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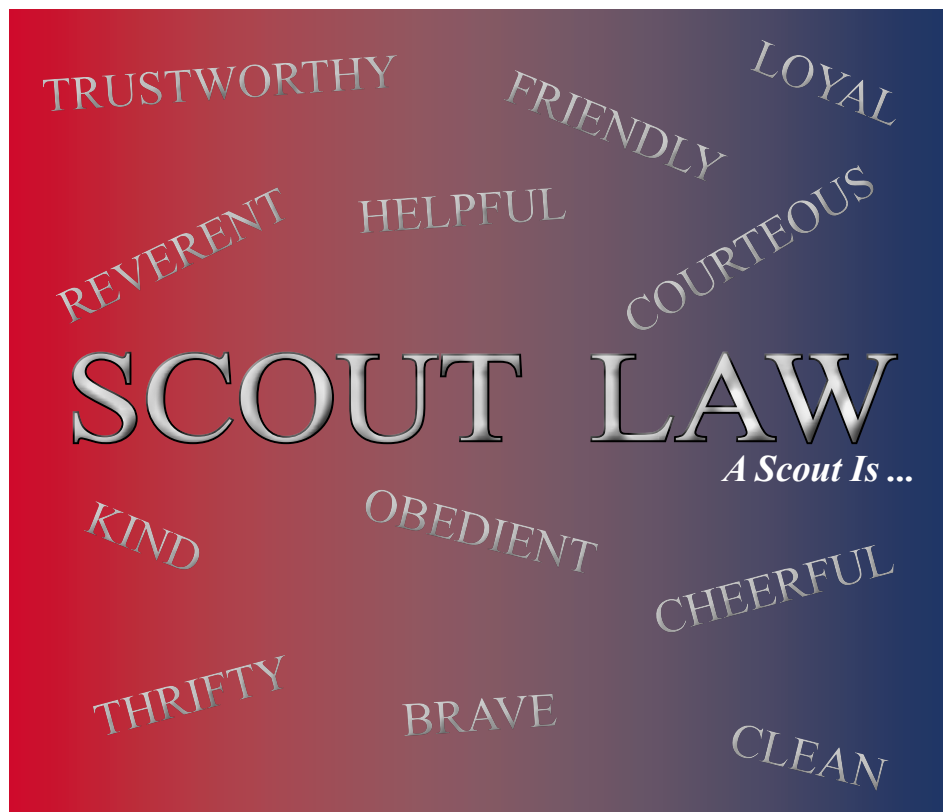
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Newsletter

Boy Scout Troop 86 - Olathe, Kansas 66061

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Stay in Touch!

Have you recently moved? Do you have a new or better email address? Do you have any exciting news to share with Troop 86? Please submit any articles and/or updates to Sharon E. Nastav @ snastav@gmail.com.

Thank you to ALL for everything you do for our boys!

Sharon E. Nastav
Newsletter Editor

Scoutmaster's Minute

by Jeff Smith

It's all about the journey ...

This past week I had a chance to visit one of my favorite places on Earth. The Wichita Refuge Mountains located just northwest of Lawton, OK.

I was able to climb a small mountain there named Little Baldy. It was a lot of fun making my way around the base and climbing over boulders as I ascended to reach the summit. As I stood on the top enjoying the view I was reminded again of how funny life is. I say that because all I could think of was how much more fun the journey was to get to the top than actually

standing on the summit. Standing on the summit was less exciting than the climb it took to get there. It's funny because I really thought about this while standing on the top for the ten minutes or so I was

there taking in the view.

The exciting parts to me were finding the path to the summit. Blazing my own

trail near the end when I could not find the recommended path. Later on, finding the correct path on my way back down the mountain.

As I look back on my hike I can see a Scout's Trail to Eagle the same way. The

BRAVE

excitement and trials of the ranks leading up to the Eagle rank. The rank work, camp outs, summer camp, merit badges, service projects and more. After years of hard work there is a brief pause as one becomes an Eagle Scout. Then the Eagle Scout forges ahead to earn palms, help fellow Scouts advance, continues to give back service to his community and find new high adventures to go on. An Eagle Scout is not one to stop on top of the summit. They are always looking for new

mountains to climb. Although I'm not an Eagle Scout myself, I can relate to how they feel and take on life. I've always believed life is about the journey and the people we walk that journey with. Even at 46 years old I still need to be reminded of that from time to time and I'm glad the Wichita Refuge Mountains gave me that reminder again last week.

One last thing. I have shared this beautiful

refuge with my son and now my daughter. I look forward to sharing the Wichita Mountains with the Troop and Crew one day as well. It's a great location for hiking and there is this burger joint right up the road in Meers that serves up a mean cobbler you just have to try.

Jeff Smith
Scoutmaster Troop 86

Link: [Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge](#)



The Eagle's Nest

by Harry Mullins

It has been a very memorable year for Troop 86! On April 11 we had our '200+ Eagles Celebration', which also happened to be the anniversary of our First Eagle Scout in 1932. Since that time, our senior scouts have continued to advance in rank. Just this fall, both Jaeden R. and Trevor J. have achieved Eagle Rank. That makes a total of 8 Eagles in 2015, the most we have had since the year 2004.

Below is the Troop 86 class of 2015 Eagle Scouts:

Aryzona M.	January 26
Michael N.	February 7
Mitchell S.	March 22
Zachary S.	March 31
Noah F.	April 9
Matthew T.	April 27
Jaeden R.	October 8
Trevor J.	November 20

In the past few years Troop 86 has developed a close relationship with the deaf community. We are all very proud of this fact, as it has made us all more culturally aware of the importance of communications in our diverse community.

In recent years, a number of our scouts and scouters have learned to communicate in ASL (American Sign Language). We are very proud of the fact that 3 of this years' Eagle Scouts (Aryzona M., Noah F., & Jaeden R.) are deaf; that record dates back to the mid 1980s, and it is likely to be an all-time record year for deaf scouts attaining Eagle Rank in Johnson County.

We have had 3 other Life Scouts (Patrick S., Jacob L., & Jake S.) that have already completed their community service projects, and are working on their final requirements for Eagle Scout. Michael H. and Liam D. are currently in the planning stages of their community service projects.

Harry Mullins
Eagle Coordinator

TRUSTWORTHY



UPCOMING EVENTS ...

DECEMBER

- » 3rd – Trails West Roundtable
- » 4th - 6th – Nuclear Science @ Junction City & Manhattan, KS
- » 9th – Committee Meeting
- » 14th – Holiday Party/Dessert Buffet

JANUARY

- » 4th – Troop / Parent Meeting (1st Meeting back after Winter Break)
- » 4th – 1st Official Venture Crew Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- » 6th – Fundraising: Northern Tier Night @ Panda Express/Olathe from 10am to 11pm (please bring flyer)
- » 8th – Trails West District Dinner
- » 8th - 9th – Lock-in @ Olathe
- » 8th - 9th – First Venture Crew Campout sharing with Troop 86 Site
- » 9th – Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet
- » 9th, 23rd & 30th – Merit Badge Forum
- » 11th – Troop / Parent Meeting
- » 13th – Committee Meeting @ 7pm
- » 25th – Birds of Prey Program

FEBRUARY

- » 14th – Scout Sunday
- » 19th - 21st – Trail Building @ Haven Marsh, Pleasanton, KS
- » 27th – Pancake Breakfast

MARCH

- » 4th - 6th – Zoo Camp Out @ Oklahoma City, OK

APRIL

- » 10th – Scout Day at the K
- » 15th - 17st – Shooting, Canoing and Fishing @ Appleton, MO

Two New Eagle Scouts

Jaeden R.

Jaeden successfully completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on October 8. He completed his Eagle Scout Service Project at Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD). He oversaw the construction of 2 complex, octagonal-shaped (facilitating improved deaf-friendly conversation) picnic tables on the campus this past spring.

He is currently the Student Body Treasurer at KSD, as well as being on the Academics Bowl Team that competes with other teams all over the country. Jaeden is the 3rd deaf scout for Troop 86 in 2015. He is currently planning a late-winter Court of Honor.

Jaeden R.



Trevor J.

Trevor recently completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on November 20. Trevor has been a role model for Troop 86 scouts, as he has volunteered his time on nearly every community service project in recent years. His leadership exemplifies the 12 points of the scout law!

He is most proud of his athletic achievements (earning 2 cross country letters in high school), as well as being strong academically, all while maintaining a job and completing his Eagle requirements. Trevor completed his Community Service Project at the American Legion Post in Olathe this past spring. At this time, Trevor has not scheduled his Court of Honor.

Trevor J.



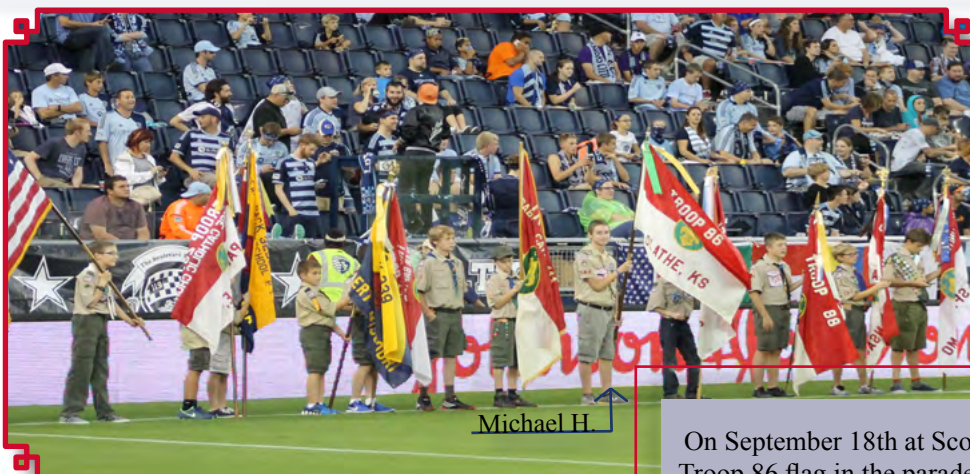
Troop 86 Eagle Scout featured on Fox News

Noah F., one of Troop 86's Deaf Scouts from the "Jackrabbit" patrol, was recently featured on Fox 4 News during their "Reaching For Excellence" young achievers segment. The news piece discussed Noah's film making ambitions, showed Noah in action at a Deaf summer camp in St. Joseph, Missouri...and of course was focused on Noah earning his Eagle Scout rank. The story also featured our own Scoutmaster,

Mr. Jeff Smith! The news story also got picked up by BSA National, and was featured on both the Heart of America Council and BSA Facebook pages. What great publicity for Troop 86! If you want to see the story as it ran on television, visit <http://tinyurl.com/NoahOnFoxNews>.



CHEERFUL



Michael H.

Contributed by Stacy Huffhines

On September 18th at Scout Night at Sporting, Michael H., Jr. carried the Troop 86 flag in the parade of flags prior to the Sporting KC soccer match. Michael and his mom, Scouter Stacy Huffhines, are proud Sporting KC fans and season ticket holders. Michael demonstrated the LOYAL point of the Scout Law by being true to his nation AND his team - in proud Troop 86 style! #IBelieveThatWeWillWin

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UPCOMING EVENTS ... (cont'd)

APRIL / MAY

- » April 29th - May 1st – Troop 86
Anniversary Celebration & Campout
@ Grace United Methodist Church

MAY

- » 13th - 14th – Order of the Arrow Spring
Induction Weekend #2 – Camp Naish
- » 14th – Scout Strong 5K

JUNE

- » 3rd - 15th – Northern Tier High
Adventure Trip
- » 6th - 11th – Naish Summer Camp

JUNE / JULY

- » June 25th - July 4th – Bartle Summer
Camp



Troop 86 New Venturing Crew

Ready for a new adventure ...

Troop 86 decided to expand the programs and activities it offers to include Venturing. Venturing is a program for young men and women from the age of 14 through 20.

Plans were made, training completed, and now Venture Crew 2086 has been chartered and is ready to explore their options in Venturing. The Crew will meet the first and third Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at Center of Grace at 6:00 pm beginning Monday, January 4, 2016.

The crew is open to young women at least 14 years old, and Boy Scouts at least 14 years old at Star rank and above. Anyone interested in Venturing is encouraged to attend.

Please contact Venture Crew Advisor Sharon Raynor or Venture Crew Committee Chair Chris Beasley with questions.

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Keri Smith

Committee Member

OBEDIENT

Venture Crew Outfitting ...

Shirt	\$45 to \$47
T-shirt (class B)	n/a
VC Patch	\$4.19
World Crest	\$1.99
World Crest Ring	\$1.99
Council Patch	\$3.29
Position Patch	\$4.19
Rank Patch	\$2.49
Number Patches	\$1.49

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Oceanography Visit to Sea Life

by Mathew L. (M.J.)

When we got to Sea Life, I waited for my troop to get checked in. Then after looking at fish, we went to the classroom and learned about the oceans. We learned about the 4 main branches of oceanography. The 4 branches are chemical oceanography, marine geology, physical oceanology and marine ecology. Then after learning about waves, animals and sea floor, we got a background tour. Then we were free to look at fish, sharks, rays and more. After playing with legos that were in Sea Life, we left to go home.

Mathew L.
Youth Scout

FRIENDLY

COURTEOUS

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For more information visit: [Kansas City SeaLife Aquarium](#)



Flea Market

by Melvin Reece

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We have Scout shirts, shorts, trousers, socks and hats. Also we have backpacks and sleeping bags, canteens, flashlights and hoodies.

Then, I have freebies! Everything is at barn-burning prices. If you should purchase an item and find it cheaper, let me know and I'll take 10% off - WOW!! You can't beat it!!

See you at
the Flea

Market - held before, during and after every Court of Honor.

Melvin & Bertie Reece
Long-time Dedicated Committee
Members



Pictured:
Melvin Reece
Zach S.
Bertie Reece



Our Deepest Sympathies

by Marty M. Fahncke

The thoughts and prayers of the Troop go out to those who lost loved ones this past year:

Maylene Young, who “works the back table” keeping track of all of our dues and camp fees lost her mother Gail Edwards.

Julie Miller, our long time Citizenship merit badges counselor and Chair of our successful 200th Eagle celebration, lost her father Joe B. Vinyard.

James “Jim” Smith passed away earlier this year. Jim was a very dedicated Scouter with Troop 86, serving as Committee Chair, and his son Jeff T. Smith is a Troop 86 Eagle Scout from the 1980’s.

Troop 86 is truly a family, and when one suffers a loss, we all feel your pain. To Maylene, Julie, and the Jim Smith family, please know that every member of this Troop family is here for you. We pray for comfort in your time of sorrow.

*Marty M. Fahncke
Troop Chaplain*

REVERENT



Totem Pole Update

by Jeff Smith

I just had to share a couple photos Dave Schmale sent me ...

Dave got the rough cuts done on the totem pole. The rough cuts had to be done with power tools which as you know the “Guide to Safe Scouting” won’t let the Scouts do with the kind of tools Dave needed to use. I think Dave did an awesome job. Now the pole is ready for the Scouts to carve in the detail work with some hand tools which we will have them do at the Wild West camp out.

What you can’t see are two other symbols that will be added onto the top and bottom of the pole. A Troop 86 logo or numbers and a state of Kansas image. I also want to give a shout out to Joe Scardino. Joe created all the art work and templates for the troop for the totem pole.

A big thank you to both Dave and Joe for helping the Scouts with this project.

I also wanted to let everyone see the totem pole in this updated state to give any of our wood carving parents or friends of parents the kind of hand carving tools we might need at this stage. Remember this is an OAK pole. A hardwood.

*Jeff Smith
Scoutmaster*



HELPFUL



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Rank Advancements

Aug 2015 COH

Scout Rank		Star	
<i>Chris B.</i>		<i>Alex D.</i>	
Tenderfoot		<i>Connor M.</i>	
<i>Austin T.</i>		<i>Connor S.</i>	
<i>Sean V.</i>		<i>Joseph D.</i>	
Second Class		Life	
<i>None at this Court of Honor</i>		<i>None at this Court of Honor</i>	
First Class		Eagle - Bronze Palm	
<i>Sethan R.</i>		<i>Aryzona M.</i>	
<i>Matthew H.</i>		<i>Noah F.</i>	
<i>Kyle S.</i>		<i>Matthew T.</i>	
		<i>Zachary S. (previous Court of Honor)</i>	

For 2016: Boys joining on or after Jan. 1, 2016 MUST use the new requirements.

Boys who have joined prior to Jan. 1, 2016:

Who are working on the Scout badge MAY continue to work on the existing requirements, but MUST convert to the new requirements upon completion of the Scout badge.

Who are working on Tenderfoot through First Class MAY continue to work on the existing requirements, but MUST convert to the new requirements upon attaining First Class.

Who have completed First Class MAY complete the rank they are currently working on in the existing requirements, but then MUST convert to the new requirements for subsequent ranks.

For 2017: All Scouts MUST use the new requirements regardless of rank.

If anyone has questions feel free to ask the Scoutmaster. I will be happy to help any parent and/or Scout figure out when they need to use the new requirements and when I would recommend they purchase the new Scout book that should be released in January of 2016.

Donations / Wish List

Donations	Wish List
Scholarships	Kayak's
Items for Melvin's Flea Market are always welcome	
<i>Everyone is welcome to submit to these lists at anytime to the Newsletter Editor.</i>	

Service Project: Olathe Public Schools Foundation

On August 8, I was contacted by Mrs. Nancy Ingram, President of the Olathe Public Schools Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization that provides grants, scholarships and recognitions to students and teachers in the Olathe School District. Nancy has long-known the fine reputation of Troop 86 and it's work for worthy projects in south Johnson County. Nancy inquired if Troop 86 would be interested in providing approximately 700-3" diameter blocks of wood to be used for the purpose of place-settings for the huge Annual Foundation Breakfast on October 8.

I contacted Mr. Gib Keiter, whom I knew had some property near Gardner that has a number of walnut trees. Mr. Keiter's grandson Brian, is Troop 86 Eagle Scout (2004). He was gracious enough to allow 4 adult leaders come to his property and cut logs on August 15. Scouters Mike Nester and Tony Jones provided chain

saws, while Troy Trenary and myself gathered the timbers for future use. Upon completion, we cleaned up the property and 'left no trace', and thanked Mr. & Mrs. Keiter for their graciousness and hospitality.

On September 1, Mr. Rick Gudenkauf was so kind as to allow adult Troop 86 scouts to use his shop and power tools to slice up the walnut timbers into 712 precisely cut 1 1/2" slices with a 1/2" deep slot in the top of each one. On that evening, scouters Troy Trenary, Mike Nester and myself assisted Rick in that very tedious task. It did however, come at some expense. With the enormous heat generated by the hard wood, we ruined one of Rick's 10" radial arm saw blades.

Once cut, the blocks of wood were carefully sorted, and placed in 7 large boxes (each containing 100 blocks), weighing 42-44 pounds each.

This past Monday (Labor Day) Martha & Kohl N. assisted myself and scouts Jordan D., Eric M., and Jacob L., as we delivered the carefully crafted ornaments to Mrs. Ingram. Nancy expressed her sincere gratitude, and assured me that Troop 86 would be recognized for these efforts on a later date.

Troop 86 has a very proud history of service to our community. We have always prided ourself in giving back; knowing that these types of endeavors not only benefits our scouts and the service organizations, but they also help to make our community a better place for everyone!

Yours in Scouting,

Harry Mullins
Eagle Coordinator



Left to Right: Jordan D., Jacob L., Harry Mullins, Martha Naylor, Mrs. Ingram



Left: Jordan D.; Right: Eric M.



Left to Right: Eric M., Harry Mullins, Jordan D., Jacob L., Kohlton N., Martha Naylor, Mrs. Ingram

