

The Hawk's Nest

A Quarterly Newsletter to our Investors



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Winter 2021

The Snowman Challenge

So, when the snow is falling and you are home with virtual school..., What do you do?

Build a Snowman of course.

On January 31st, Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation Camp Ranger, Kevin Huneke, issued the challenge to our units to build a snowman and post it on our Facebook page. Birdsboro Pack 595 took on the challenge and made some icy creations that showed off their skills as builders.



“Our youth are home because of virtual schooling. This was a fun way of getting them out to escape the great indoors,” said Kevin.

Cub Scout leader Cory Derer loved the idea and photographed her kids building a snowman in their yard. “This was a good way to cheer up our children”.

The challenge caught the eye of a local reporter who shared the story of a day in the snow.

This was the perfect way to keep our Scouts from just sitting inside all day.

Check out the full story at: <https://bit.ly/3li3cq4>



Upcoming Happenings

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| April 9 th - 10 th | Herbie Nationals - Pinewood Derby |
| April 17 th | Black Rock First Aid Meet |
| April 23 rd | 7th Annual Sporting Clays Classic |
| April 24 th | Frontier District First Aid Meet |
| May 25 th | 45th Annual Leadership Dinner |

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

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A Hawk Mountain Scout in "Action"

On Saturday, June 28th, Richard "Richie" Fisher III was kayaking on the Schuylkill River with his mother, father, and two sisters. Richie in his canoe and his older sister, in a kayak, went a little farther ahead of their parents.

Meanwhile, in a current that was unusually fast for that part of the river, his mother's kayak overturned and her foot quickly became pinned between rocks on the riverbed. Being pinned in the fast-moving water, she began to tilt forward, screaming for help as the current, especially with her foot being pinned, made it impossible for her to get free and she was fighting to stay above the water. Richie, who heard his mother screaming, safely beached his canoe and then calmed his sisters who also heard their mother screaming.

He then jumped into action, rushing back into the current and across the river and he climbed up the steep bank to some railroad tracks he had noticed earlier. He ran along the tracks until he could see what was happening. Noticing his father was unable to get to his mother, he went down the bank and entered the current upriver from his mother.

He reached his mother and while using his body to block the current, he supported her and calmed her down. He made sure she was not seriously injured before releasing her foot and moving her safely to the side of the river. He then was able to flag down some other people to bring him his canoe. He then safely canoed her back to his sisters and safety. Then, he re-entered the river to help his father out of the current, who had become exhausted and battered from trying to get to his mother.

Because of Richie's quick thinking and embodying what it means to be a Scout, he has been awarded the BSA's Heroism Award. The Heroism Award may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life.



2021 Silver Beavers Selected

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 2021 Hawk Mountain Council Silver Beaver Award recipients are:

Jared Eyer – Cacoosing District

Joe Oliver – Black Rock District

Geoffrey Price – Frontier District & Council

Randy Weidner – Cacoosing District & Council

An award ceremony will be held on August 15, 2020 beginning at 3:00 pm at the Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. 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