

The Hawk's Nest



A Quarterly Newsletter to our Investors

Winter 2020

Scouting Meeting the Needs

Fifteen years ago, John Paul II (JPII) Center's Pack 222 formed as the first pack sanctioned by the Hawk Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America for those with special needs. Today, 38 students and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities participate in pack activities. This includes 11 girls who joined the pack this past year.

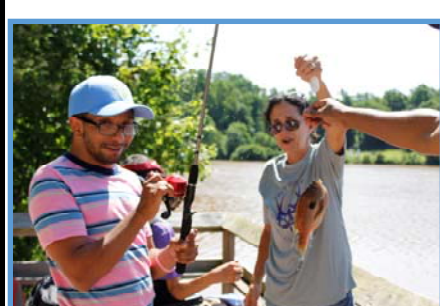
Thanks to the Randy Rowe Fund, Pack 222 members participate in some of Scouting's classic activities. In the spring all JPII students and adults paint their pinewood derby cars and prepare for the big race. Although it is a race, each participant is a winner, sharing in the excitement of their friends' successes.

Members of Pack 222 learn the importance of giving back to others through programs such as Scouting for Food where this year they collected 161 pounds of food that was donated to the local food bank.

In the summer, adults travel to the Hawk Mountain Camp where they participate in camp activities including, swimming, fishing and simply enjoying the outdoors.



JPII Scout participating in the spring Pinewood Derby.



This inclusive scouting program allows JPII students and adults to benefit in many ways, including socialization, friendship, helping one another, teamwork and the chance to progress at their own rate. They are applauded for what they can do instead of what they cannot do.

Located in Shillington, John Paul II Center encourages children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to explore their purpose and reach for goals through unique special education and social programming. Students ages three to 21 learn to grow throughout the school-age program, with the later years focusing on transition and life skills. After graduation, students may have the option to move to the 21+ Adult Program where they continue developing skills while making their individual needs a priority.

Upcoming Happenings

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| April 17 th | BSA Sporting Clays Classic |
| May 4 th | Extravaganza & Spring Golf Classic |
| June 11 th | Service to Youth & Community Breakfast |
| June 14 th | Gathering of Eagles & Silver Beaver Recognition |

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



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL

Camperships - Helping Scouts get a Summer Camp Experience

My Summer at Hawk Mountain BSA Camp:

This was my 2nd time at Boy Scout summer camp and it was fun. I took classes with scouts from my troop and other parts of Pennsylvania. My troop camped with another one from Staten Island. We shared meals and did activities together. I enjoyed starting the day at the polar bear plunges. I also made friends for the week in my merit badge classes. I earned 5 merit badges, which were robotics, citizenship in the world, mammal study, basketry and wood carving. I did research and studied before I went. At camp I learned the rest to achieve all the merit badges that I picked. - Robert L.



His (Quinton's) week at camp was a great one! He not only achieved a variety of merit badges, but also walked away with a rank up. On top of that, he took a pre-swimming test focused on alterations due to him being special needs and after finding out it'd keep him from water activities and his rank up, he ended up retaking the swimming test at camp and passed it. He was super proud of himself despite not knowing how to swim. It turned out to be a huge accomplishment for him, and I can't wait to see how things go for next year's test and camp. - Crystal J.

The Hawk Mountain Council Campership Fund provided the opportunity for 77 youth to attend Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation this past summer. We appreciate the support of our generous donors who made these experiences possible.



2020 Silver Beavers to be Recognized

The Silver Beaver Award is the Council level distinguished service award. It is awarded to volunteers who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication and many years of service. The 2020 Hawk Mountain Council Silver Beaver Award recipients are:

Jim Kohler – Frontier District

Walt Sheehan – Cacoosing District

Ed Stock – Council Executive Board

Terry Troutman – Black Rock District

A dinner and award ceremony will be held on June 14, 2020 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1741 Papermill Road, Reading. This will be held in conjunction with our Gathering of Eagles Event.

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