

# Troop Scoop

## Welcome to the Troop Scoop!

Our troop has a long tradition of a newsletter to share ideas, advice, events, and (well), troop news. After a “brief” break we are starting again! The Troop Scoop will be published four times a year by our troop historian. The current plan is to include articles about what the troop has been up to, what is coming up, and helpful articles written by our adult leaders.

In this issue you will find climbing adventures, biking trips, SUMMER CAMP! (Yay), and more! I hope you enjoy this issue and if you want to contribute to the next one contact your friendly troop historian!

Yours in Scouting,  
Austin Prats.

Troop Historian

## WOOOO!! Summer Camp!!

On the week of June 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 43 scouts and 12 adults made the trek to Ransburg Scout Reservation in Indiana, Located on Lake Monroe. Throughout the week we enjoyed the wonders on summer, as well as working on advancements, merit badges, and Firecrafter. Some hardships we had to endure were, well, rain, and a tornado warning!

**Saturday:** We arrived at Ransburg! There wasn't much to do that day, so we set up camp, found some frogs, played Magic the Gathering, and enjoyed food cooked by the scouts working on the Cooking Merit Badge.

**Sunday:** First, we ate breakfast and lunch cooked by the scouts. After that we got a tour, checked in, and took our swim tests in the heat of the afternoon.

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## Biking on an Island, in Ohio, next to Canada... (You get it)

There were many memories made while on our trip to Kelly's island. To start we rode the ferry from the main island to Kelly's island, where we enjoyed a long but fun bike ride.

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After dinner, we went to the opening campfire where there was Minisino Crowning and after that, a treat for all new campers.

**Monday:** GOOD MORNING CAMP RANSBURG! Today, merit badge programs began. We sang all our favorite songs, ate “tasty” food, and finally ended the day with a Magic tournament. It also poured on us that day. Dunn trail would never be dry again.

**Tuesday:** Day 4 began with breakfast, then came programs. New campers got used to the trails at this point, and scouts started working on Firecrafter.

**Wednesday:** Day 5 was probably one of the busiest days of the week with a tornado warning, a chess tournament, a church service, and Cooper’s Firecrafter campfire.

**Thursday:** Day 6 we had two more Firecrafter Campfires. Ray’s and Justin’s. All of the Candidates had successful campfires.

**Friday:** The last day of Ransburg was exciting yet sad at the same time. We thanked all of our counselors, gave our favorites 516 tees, and enjoyed the closing campfire at the end of the day.

**Saturday:** Time to pack our trunks up and head back to civilization. Before we left, we had the most tedious police line in the history of all police lines. That took up most of the morning. After we got home, we unloaded the truck and went home to take a long, hot shower.

Overall, summer camp was excellent, and we all can’t wait to go again next year!

Andrew Prats – Walloping Walrus’s Patrol Leader

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## Climbing Adventures in Columbus!

For the April Campout, we went to Vertical Adventures in Columbus Ohio. We began the campout at camp Lazarus about 15 minutes from Vertical Adventures. We spent Friday night and most of Saturday there, and after loading all our gear into the box truck, proceeded to Vertical Adventures. Once we arrived, we were all checked in and were then briefed on all the procedures and rules. We were then free to climb around and have fun. There were two sections to climb around in, the first was the belayed section. Here, you were clipped into either an auto belay, or one of the employees would belay for you. You were free to climb as far up as you wanted with no fear of falling or getting hurt. The second section was the free climb area, here you could climb only about 15-20 ft up, and if you fell there was a soft pad underneath to catch you. After about an hour of climbing, they brought out the rope swing. You would be clipped into a rope attached to the ceiling, hoisted up, and whenever you were ready, release. The scouts enjoyed this, and many tried to go again, but it was one time only. At two in the morning, we were finally told to stop climbing and settle in for the night. The next morning, we packed up, loaded everything, ate breakfast, and headed home. This was a super exciting campout and very fun for all the scouts.

James Boughton – SPL / Nuclear Narwals

### A 516 Style 4<sup>th</sup> of July

#### 5k Run Water Handout

Our scouts got up earlier than the runners and set-up a water station at the 1-mile mark. It was a hot and sunny day, and the scouts were there to cool off the runners. The scouts that helped with this event earned two hours of service. A special shout out to Mr. Rardon for receiving “extra refreshment” We have been assisting the Americana Festival 5k Run committee for over 10 years and plan on helping again next year. Thanks to all that helped!

#### Americana Parade

For the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americana Festival, the scouts from Troops 515 & 516 were honored to be assisted by Cub Scouts from Packs 116, 148, & 616 to carry the Garrison Flag (20' x 38') near the front of the parade. We had record turn out from our troop as well as well as many future recruits! The weather was great, and we enjoyed refreshments at the end of the parade. Thanks to all that helped!

Mr. P – Assistant Scoutmaster

### A “Word” on Firecrafter

Troop 516's Firecrafter program had another successful, yet exhausting, week at summer camp this year. In total we have nine new Campers, seven new Woodsmen, three new youth Firecrafter candidates (Cooper Henderson, Justin Gearhardt and Raymond Direito) and two adult Firecrafter nominees (Greg Boughton and Anthony D'Amico). In true scouting fashion, we didn't let the rain, bugs or even the threat of a tornado deter our progress. The biggest obstacle our Firecrafter candidates faced this year

was the unusually dense Red/Slippery Elm kit materials handed out at camp Ransburg's Firecrafter shelter. Nevertheless, we sang “Miss O'Leary's Cow” multiple times (a long-standing tradition, followed by a thorough, and often welcome, soaking at the end of the end of the mandatory friction fire) and munched on large volumes of Victory Corn!

One of the most remarkable events occurred when Mr. P gave the scoutmaster minute at the conclusion of one of our  
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#### May Campout Continued...

The patrols made food that looked and tasted amazing. We got to spend some time enjoying Lake Erie, looking around the local shops and we walked through a museum. To end the trip, we enjoyed one more ferry ride.

Eli Bussey – A.P.P.P

### Sky Above Me, Earth Below Me, Fire Within Me.

#### Unknown

Monthly quote

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Firecrafter Candidate's campfire program. Mr. P. turned the volume up to 11 and delivered the loudest and most FUN (the programs theme) scoutmaster minute of all time. His message was so loud it went clear across Lake Monroe, came all the way back, and went up and down every flagpole in camp! It was a magnificent sight to behold. Regrettably, Mr. P. lost his voice by the next morning, causing him to mostly whisper the rest of the week. Oh, the irony!

To become fully fledged Firecrafters, our Firecrafter candidates and adult nominees must complete their walk to the Mystic Fire by attending an upcoming Ritual weekend. There they will be expected to DO THEIR BEST as they endure the trials of the Unknown Test. Fear ye not for them, though! They are very well prepared! Our troop usually attends the Grand Ritual each year. This will be held at Camp Kikthawenund on August 12-14, 2022. Please register at this website (<https://firecrafter38.wildapricot.org/Events/> ) and let Mr. Duncan know. All current Firecrafters are strongly encouraged to attend as well! Note that on the Upcoming Events website there are separate places for candidates/nominees and current Firecrafters to register. More discussion about the logistics of attending Ritual will take place over the coming weeks.

Ahi! Sua! Qui!

Mr. Duncan – Assistant Scoutmaster /  
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### Advancements (March – Present)

**Scout:** Seif Derbala – 07/18/2022  
Ziminick Hendrix – 06/27/2022

**Tenderfoot:** Carter Hertter – 07/11/2022  
Jamison Jones – 04/25/2022  
Gabe Paris – 04/04/2022  
Vince Piontek – 07/18/2022

**Second Class:** Mohamed Derbala – 03/07/2022  
Justin Gearhardt – 05/02/2022  
Devarsh Sadhu – 05/02/2022

**First Class:** Shobhit Goel – 03/14/2022

**Star:** James Boughton – 04/11/2022

**Life:** Michael Bigby – 04/04/2022  
Daniel Coderre – 07/11/2022

### Old Greencastle Cemetery

Old Greencastle Cemetery, on South Broadway near Dayton, is the oldest still in existence in Dayton. It was formally founded in 1849 by members of the now defunct Miami Chapel Brethren Church, located adjacent to the cemetery, but there are gravestones dating back to 1817, so the land may have been used as a cemetery prior to its acquisition by the church.

Early records were destroyed in the Great Dayton Flood, but researchers have found graves of over 8000 individuals in the cemetery. These include prominent Daytonians as well as a section of unmarked graves for paupers.

Among the burials are at least 300 veterans dating from Revolutionary War veterans (actually only 1, as the Revolution was prior to Ohio's statehood), a "Buffalo Soldier" of the American West, a survivor of Custer's Last Stand, all the way to veterans of the Vietnam War. Prominent among the veterans are about 200 Civil War including a large group buried in a section dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic (Union [or Northern] Civil War veterans). Several of these were escaped slaves. Also buried at Old Greencastle is one soldier known to have served in the Confederate (Southern) army.

The cemetery has long been abandoned. At one time, weeds were well over the head of a grown man, and it was impossible to see the gravestones. Now, members of the community, led by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, perform monthly maintenance service, cutting grass, trimming weeds, and collecting trash and other debris. Scout from Troop 515 and 516 have assisted with these cleanup efforts. Scouts who participate earn 3 conservation hours, good for rank advancement. But the scouts have also done larger projects as well. At least 3 Eagle Scout projects have tackled various problems in the cemetery. Maybe YOU will see something you'd like to do for your Eagle project?!?

The scouts have also participated for a number of years in the annual Memorial Day service, conducted by Civil War "soldiers." The scouts and leaders, smartly dressed in Class A uniforms, usually perform color guard and flag-raising duties. At 2022's ceremony, 7 scouts from Troops 515 and 516 and several leaders participated, led by Troop 516's Senior Patrol Leader, James Boughton.

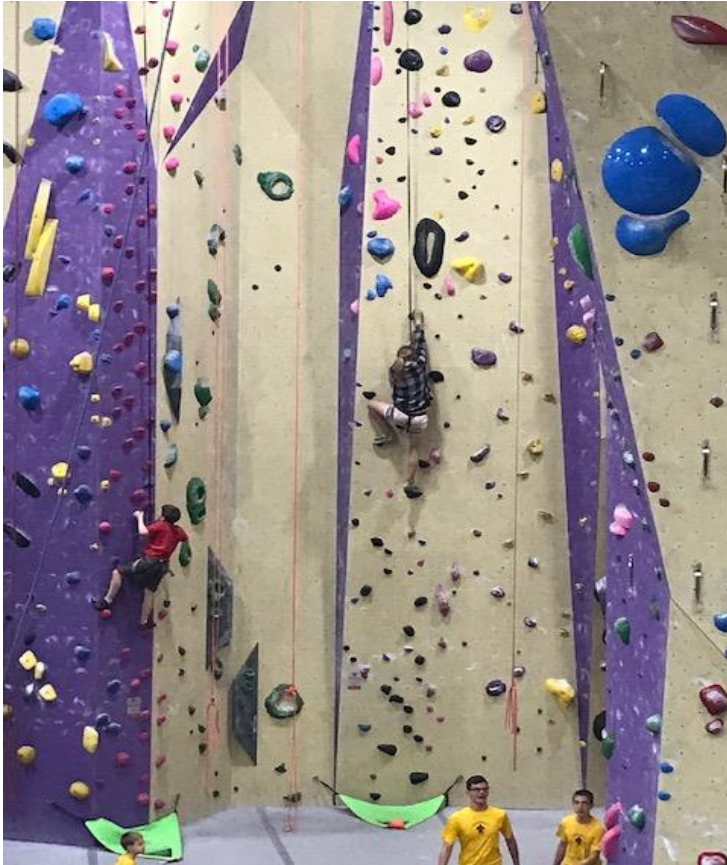
Additional service work dates are coming this summer, so mark your calendar now; August 20, September 17, and October 15.

Michael Spaulding - Committee Member





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**Conquering the towering heights of the climbing walls at Vertical Adventures**

**Come young, come all!  
Gather round ye flag  
poles where thee will  
sing, dance, and do  
crazy things for food!**



**Riding the  
ferry to  
Kelly's Island  
after a long  
3hr ride**



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All the scouts helping to carry the Garrison Flag on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Selfie! Everyone say CHEEEEEESE! (Well, only a couple)



Scouts raising the flag at Old Greencastle Cemetery For Memorial Day



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2022 Firecrafter Candidates



Scouts from Troops 515 & 516 helping to unload, unpack, and sort the items donated to the Troop Tent Sale