

The Hawk's Nest



A Quarterly Newsletter to our Investors

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"Duty to Community" - Volunteering at COVID-19 Vaccine Sites

Star Scout Ben Z., helped his community by volunteering at three local vaccine sites in Berks County; Centro Hispano, Olivet Boys and Girls Club and the Wyomissing Area Junior/Senior High School. Ben tells us "the greatest factor that led to my decision to volunteer at the center was my strong desire to help protect my community with vaccinations."

"My tasks varied at each of the sites, from helping to fill out paperwork and enter the information in the system, sanitizing chairs, collecting data for demographic research on equitable vaccine distribution, and translating for Spanish-speaking patients."

"The most important skill I learned in Scouting, which was useful while volunteering at these sites, was the ability to serve cheerfully. Community service is a way for Scouts to directly improve our localities, and so is a tenet of Scouting. As Scouts serve, we should always keep in mind the benefits that our services will create, ensuring that our service does not feel like labor and is not perceived as a hindrance. This skill kept my motivation high throughout my service and is one all good citizens should hone."

Ben shared that the most rewarding part of volunteering was "seeing the hope created in the community by the vaccinations. Although the smiles of those leaving the clinic were obscured by masks, they were still large enough to brighten my day. Walking into the clinics was exciting because I knew that I was going to help people, but walking out of them was rewarding because I could see the hope that I had given people"

When asked what encouragement he would give to other Scouts about this type of service, he responded, "although this type of service is not as necessary as it was when I was working on it, and will hopefully not be necessary by summer's end, I still encourage Scouts to seek out ways that they can help their communities during this pandemic. For instance, working with local governments or creating campaigns promoting vaccination would be extremely helpful in communities hesitant and unsure about the vaccines."

Ben describe Scouting in one-word as "Enriching".

Thank you Ben for your service to our community!



Upcoming Happenings

- June 20th Summer Camp at HMSR Begins
- June 21st HMC Golf Classic & Extravaganza
- August 26th Hawk Mountain Council Tent-In
- August 28th 2nd Annual Hawk Mountain Race

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

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Herbie Nationals

On April 9th, the Hawk Mountain Council held the first ever virtual Pinewood Derby. We were excited to have 35 racers compete in this special event and awarded prizes to 6 divisions, Lion, Tiger, Bear, Wolf, Webelos, and the Outlaw Division (Scouts BSA, adults, and family members).

Our racers brought their cars to the Beaver Family Service Center to be entered in the race and the race was broadcast to everyone on BCTV.

Here are our Race results:

Top Outlaw Racer: Keira B, with a speed of 152.04 mph

1st Place Overall Scout: Cecilia B, Pack 315, with a speed of 153.24 mph

2nd Place Overall Scout: Nick B, Pack 101, with a speed of 153.15 mph

3rd Place Overall Scout: Emily H, Pack 431, with a speed of 151.56 mph



All division results and the entire race can be seen at : <https://hmc-bsa.org/herbie-nationals-council-pinewood-derby/>

A special thank you goes out to the volunteers of Pack 431 and Cacoosing District who spent the time racing the cars, recording, and putting together our video. We would also like to thank Performance Toyota for the sponsorship of this year's event.



45th Annual Leadership Dinner

The 45th Annual Leadership Dinner was a success again in 2021.

Over 185 people attended this special event raising funding that will help support the Hawk Mountain Council's ability to provide program to 700 youth. This was also the first year we had a virtual component with a YouTube Livestream of the annual event.

Life Scout, Josephine Clemison-Perez, shared her message of how being a Scout has changed her life and Lion Cub leader, Cory Derer told us why she is a leader in Scouting. Our final speaker, Eagle Scout Bruce Terry, talked about climbing Mount Everest and how Scouting led him to climbing the highest peaks on each of the seven continents.

To see these outstanding speakers and more visit the [Leadership Dinner Live page](#).

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

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