

Scoutmaster Minute

As we close out another incredible Scout year and step into a new one, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that Troop 242 has accomplished from January to July—a year filled with growth, leadership, and unforgettable moments.

A Year of Milestones (January–June Highlights)

- January kicked off with purpose as we re-centered our values, launched troop planning, and reinforced our commitment to Scout-led leadership.
- In February, our Scouts stood tall during Scout Sunday and participated in service and skill-building activities that strengthened their bonds with the community.
- March was a month of celebration—with over 248 merit badges and rank advancements, new EDGE-trained Scouts, and the joy of seeing our older Scouts mentor younger ones.
- April brought a mix of creativity and adventure—art gallery tours, Cooking and Aquatics merit badge classes, and our Annual Family Campout at Lake Livingston, complete with fishing, mentoring Cub Scouts, and the unforgettable mental health ice challenge.
- In May, we dove into aquatics—prepping for summer camp and helping non-swimmers build confidence. We celebrated lifeguard certifications, staffing opportunities (NYLT/Summer Camp), and our newly elected Order of the Arrow members.
- June brought the heat with Summer Camp!
 - ✓ 72+ merit badge classes
 - ✓ 469+ rank requirements
 - ✓ 1st to complete the Commissioner’s Challenge
 - ✓ Best Entrée in the Scoutmaster Cook-off

We closed the month with our Quarterly Court of Honor and celebrated a huge number of accomplishments—over 248 advancements and badges.

July: A Historic Celebration

We marked a defining moment in troop history with our Eagle Court of Honor and 60th Anniversary Celebration, recognizing five exceptional young men—**Climon, Coley, Jimmie, Matthew, and Simon**—for earning the Eagle Scout Rank. We stood on the shoulders of giants, from **Melanie Lawson to Clarence Miller**, our first Eagle Scout from 58 years ago, reminding us why we do what we do.

August: A New Chapter Begins

As we begin Chapter 61, we embrace our new theme: **Protecting Our Legacy with a Twist: Impactful Change.**

- Community Clean-Up Project – Our Scouts took pride in giving back.
- Our very first Patrol Draft – Scouts were evaluated and selected based on completed rank requirements, encouraging growth and preparation.
- Extra Coaching Sessions – Our older Scouts stepped up to help the younger ones get draft-ready—mentoring in action!

Moving Forward

As we move into a new year, let’s remember:

- Our legacy is strong, but it is our job to protect it.
- Our Scouts are watching us. Let us be the leaders they need.
- Every handshake, every badge, every shared story shapes their future.

Your support, prayers, and presence matter more than ever. Let’s build on what we have done—and continue to lead with impact.

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