



Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America
St. Mary's Parish * December, 2020

Meetings: Monday Nights 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Lower Church Hall (Suspended)

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St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 14 is meeting outdoors during the Pandemic, Lower Church & Fr. Haley Hall soon. If interested in joining Troop 14, contact the Scoutmaster. It is an ideal organization for Boys 11-17 years old.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November Campout at the Sportsman Association.
- Scouting for Food on Saturday November 7 and 14.

ST. MARY'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 14: The Troop is back in full swing with Monday evening outdoor meetings being held at Goodwill Park since September 14, and two campouts taking place in September. Over the past month, the Troop focused on youth leadership elections, with Ryan Lukowiak being elected the Senior Patrol Leader. The Troop reorganized itself into four patrols; set goals for advancement; and planned upcoming campouts and service projects. With temperatures dropping and earlier sunsets, the Troop will move to a mix of Virtual Meetings and Meetings at St. Mary's.



CAMPOUT (SEPTEMBER 11-13): Nineteen Scouts and leaders camped for the weekend at Nobscot Scout Reservation in Framingham. Throughout the weekend social distancing was maintained and everyone camped in their own tents. The weekend focused on developing Scout skills, a hike, campfire and a Scout's Own Prayer Service on Sunday morning. The Scouts also completed a service project clearing two campsites of fallen debris that had occurred over the past few months.

BACKPACKING TRIP (SEPTEMBER 26-27): Carrying all the gear they needed for the weekend in their backpacks, 20 Scouts and leaders participated in backpacking training at Rocky Woods Reservation in Medfield. For many of the younger Scouts, this was their first backpacking trip. After a 5-mile hike, the Troop set camp in a field next to a pond, cooked freeze-dried dinners on lightweight stoves and settled in around the campfire. The weekend training focused on developing backpacking and hiking skills, map and compass, learning how to use the Troop's backpacking stoves, water purification and other backpacking equipment. Sunday morning started with an early breakfast, a Scout's Own Prayer Service and a short hike out. (Photos)



"Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."

(Job 12:7-10)

FOUR EAGLE PROJECTS COMPLETED IN AUGUST: After four months of Eagle Projects being on hold, the town allowed Eagle Projects to proceed following certain COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures. Four Troop 14 senior Scouts scheduled and completed their Eagle Projects over three weeks in August including:



- Two picnic areas in quiet, scenic portions on the northern end of the Rail Trail – Nico Doyle.
- Building four guardrails at two cattle passes between Lowland St. and Rte. 16 on the Rail Trail – Brendan Irons.
- Clearing the trail and building a 60' boardwalk at the Brentwood Conservation Land – Griffin Ripley.
- Clearing the trail and building 144' of boardwalks at the Poitras Memorial Land Trail off Rte. 16/126 – Brandon Paradie.



Each of the four Scouts have now completed their Eagle requirements, submitted their Eagle Applications for approval and are awaiting their Board of Reviews.

SOME BOY SCOUT FUN FACTS:

The Boy Scouts was originally founded in England by General Sir Robert Baden-Powell in 1907.

An American newspaperman named W.D. Boyce founded the Boy Scouts of America in the United States in 1910, after he was helped in England by a Boy Scout that gave him directions.

David Bowie's first musical performance took place at a Boy Scouts Camp in 1958.

Both Paul McCartney and John Lennon were Boy Scouts together.

Over half a billion men and women have Scouted.

The original Boy Scout annual fee was 25 cents.

85% of FBI agents have been Boy Scouts.

The oldest artifact that the organization holds is a Chinese compass that dates to 1500.

The Boy Scouts of America have a Lone Scouting program that allows children of citizens to join while they are abroad and takes in exchange students as well.

There are currently over 125 merit badges that a Scout can earn.

