



Daniel Boone Troop 595 St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church

Established 1955

*Our 68th Year Serving Youth of the Daniel Boone
Community and beyond.*

Kurt Freer, Scoutmaster

Evan Fryer, Senior Patrol Leader

Scott Fryer, Committee Chair

Father Andrew VanBuren, Pastor

Newsletter March 2023 to August 2023

Welcome back to the next edition of the newsletter. We have welcomed 8 new Scouts to the Troop from Pack 595 and 597 and we're excited about their enthusiasm as they each have earned at least one rank and many have earned two. As in previous newsletters we have been busy with Scouting. Below are some highlights over the past 6 months. We are actively planning our Fall and Winter 2023 schedule based on what our Scouts decide, as well as thinking about Summer Camp 2024. So far we have Treasure Island in September and great ideas for October and November with Klondike scheduled for January. **Youth led!** Stay up to date by following us on Facebook @DanielBooneTroop595, GroupMe and Troop emails.

Eagle Scout No. 109, 110 and 111 in Troop 595's history!

Evan, Tavish and Jon completed their Board of Review for the Eagle Rank since our last newsletter and are officially Eagle Scouts. All three had started their Scouting journey in Cub Scouts and continued into Scouts BSA. All three have had great adventures and have served the Troop as Senior Patrol Leader. While Tavish and Jon have aged out we're excited to see what the future holds for them. Evan is still active in the Troop and is the current SPL. His Eagle Court of Honor is scheduled for November 4th. Congratulations to all of them!



Camping Trips

The Troop has been to several exciting places over the past 6 months. The Troop went to French Creek and participated in an orienteering day sponsored by Delaware Valley Orienteering Association, attended West Point Military Academy's camporee for the 4th time, been to Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown and of course attended summer camp, this year in North Carolina.

As you see, we continue to be one of the most active and traveled Troops in Hawk Mountain Council and our Scouts are the beneficiaries. While we do camp close from time to time, the opportunities and experiences the Scouts receive is well worth the planning and added wear and tear on our dedicated leaders vehicles.

West Point Camporee

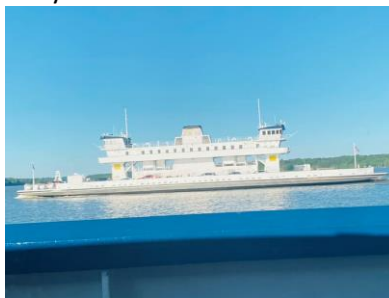
For the 4th time in a row, we were invited to attend West Point's Camporee where we joined over 5000 Scouts from across the US. The highlight is always interacting with America's finest, the cadets! We spent the weekend at various stations run by the cadets on topics such as camouflage, drill, weaponry and leadership. There was also a tour of an Army helicopter that landed on site. Below is an article in the Reading Eagle about this and our Colonial Williamsburg trip.

https://www.readingeagle.com/2023/05/19/daniel-boone-troop-attends-west-point-scoutmasters-camporee/?fbclid=IwAR0m3MJjUNE_tVy66ass8cMnn9uRopxWsjKllhy7kz8kOzqZlnzHc_iKVcc



Colonial Williamsburg

A couple weeks after West Point, the Troop traveled back in time to Colonial Williamsburg and the Jamestown settlement to see early America. We spent a long weekend visiting the sites and speaking to the reenactors. To travel to the sites from our camp, we needed to take a ferry, which was the first for many of our Scouts. For many of the leaders this was their first time to Williamsburg which was an incredible trip. One highlight of many was seeing an extremely rare breed of horses, the Cleveland Bay. There are approximately 800 purebreds in the world with 200 in North America. Williamsburg offers one of the world's largest breeding conservatories and currently has 25 of these beautiful horses.



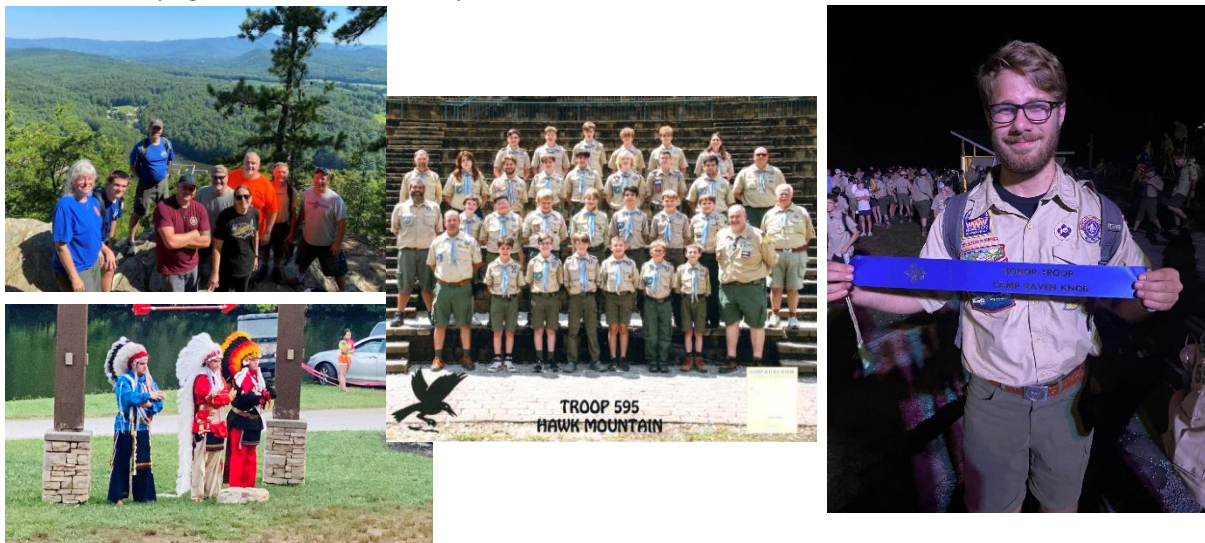
Memorial Day Parade

Every year the Troop is proud to support our Veterans and remember those who gave all for what we have today as Americans. The Troop participated in the Memorial Day parade and were joined by other Scouts from Pack 595 & Gibraltar Pack/Troop 529. We ended the parade at Birdsboro Cemetery, where a few weeks prior we helped place new flags on Veterans grave.



Summer Camp at Camp Ravenknob, North Carolina

This year the Troop traveled to North Carolina for summer camp. Nearly 90% of our Scouts attended and they all had a great time exploring the Blue Ridge Mountains. The camp offered traditional Scouting programs as well as an ATV course with several of the senior Scouts participating. Of the many highlights, the two that stood out were the view from the top of the Knob, which is a mountain overlooking the camp as well as the nationally ranked OA dance team that gave a performance that will be remembered for many years to come. There are too many pictures to include in the newsletter, but they are available on our Facebook page @DanielBooneTroop595.



Summer Court of Honor

A few weeks ago, we recognized the Scouts who had earned advancement and merit badges since the last Court of Honor in April. Many of these recognitions were earned at summer camp, but there are some that Scouts had earned on their own.

Together, there were 17 rank advancements, including the 3 newest Eagle Scouts highlighted before and over 100 merit badges. This is an incredible number and shows the enthusiasm and passion many of our Scouts have for Scouting. An exciting note is that all of our newest crossovers from the Spring earned one or two advancements each which will propel them to new opportunities in Scouting.

Mrs Larrimore was also awarded her Wood Badge beads for completing advanced adult Training.

Congratulations to all!!!



Adult Recognition

The success of our Troop is directly related to the dedication of the adult leaders who give their time, treasure, and talents to offer the best Scouting program in Hawk Mountain Council if not the region. For the second year in a row, Daniel Boone Troop 595 provided the Course Director to the Council's National Youth Leadership Training Course which was the largest ever offered by Hawk Mountain. In addition, two of our leaders were recognized for their dedication and service to the Scouts at a District and Council level.

Tanya Larrimore, one of our Assistant Scoutmasters and the District Membership Chair was recognized with the District Award of Merit, which is the highest honor given to a volunteer at the District. This is the 3rd year in a row that a member of our Troop has received this award.

Daren Kullman, Assistant Scoutmaster, was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award which is the highest recognition given to a volunteer at the Council level. In addition to his work in the Troop, he shares his passion for Scouting in every corner of Council and beyond. This marks the second year in a row that a Troop 595 leader has received this Council level recognition.

This attests to the dedication of these two and all the leaders that support the Troop and its Scouts. It truly takes an army to make this Troop successful. As we continue to grow, go on new adventures and have new Scouts and families join and move on, we will need many new leaders to keep Daniel Boone Troop 595 going strong. Please consider offering some of your time, treasure, and talents to benefit your sons and all the Scouts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Monday: Troop Meeting 7 PM @ St Gabriel's Douglassville
Third Monday: Committee Meeting 6 PM, prior to Troop Meeting

Sept 8-10 Treasure Island Camping Trip
October 6-8 ScoutQuest at Daniel Boone Homestead
October 30 Pack Halloween Part at St Gabe's
Nov. 4th Evans Eagle Court of Honor
Nov. 10-12 Troop Camping TBD
Nov. 18-19 Dog Show Fundraiser at Oaks
Dec. 18 Troop Christmas Party and Court of Honor
Jan. 19-21 District Klondike Derby
Jan. 27 Troop Tradeoree and Memorabilia Show.
July 7-13 Summer Camp 2024, location TBD

Know a young man
aged 11-17
interested in
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join us at a meeting
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