

Upcoming Events

Troop 49 Open House: January 31, 7:00 p.m.

Troop Leadership Election: March 14, 7:00 p.m.

Notices:

- Log into Scoutbook to check out all of its great features. Scoutbook is used to track your rank requirements, service hours, camping nights, and hiking miles. Your Scout Account balance is also posted on Scoutbook.
- Please return the Troop's Merit Badge Books to a librarian as soon as you are finished using them. Thank you.

Troop 49's New Website

[Troop 49 Summit](#)

www.troop49summit.com

Charter Organization Website

Delafield American Legion Post 196

www.delafieldlegion.com



Troop 49 Boy Scout Newsletter January 2019

Scoutmaster's Corner

By Mr. Neimon, Scoutmaster

Helping is Huge

This summer was the summer I needed to address 19 years of neglect on my shed. It was sinking into the ground, the roof was sagging, leaking and some of God's creatures were taking up permanent residence in it via the holes they created as alternate entrances. To save money (a scout is thrifty), I decided not to buy a new one. I was going to fix this one up and make it better for less money. I knew it was going to be hard work but what the heck if I need help, I will just ask. Well, it was a lot of work and though I initially had some help it quickly was dwindling down to mostly just me working on it any chance I could get. About a month into the project things were slowing down, taking longer, and getting more expensive, I was frustrated and unhappy. It was at this point that a neighbor of mine came over and asked if I needed any help. I have known him for 19 years and he is about 15 years older and retired. Daryl (and his wife Nancy) are good people yet for the most part I cannot remember a time we spent more than an hour at any one time together. None-the-less, for the next month he came over every time I was working on the shed and many times when I was not, but told me what he was going to do. The project got done quicker, my frustration and anger replaced with comfort, satisfaction and joy. Helping is Huge. Daryl did not have to help me. He easily could have gone about his own life, but instead he thought beyond himself and made me a better person. Along that line, I would be remiss if I did not give you another, Helping is Huge quick story. It was brought to Mrs. McCarthy's attention that a fellow scout family needed a new lawn mower, and could we help. Mrs. McCarthy could have declined, but that is not her way. She worked with the family, found the mower they wanted/needed, asked for donations, went and bought the mower and took away the broken mower. Helping is Huge. Mrs. McCarthy thought and acted beyond herself and made a positive difference in the life of this family and I would also say in all those that helped donate. You have the power to do the same, all you must do is help.

Tribute to Mr. James Jesse Troop 49 Former Scoutmaster

Mr. James Jesse was a Troop 49 Scoutmaster for 12 years. Sadly, he passed away in 2018. Troop 49 Eagle Scouts proudly honored Mr. Jesse by presenting the flags at his service. Mrs. Sharon Jesse wanted to thank our troop with a donation that was made by friends and family of the Jesses' to honor and to celebrate Mr. Jesse's life in scouting with Troop 49 and Boy Scouts of America. We were very honored to receive this donation. I thought it would be nice to learn more about Mr. Jesse and his sons who were part of Troop 49. Thank you to



Mrs. Sharon Jesse, sons, Mike and Nick Jesse and Mr. Jesse's sister, Patricia Gadow for taking the time to answer my questions. ~Spencer Hong

- 1. How long was Mr. Jesse a Scoutmaster for Troop 49? Do you know how long/the years, Mr. Jesse and your sons were in Troop 49?** Mr. Jesse was a Scoutmaster in Troop 49 for 12 years. He was active in Troop 49 until 2003. His sons, Mike and Nick were both in the troop as soon as they could join boy scouts and stayed in Troop 49 until they aged out.
- 2. Did Mr. Jesse ever mention what his favorite thing was, about being a Scoutmaster or being a member of Troop 49?** Mrs. Jesse: Mr. Jesse talked about the camaraderie and friendships between the boys and all their family members which is still evident today with several troop members. He enjoyed sharing his love of nature with the scouts and his intense knowledge of first aid from being a corpsman in the Navy/ Marines. Patricia Gadow: My brother discussed with me the joy he got out of working with the scouts on their merit badges and also his joy in having Eagle Scouts in the troop. He talked about times when he had kids that had never learned about camping or to live in that kind of environment. As he told the stories I could see the kind of gentle support he offered. The ability to work with the scouts and build their skills and feeling of self-reliance and self-esteem, I think were part of his drive. He wanted to provide a strong male role model for the young boys and young men.



Sea Base Out Island Adventure Part 1 By Patrick Byrnes

Two summers ago, some boys from our troop including myself took a trip down to Florida for the Sea Base Out Island Experience. On this trip, we started at a base camp in the Florida keys, where we Prepared for the

adventure ahead of us, the next day we packed up our gear into waterproof bags and we were off on a war canoe with a bin full of food and many barrels of clean water. On the paddle out to the island, we took on the sun, the waves and the struggle of paddling over 5 miles in the ocean. When we got to the island, we tied the boat to the floating anchor and waded into the shore of the island.... **to be continued in the next newsletter....**

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- 6. Did Mike and Nick have a favorite camp? Mike:** My favorite camp was Gardener Dam. It had many great things to do like shooting 22s, tubing the river, chopping firewood and special wildlife memories such as the raccoons stealing the peanut butter to porcupines eating the toilet seats. **Nick:** Gardener Dam was my favorite camp because of the many opportunities they had to learn new skills and because of the variety of activities they offered at the camp.
- 7. Is there any advice or anything else you or your son's would like to share with the scouts of Troop 49? Mike:** Go on all the camping trips that you can as you will always have fun and those special moments will last your lifetime. **Nick:** To always participate. Sometimes you may not want to join in on an activity but spending time with your troop mates will really give you memories to cherish forever.

NYLT

Youth leaders who attend NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) develop a LIVIT which consist of personal and scouting-related goals which they have 18 months to complete. When they have completed their LIVIT the participant has earned their beads.

Pictured on right: Mr. Neimon presenting Jacob Looman with his beads.



NYLT PROJECTS ~ by Jacob Looman

To fully complete NYLT Scout Camp, Scouts are asked to complete one personal project, and one project for the Troop. The personal project is to better yourself and push yourself in the process. The Troop project is to improve/fix or add something to your troop. My personal project was to get a song released by October. This was meant to push myself, and it did. It was harder than I thought it would be to master the song and to get it to sound good enough to put online. I also had to meet and talk to new people in order to get it released. For the Troop, I chose to make a new knot stand for the Troop to practice on. My original idea was actually to fix the knot stands we already had, but upon further inspection and talking to Mr. Neimon, I realized that it wouldn't really be worth it to fix the old ones. In addition to that, I realized that with our move to the Hospital Conference room for Troop meetings, we would need a more mobile solution. I chose to find a design online and make a completely new one. It was more complicated than I thought it

would be. I had to copy the design and make my own version and dimensions out of the blueprints. I then had to buy the wood and hardware and build it. Overall, I learned a lot and it was a very interesting experience.

Pictured on Left: Jacob Looman presents his new Knot Tying Station.



Mr. Jesse with his son Mike Jesse at Mike's Eagle Scout Ceremony in 1998.

3. Mrs. Jesse, do you have a favorite memory of being part of Troop 49? I have many great memories of scouting with the troop from camping in below freezing weather with our old canvas tent at Harnischfeger, winter cave camping twice with bats overhead, and at the Kummrow's farm camping. Learning to make rope then building a bridge with that rope over a stream. Skeet shooting with rifles/shotguns and having buffalo burgers for supper. I

always admired the boys team work, Leadership Abilities and Organizational skills.

4. Do your sons have a favorite memory about being part of Troop 49? Mike: At Camp Gardener Dam there is the whitewater canoeing merit badge that you can earn. One thing you have to do is learn to throw and catch the safety rope bag. To catch the bag you must body surf down a small rapids area and another scout on shore throws the bag at you as you float down the rapids. **Nick:** the camps; Gardner Dam in the summer offered so many amazing activities. Harnischfeger was fun in the fall being involved with other Boy and Girl Scout troops playing tackle football and in the evening the co-ed dance. Glacier Hills provided opportunities to participate in winter sports such as cross country skiing, sledding, snowball fights and ice fishing.

5. What did Mike do for his Eagle Scout Project?, and how did you feel about him achieving the rank of Eagle Scout? Mike: I became an Eagle Scout in the Summer of 1998. My Eagle project was to build several Aldo Leopold benches for the old YMCA. The benches were to provide seating for families to watch baseball games at the ball field near the YMCA building because the road in front of the diamond could be dangerous with passing cars. **Mrs. Jesse:** We were very proud of the hard work and determination of Mike to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout as well as all the scouts accomplishing goals that they set for themselves.

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**Congratulations
Jacob Morehouse
Troop 49's,
80th Eagle Scout**



**Congratulations
Spencer Hong
Troop 49's,
81st
Eagle Scout**

