



## **Troop 49 Newsletter**

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### **Scoutmaster Corner**

**By Scoutmaster Mr. Voiles**

I've heard adults talk about "These kids today..." and then they follow up with some complaint about how kids today aren't as productive or driven as them when they were growing up. Clearly these people haven't spent any time with scouts.

If they did, they would see older experienced scouts working with younger scouts and making them feel welcome. They would see scouts who thought they could do everything by themselves but learn that it's better to work as a team. They would see young scouts who've never been away from home before putting up tents and cooking dinner for 28 people while being guided by older scouts. They would see scouts who couldn't pass the swim test last year work hard to become a better swimmer to pass it the next year. They would see scouts who were once shy and never thought they could lead, step up and teach a group of their peers to perform new skills. And they would see that together the scouts, adult leaders, and the parents all play a key role in helping and guiding our young people to become responsible members of the community.

So please remember. In scouts and beyond, you will inspire others, just as others have inspired you.

Thank you all for your feedback, help, and patience as I'm still learning my new role.

## **Prayer by Peter Koutropoulos**

Dear God.

Thank you for all of the wonderful people and opportunities in scouting. Thank you for all of the campouts we had and please keep everyone safe, happy, and healthy in scouting. Amen

## **SPL Spotlight by Brandon Tobias**

As many of you know I am now taking over Nick's position as SPL of the troop. I believe that my experience as a member of Troop 49 can help be a good leader in order to provide each scout the opportunity to grow and have fun. I have been a part of the troop for many years now and have built many great friendships along the way. I will work with my ASPLs and other leadership to make sure the troop is organized and prepared for our meetings and activities. I will do my best to support the troop and each scout in it, so if you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to tell me.

## **Troop 49 and Lapham Peak Conservation Efforts**

Thinking beyond yourself does not mean just helping others. As scouts we have a responsibility to take care of the environment. Each one of us can make a big difference, a positive impact on society and the environment. An area that I have been committed to helping is the conservation efforts at Lapham Peak State Park. Last year Mrs. Neimon and I have become members of "the Friends of Lapham Peak", a conservation group that works in the Park on a variety of projects but for us it has been removing invasive species. Since February of 2020 we have organized and accomplished the following:

- 585 work hours logged
- 180 volunteers
- 211 Piles burned
- Over 329 piles total burned if you count adding onto a burning stack.

We have cleared large areas revealing a beautiful natural landscape and a pond. More importantly a mature forest that was dying now has a chance at regrowth. The users of the park are grateful.

Troop 49 has been a part of that effort. Many scouts have received conservation hours working with us. On behalf of Mrs. Neimon and the Friends of Lapham I want to thank you for that help.

We work mostly on a weekend for 3 hours or so and sometimes a weeknight. I have and will continue to let Troop 49 know of workdays but if any scouts or adults want to organize a work party I will accommodate.

I want to close with this. You all have the power to make a difference. Think about what you do on a weekend. Does what you do make a difference to society or nature? It can, with just a little hard work, I will guarantee whatever it is, you will proud, satisfied and better for it. Come join us on a more regular basis and make a positive difference.

Sincerely,

Mr. Neimon  
Troop 49 Scoutmaster emeritus  
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## Engineering Merit Badge Clinic by Sophia Hoffman

The engineering merit badge was held at the Harley-Davidson Museum. I didn't think I would like it at first but ended up really enjoying it. We were able to see different kinds of engines, along with learning how engines actually work. We didn't just learn about the actual motorcycle itself, but we were able to learn about the past and how Harley-Davidson came to be. In the beginning, it was sort of confusing, but as I learned more about engines and the history, it made more sense. I learned about different engineers, how to become an engineer, different parts of the motorcycle, the history of Harley-Davidson, and how unique Harley-Davidson motorcycles are. My favorite part was drawing our own motorcycle because we could make it our own and add whatever we wanted to. For example, I added a waffle maker to mine. Overall, this was a really fun merit badge and I learned a lot.

## Positions of Responsibility

**SPL**- Brandon Tobias

**ASPL**- Nick Hoffman, Aiden Polacheck, Peter Koutropoulos

**QM**- Nick Voiles, Cullen Patterson, Josh Hedgcock, Jess Voiles

**Guide**- John Muraco, Chase Lippold, Sebby Eckert

**Historian**- Emory Winiecke

**Librarian**- Logan, JJ Huber, Zach

**Scribe**- Stellan Ulland

**Webmaster**- Nicholas & Sophie Hoffman

**Outdoor Ethics**- Mason Ewald, Karissa Tobias

**Chaplin Aide**- Peter Koutropoulos

Emory Winiecke as the new **Fox patrol leader**, and Nick Voiles as the assistant patrol leader.

J.J Huber as the new **Burnt Toast patrol leader** and the assistant patrol leader John Muraco.

Cullen Patterson as the new **Dragon patrol leader**, and Kyle Schienke as the assistant patrol leader.

Jess Voiles as the new **White Tiger patrol leader**, and Sophia Hoffman as the assistant patrol leader.

Zachery Harris as the new **Disco Dogs patrol leader**, and Logan Wolke as the assistant patrol leader.

## **On The Radar:**

June 9 Flag Sorting at the Legion

June 10 Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Legion

June 27 Camp Long Lake Summer Camp

July 3rd- Dining Fly Set Up at Legion

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade- Delafield

July 16 Sylvania Wilderness- Mid Adventure Canoe Trip

July 24 Piggly Wiggly Brat Fry Sale

July 25 Andrew Fujimoto's Eagle Court of Honor

August 8 Ben Voiles' Eagle Court of Honor

August 20 Dining Fly Setup

August 22 Dining Fly Take Down

August 27 Legion Golf Outing SET UP

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