

## ON THE WINGS OF THE HAWK

Hawk Mountain Council's Scouting Alumni & Friends Newsletter

Winter 2021

#### A Legacy of Scouting - Albert Wolfgang Story

In September 2020, my grandson, Hunter Wolfgang, was presented his Eagle Scout award. Hunter is the fifth member of our family to receive the highest youth award in Scouting. My son, Albert Wolfgang III, started this family tradition by being the first to receive the Eagle award in 1988. Albert "III" was a part of Troop 765 located in Barnesville, Pennsylvania.

My oldest grandson, Albert Wolfgang IV, followed in his father's footsteps and completed his Eagle Scout rank in 2015. Albert "IV" was a member of Troop 635 of Tower City, PA. Soon after Albert, Jake earned his Eagle in 2016, followed by Dylan in 2018. All four of these young men belonged to Troop 635.

"I am so proud of my son and my grandchildren for soaring with the Eagles" said Albert. "To have a father and all four of his son's earn the award is quite an accomplishment."



Albert Wolfgang started the legacy of Scouting in his family as a Scoutmaster for Troop 765 and the investment of his time as a volunteer set a direction for the entire family. "As a prior Scoutmaster, I realize the work and time involved required for one Eagle Scout in a family, let alone to have five in one family."

From 1912 to 2019 2,598,999 Scouts earned the Eagle Scout Rank, which is 2.01% of all eligible Scouts.

Pictured above left to right: Albert Wolfgang IV, Jake Wolfgang, Lisa Wolfgang (mother), Hunter Wolfgang, Dylan Wolfgang, Albert Wolfgang (III, father).



#### 2021 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 Hawk Mountain Council is pleased to recognize the 2021 Silver Beaver Award recipients.

Jared Eyer – Cacoosing District

Joe Oliver - Black Rock District

**Geoffrey Price - Frontier District & Council Executive Board** 

Randy Weidner - Cacoosing District & Council Executive Board

The award ceremony will be held on August 15th beginning at 3:00 pm at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation. This will be held in at our Gathering of Eagles and Council Recognition Event.



#### **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 provides the opportunity for over 70 youth to attend Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation on an annual basis. We appreciate the support of our generous donors who made these experiences possible.

### **Upcoming Council Events**

April 9<sup>th</sup> Herbie Nationals - Pinewood Derby

April 23<sup>rd</sup> BSA Sporting Clays Classic

May 25<sup>th</sup> 45th Annual Leadership Dinner

June 21<sup>st</sup> BSA Golf Classic

June 20<sup>th</sup> Summer Camp Begins at HMSR.

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



# Have an article you would like to submit to our Alumni Newsletter

Send it to Duane at duane.crouse@scouting.org

#### **HMC Scouting Alumni and Friends**

The Hawk Mountain Council Scouting Friends and Alumni Association is a way to keep our Scouting Alumni and friends connected to the Council and the impact it is having on the lives of youth in Berks and Schuylkill County, along with the Panther Valley School District.

It is our hope to have alumni activities and events throughout the year. To join the Scouting Friends and Alumni please visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/2OWF7Jf">https://bit.ly/2OWF7Jf</a>

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