

**COLUMBIA-
MONTOUR
COUNCIL,
BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**



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100th Anniversary Celebration of the Columbia-Montour Council, Boy Scouts of America

A Message From Paul Knox, Scout Executive

As we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Columbia-Montour Council, I am reminded of the Norman Rockwell print “All Together.” (Printed in the lower right corner). Working together and giving each other a hand has been the consistent theme of Scouting. The success of our council since its inception in 1923 can be attributed to the people of our community who are determined to maintain a Scouting program in our local area.

Recently, the William F. Gittler, Sr. Council Service Center celebrated its 20th Anniversary. It was completely refurbished with new carpeting, new chairs, repaired sidewalks, upgraded landscaping and its walls were adorned with historical memorabilia. This was possible because all our committed volunteers were working “All Together” to make it happen.

We are grateful to all our volunteers for their gifts of time and financial support that make Scouting in our area a positive impact on our future. Our youth have benefitted greatly because of the community’s persistent dedication to keeping Scouting locally in our area. It is because of this commitment to remain “All together” that our Council is a national leader (5th in the nation) in the percentage of youth we serve and the percentage of youth that achieve the Eagle rank.

As the Council prepares to serve our youth for the next 100 years, we are thankful for your support to continue our local presence in our community and our ability to serve our youth remaining “All Together.”

May you and your family have an enjoyable holiday season.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul B. Knox

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Scout Executive



Dear Friends of Scouting...

What comes after Black Friday and Cyber Monday? After two days devoted to getting deals, Giving Tuesday is a global day that is all about giving back. This tradition of generosity is a nice antidote to the consumerism invading our holidays. Giving Tuesday also presents a great opportunity to help grow Scouting in your community. It is a great way to really show that you care about impacting local youth in your community by supporting local scouting. Scouting not only helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives, they also get to try new things, teaches them how to provide service to others and build self confidence. Make a year-end tax deductible gift or make a pledge to support Scouting for 2023 now.

Thank YOU for your continued support!



#GIVINGTUESDAY
NOVEMBER 28, 2023 #WeAreTheBSA



#GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back.

Help bring Scouting to more young people...

Support given to our local Council provides more scholarship programs to youth who without your support, would not have the opportunity to benefit from the Scouting experience. It also provides the needed program supplies for youth activities, volunteer training, maintenance to the Council Service Center and our beloved Camp Lavigne. With your donation we can keep scouting alive, making it more accessible to all local youth while teaching them to live the values of the Scout Oath and Law and to helping others at all times.

Our aim is to raise \$15,000 through the #GivingTuesday drive which will also go toward fulfilling our annual Friends of Scouting campaign goal. Through your kindness today, together we can reach the finish line!

Please consider making a contribution to the Columbia-Montour Council, BSA this #GivingTuesday!

<http://www.columbiamontourbsa.org/Donate>

Because of **YOUR** generosity, **ALL** of this is possible...

Cub Scout Fall Harvest Fest—October 6-8, 2023

Through rain and shine, the Cub Scout Haunted Harvestfest provided many activities for the cubs, siblings, and parents to do at Camp Lavigne on October 6-8.



Scouts BSA Fall Camporee—October 13-15, 2023

The Scouts BSA Troops protected themselves from a Zombie Apocalypse on the weekend of October 13-15 at Camp Lavigne. Each patrol made survival shelters to sleep in, gateways to keep zombies out of their campsites, practiced their First Aid and shooting skills, signaled for help, found a cure using a compass, prepared a “Prepper” (canned food) or “Homestead” (fresh food) dinner, and much more. Then they had to escape the zombies while looking for the flag and run through the ultimate obstacle course. After a busy wet weekend, the troops attended a Scout’s Own Service to be thankful for surviving the Zombie Apocalypse.



Rededication of the William F. Gittler Sr. Council Service Center and Dedication of the John "Jack" A. Mihalik Conference Room



On Saturday, October 28, Columbia Montour Council, celebrating 100 years of Scouting, rededicated the William F. Gittler Sr. Scout Service Center. Over 50 people attended the ceremony. Elmer Robinson, member of the Council Executive Board, gave a history of the Council and Camp Lavigne.

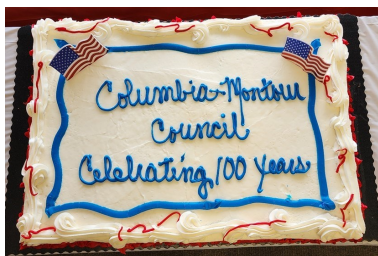


The Honorable Sr. Judge Thomas A. James and Barry Lewis reminisced about John "Jack" Mihalik, long time scouter and Eagle Board Chairman, through personal, professional, and scouting stories. The small conference room was named the John A. Mihalik Conference Room in Jack's memory.



William F. Gittler, Jr. and his wife, Jane, attended and displayed the merit badge sash and Eagle Scout award of William F. Gittler, Sr. These items are now at the Council Service Center to enjoy. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Gittler.

The Historic Committee and several scouters loaned the Council Service Center display cases of Council and Scouting memorabilia from the last 100 years. Make sure you take a look down the halls and in the conference rooms next time you stop in to the Scout Office.



Look what has been happening at the Council Service Center

The Wyona Lodge recently replaced all the shrubbery around the building with fresh, young plants,. The planters have been replanted with colorful fall flowers. Also the bark around the building has been removed and replaced with weed mat and white rocks. No more weeds! Thank you Wyona Lodge, Adam Folk, Nick Inverso, Sr. and Nick Inverso, Jr..

The cement sidewalk on the front and side of the building has been repaired and/or replaced. Thank you to Dan-Ber, Kent Robbins and Jason!

There is new carpeting throughout the Council Service Center. Thank you to Bloom Carpet and M&M Carpeting. Another thank you to Jim Cleary for his hard work in securing this donation and contributing to the cost of installation. Thank you Jim!

Several “slightly used” chairs were donated by Geisinger to replace the conference room chairs. They look great! Thank you to Geisinger!

Come and check out our new look!!



Open House

The Council Service Center Trading Post hosted an Open House with uniform and store discounts on October 28.



Upcoming Events

January
27—Klondike Derby

February
3—Merit Badge
College

24—Cub Winter
Fun Day

March
16—Pinewood Deby

May
10-12—Scouts BSA
Spring
Camporee

17-19—Cub Skill
Weekend

Lion / Tiger Fun Day

Outside the Council Service Center, Lion/Tiger fun day had games, BB gun shooting, and fun free stuff.



**“Once an
Eagle, Always
and Eagle”**



2023 Eagle Scout Class to Date

Romen Costa	Troop 20
Jordan Fox	Troop 44
Anthony Lanciotti	Troop 39
Cade Long	Troop 33
Logan Maciejewski	Troop 39
Donovan Michael	Troop 61
Michael Pierontoni	Troop 17
Cameron Schlagel	Troop 39
Reagan Schlagel	Troop 39
Camden Ulrich	Troop 39



Congratulations!

2023 Venturing Summit Rank Recipient

The Summit Rank represents Venturing’s highest honor. To achieve this ultimate recognition, the youth will serve the crew as a leader—both formally and informally—and will be a mentor to others. In addition, they will strengthen their community by designing and leading a service project to benefit others. The experience gained in earning this rank helps the Venturing Scout to mature as a member of a team and as an individual. There are several requirements that must be fulfilled to receive this award.

This year, Lynellen Scott, of Crew 43 has earned this highest rank in Venturing. Lynellen’s project was preparing hygiene bags for less fortunate individuals.

Congratulations!



100th Anniversary Celebration of Camp Lavigne



Saturday, July 6, 2024 at Camp Lavigne

All are welcome to celebrate 100 years of Scouting at Camp Lavigne: Current and former staff members, scouts and scouters, scouting supporters, family and friends.

Events of the Day (tentative)

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| 9 AM | Gathering begins at Camp Lavigne
Camp Historical Artifacts Display
Staff/scouts/scouters reunion/reminiscing/reacquaintance
Camp tours by current staff or self-guide walk with pamphlet |
| 12 Noon | Chicken barbeque lunch with sides, dessert and drinks |
| 1 PM | Scouting memorabilia auction to support Camp Lavigne |
| 4 PM | Camp tours and walks continue or just sit under a tree and reminisce
Good old fashioned Camp Lavigne campfire |

Event cost: \$15

Reservations are required by July 1, 2024 and can be made on the Council Website www.columbiamontourbsa.org or call or the Council Service Center at 570-784-2700.



Celebrating 100 Years



The 100th Anniversary Patches are available for purchase at the Council Service Center. These are limited edition patches for \$10, \$50, \$100.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

2023 Columbia-Montour Council Goal	\$120,000
FOS Raised as of November 10, 2023	\$ 95,007

Thank you for your support!

