

# The Hawk's Nest



A Quarterly Newsletter to our Investors

Fall 2019

## Ready. Set. Read! and Books For Bikes

"Now, I can go home and teach my dad to shave" stated a young man participating in the United Way of Berks County Ready.Set.Read! program. As a part of the personal hygiene week our ScoutReach team taught the young men how to shave. This was one of the many activities your personal support of Scouting helps deliver. Through this partnership, the youth in the lesser served neighborhoods focused on stopping the "summer slide" by fostering a love of reading and participated in STEM activities, designing and making their own super hero capes, a personal hygiene week, slingshots, and much more.

The Hawk Mountain Council partnered with the United Way of Berks County and other community partners in the summer Ready. Set. Read! program. An initiative managed by United Way to help foster a love of reading in children by working with schools, businesses, organizations and individuals throughout the community.



Ready.Set.Read! participant with her bike she earned from participating in the 8 week summer program.

## Hawk Mountain Council Cub Scouts

### Traveled the World!

For 5 weeks this summer 500 Cub Scouts at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation traveled the world participating in STEM experiments focusing on the Antarctic, the Ocean, Greek Architecture, and creating their own World Landmarks. They built Koi Windsocks from Japan, learned Chinese Kirigami, made Australian Aboriginal paintings, played the Jamaican Steel Drums, Peruvian Straw Flutes, and African Thumb Pianos! What a Journey!! To earn their final stamp in their Passport to Adventure our Cub Scouts had to write Pen Pal letters to International Scouts.

Thanks to all our investors for giving our Scouts a chance to learn about the world around them.



## Upcoming Happenings

October 14th	Fall Golf Outing
October 19th & 26th	Cub Adventure Days
November 9th	Scouting For Food Collection
November 12th	Spirit of Scouting Breakfast

For information on these activities & events please contact us at (610) 926-3406

Have an article you would like to submit to the Hawk's Nest?

Send it to Duane at [duane.crouse@scouting.org](mailto:duane.crouse@scouting.org)

## Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation Staff Go Beyond!

We finished up a great summer at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation with over 1,600 youth participating in programs throughout the summer.

Just recently we received the letter below sharing how our staff went above and beyond.

*"My son, Robert, was at camp and had to be sent to the hospital on Tuesday evening (for a medical issue). He ended up being admitted to the hospital in Reading and had to stay until late Friday afternoon. The Reservation medical staff was very competent and contacted us from the camp site and again when my son got to the medical lodge. They answered all our questions and were very good with him. The rest of the staff kept checking up on him through our leaders, which was so considerate of them. One of the camp counselors got on the phone with him, while he was still in the hospital so he could finish up one of his merit badges. Another counselor left his contact info so he could get in contact with him the following week to finish up another one. They are truly a remarkable group of people and we wanted to let you know. They went way beyond, and we really appreciate it.*

*They truly exemplify what scouting is all about."*

Barbara C.

**Camp Directors Note:** With the staff follow up after camp, Robert was able to complete all of the merit badges he started that week.



## ScoutReach Impacting Reading City

We have seen tremendous growth in our Cub Scouts programs this past year and have reached kids from just about every area in the city. This summer we started a new site at the Boys and Girls Club on Mulberry Street and, with that, we are now in every single Boys and Girls Club in Reading. We also have restarted a Cub Scout pack at the Reading YMCA and a Boy Scout Troop at the Children's Home of Reading. We have more boys and girls in Scouting this year than we did last year at this time and this is all possible because of your generous donations!

Many kids have brought their brothers, sisters, and cousins to Scouts making it a family activity and I have seen more and more parents become interested in what their kids are learning and the progress they are making. Thanks to donors like you, last school year at least 60 of the Cub Scouts earned their Bobcat badge and will be advancing to the next rank. This included learning the Scout Oath, Scout Law, the motto, Cub Scout sign, and salute. Scouts in the city is growing steadily

and we now offer programs in 10 different locations. **We could not have done this alone!**

## On Behalf of the Youth & Volunteers of the Hawk Mountain Council Thank You!

As an investor in the Scouting Programs of the Hawk Mountain Council, BSA you are changing Lives!

"Leave A Legacy" - Ask how you can support the next generation of Scouts

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