



Troop 200 Circle-Up

September 2020

Adventure is waiting – join us!

Hawk Mountain Getaway

On September 18th we met at Immaculate Conception Church and headed up to **Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation** in Schuylkill Have, Pennsylvania. On Saturday morning, ten scouts and scouters headed off for a two-day 18-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail. **George Gregory** served as the action scout for the event, planning the hike which included stops at the 501 Lookout, Hertline and a rope swing into a swimming hole for those who dared to jump (in our case, it was **Ryan S.!**)

Meanwhile, back at Hawk Mountain, the rest of our troop spent time at the rifle range. Word has it that a partial blue card for the Rifle merit badge was finally completed! Veteran campers, **Cameron, Christian** and **Owen** showed **Jacob, Sean** and **Oliver** the ropes and helped them with rank requirements.

A few weeks ago, the scouts and scouters headed to **Hickory Run State Park** in White Haven, Pennsylvania. The group hiked 10 miles, camped and even encountered a bear. The older scouts in the troop will be heading to Philmont in the summer of 2021 and will be going on many hikes as they prepare for their trek. These training hikes are open to anyone in the troop who wants to get outside. While some hikes will be long distance, others won't be. Adventure is waiting – join us!



The photos above are from our trip to Hawk Mountain and the Appalachian Trail hike. The photo in the header is from our Hickory Run hike.



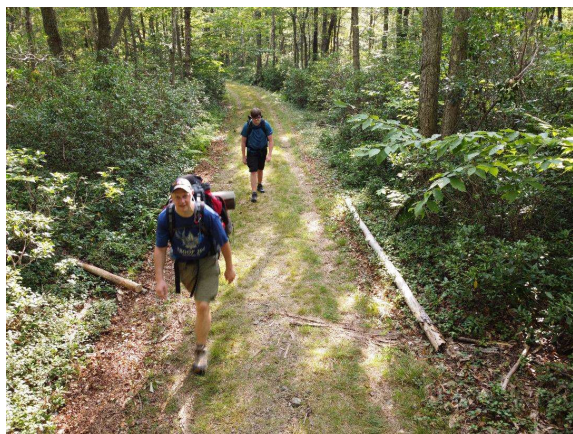
Did you know? Nate's two older brothers, Jake and Zach (#85) are both Eagle Scouts. And, Nate holds the Troop 200 record for most merit badges earned: 106!

Eagle Scout #91: Nate Nemeth

We were able to get together on September 6th to recognize Troop 200's ninety-first Eagle Scout, **Nate Nemeth**. The event was held at Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park in Lebanon. Nate passed his Eagle Board of Review in December, but due to COVID-19, his Court of Honor had to be rescheduled. Next time you're at Echo Hill Park – take a closer look at the signage near the parking lot – that's the result of Nate's hard work.

Good luck at college, Nate...you're going to do amazing things!

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Troop 200's Newest Arrowmen

Troop 200 scouts **Phil LaBelle**, **Cameron Lutz**, **John Martoccia**, and **Owen Maslanka** were recently inducted into scouting's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow at Ockanickon Scout Reservation in Pipersville, PA.

Fun facts: the OA was founded in 1915 at the nearby Treasure Island camp. Today, the OA has more than 176,000 members.

Upcoming activities

10/16-18 – Movie Campout
10/19 – our 66th anniversary
and Minute to Win It
10/25 – 190 Rocket event
10/26 – Court of Honor
10/31 - Nov/8 – Wreath Sale
11/16 – Turkey Bowl '20

Last spring, these scouts were elected by their peers within the troop and recognized as being scouts who live the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. There are several requirements to be eligible for the OA, including having spent 15 nights camping as a scout.

Arrowmen can often be found working on projects around camp and they are also often the leaders of their units working to improve the scouting experience for all the members of their unit.

You may have seen scouts wearing a bright red arrow on a crisp white band but wondered what it is. That's the OA sash, an outward sign that the person wearing it is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Interested in learning more about OA, talk with Life Scout, **Ethan Lutz** who is our troop's Order of the Arrow representative.

Stay connected!



Doing a good turn

Over several days in August, volunteers from Troop 200 spent time collecting trash and debris throughout downtown Clinton. From the Municipal Building to the Art Museum and everywhere in between, they cleaned up Clinton. (PSA: don't throw your masks on the ground!)

During the summer, **Mr. Lutz** and **Cameron** helped **Owen** finish up the requirements for the Kayaking merit badge. The group, along with **Mr. Maslanka**, met at Round Valley to finish up the requirements.

During our Hickory Run hiking/camping trip, an unexpected visitor happened upon the area we were camping in. Thanks to the quick thinking of **Mr. Maslanka**, he alerted the everyone in the area who started making noise, encouraging the bear to go on its way.



Troop 200 time capsule

Since 1955, our troop have gone on some pretty cool adventures. Here are a few memories from our Troop 200 time capsule:

We've attended 'Jambo' many times over the years. In 1964, two of our scouts **Ronald Bright** and **Robert Sheppard** attended the national Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge. In the summer of 2019, **Phil LaBelle** represented Troop 200 at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

In 2014 our Troop and Venture Crew headed to **Seabase Florida's Out Island**. Our troop were scheduled to return to Out Island last April, unfortunately, the trip was canceled due to the pandemic. (top)

In 2012, our members of our troop headed to **Northern Tier** in Minnesota. (second photo) In 2015, three of our scouts – **Michael Marosy**, **David Wells** and **Andrew Wells** were awarded the Triple Crown of National High Adventure Award for participating in high adventure programs at three of the four National High Adventure Bases operated by Boy Scouts of America.

In 2017, our scouts headed off to **Seabase Bahamas** where they sailed, swam and went SCUBA diving. (third photo)

Troop 200 scouts went on a 75-mile backpacking trek at **Philmont Scout Ranch** in northern New Mexico in 2013. This wasn't our troop's first trip to New Mexico, in 1964, two of our scouts, **Ira Eick** and **Gregory Brown** went to Philmont. And, we'll be heading back to Philmont in 2021!

In 2015, our Troop/Crew went on an amazing 5-day, 55-mile trek through **Yellowstone National Park**. (bottom)

So when we say we like adventure, we mean it! Adventure is waiting – join us!



Path to Eagle

From our very first Eagle scout, to our most recent, here's a list of our Eagle Scouts.

1. Robert Sheppard – 1965 2. George Gunsauls, JR – 1965 3. Paul DeMott – 1969 4. Philip Gunsauls – 1971
5. Frank Miller – 1971 6. Terry Welsh – 1973 7. Daniel Hoffman – 1973 8. Howard Fairchild III – 1973 9. Jon Miller – 1973
10. Christian Jones – 1978 11. Fred Fox – 1978 12. Steven Duffy – 1978 13. John Kudlich – 1981 14. John Vierow – 1982
15. John M. Jones – 1982 16. Andrew Graham – 1986 17. Joseph Eggert Jr. – 1994 18. Bruce Hom – 1995 19. Andrew
Pittard – 1995 20. Michael La Spada – 1995 21. Patrick Kennedy – 1996 22. Sage Lichtenwalner – 1996 23. Matthew
Tennen – 1998 24. Barry Cregar – 1999 25. JD Katsoff – 1999 26. Russell Batistoni – 2000 27. Brian Dodd – 2000
28. Adam Duvill – 2001 29. M. Mattera – 2002 30. Phillip Moore – 2002 31. Matthew Fojtlin – 2003 32. John Burgess
III – 2003 33. Nicholas Rocha – 2003 34. Alexander Meyer – 2003 35. Scott Anderson – 2004 36. Eric Van Nostrand –
2004 37. Thomas Lawrence – 2006 38. Ben Royal – 2006 39. Brandon Anreola – 2006 40. Eric Radwin – 2007
41. Ryan Drumm – 2007 42. Ryan Holmes – 2007 43. Arthur Nevins – 2007 44. Adam Moleta – 2007 45. Randy Kuhar –
2007 46. Brian Tighe – 2007 47. Matthew Lawrence – 2008 48. Keith Freeman – 2009 49. Tristan Peer – 2009
50. Christian Manley – 2009 51. John Paulmeno – 2009 52. Stephen Schmitt – 2009 53. Erich Junge – 2010
54. John Singer – 2010 55. Joseph Lawrence – 2010 56. Ryan Koch – 2011 57. Alexander Pittenger – 2011
58. Riley McCarten – 2011 59. Dylan Gallagher – 2012 60. Matthew Singer – 2012 61. Rusty Freeman – 2012 62. Kurt
Wagner – 2012 63. Alex Latournous – 2012 64. Peter Schaible – 2012 65. Nicholas Bussell – 2012 66. Brian Wells – 2012
67. Matthew Majorossy – 2013 68. Jason Dittman – 2013 69. Jacob Porter – 2013 70. Andrew Ferraro – 2013
71. James Gallagher – 2014 72. James Trontell – 2014 73. Kyle Boyd – 2014 74. Michael Marosy – 2015 75. David Wells –
2015 76. Andrew Wells – 2015 77. John Anderson – 2016 78. Nathan Sferra – 2016 79. Brendan Feeley – 2016
80. Robert Spies – 2016 81. Robert Fodera – 2016 82. Jake Sylvestre – 2017 83. Justin Sieber – 2017 84. Brinton
Gibbons – 2017 85. Zachary Nemeth – 2017 86. Nicholas LaBelle – 2017 87. Tyler Boyd – 2017 88. Dillon Berenty – 2018
89. Caleb Korson – 2018 90. Zachary Majorossy – 2019 91. Nate Nemeth – 2019.



Path to Eagle - 4 scout rank up

On September 21, four Boards of Review took place at Holjes-Sheppard Memorial Park in Lebanon. Congrats to our newest Second Class scout, **Bo Pardo**, and our newest Life scouts, **Andrew Bozzi**, **Owen Maslanka** and **Justin Verlin**. Thanks to **Mrs. LaBelle**, **Mrs. Maslanka**, **Mr. Pardo** and **Mr. Valliere** for serving on the Board.

Tips for hiking & camping near bears

Bears are active in almost all parks in our region. In recent weeks, bears have been making recurring appearances at several shelters in Harriman, including the popular Fingerboard Shelter. What's the reason? Food! Bears are more likely to seek out human food sources in the spring, when natural food is scarce, and in the summer, particularly during periods of drought.

If you encounter a bear:

- Never Approach or Surround a Bear - Bears aggressively defend themselves when they feel threatened or cornered. Be especially cautious around cubs as mother bears are very protective.
- Do Not Throw Your Backpack or Food Bag at an Approaching Bear - This practice will only encourage bears to approach and "bully" people to get food.
- Use Noise to Scare Bears Away - Yell, clap or bang pots immediately upon sighting a bear near your campsite. Never run from the bear. If you feel threatened, back away slowly.
- Avoid Walking Trails at Night - Stay in your campsite to avoid chance encounters.



Back in the day...

If you're an alumnus of Troop 200 and want to share a memory or update, email us at troop200nj@gmail.com