skiing, which involves six scouts standing on two boards and as a team, they must walk a certain distance while keeping everyone on the boards. It is all about communication and teamwork.



Adam Helwig, Declan McGrath, Jake Patrick, Nathan Hoffman, Wesley Anglin, Petey Wilkens, Isaac Lohmueller



The troop experiences a setback as Jake Patrick falls off the boards



Adam Helwig offers some comic relief on how to coordinate as a team



Dutch oven dinner



The campout was a little bit muddy



Participation patch Scouts received for attending the camporee

# Troop Events Without Photos

March	Pack 72 Crossover Ceremony
April	Spring Court of Honor Mulch fundraiser
November	Camp Conservation Day at Camp Friedlander



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