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Scouting Profile at Henson Scout Reservation

By Corie Irvine

I had the privilege of working for a week at Henson Scout Reservation again this summer. One day, as I passed through the Lodge, I noticed a Scout playing piano. I stopped and enjoyed the music with many Leaders and other Scouts. A little while later, I found the Scout and asked him about the piece he had played. He told me he had taught himself some of it from a YouTube video and had written the rest himself. I quickly realized I had come across one of Scouting's many gems. I knew I had to talk to this young man more. Here's my interview with Josh. He was attending camp with several friends from Troop 29, chartered by Largo Community Church in Mitchellville, MD.

Corie: How long have you been in Scouts and playing piano?

Joshua: Two years. I'm currently the Scout Guide. I've been playing piano for the same time.

C: Is this your first year at Summer Camp?

J: This is my third year at camp. We've come to Henson each year.

C: What are your favorite things about camp?

J: I love the merit badge classes. My favorite is welding. I like Scouts and coming to camp because I get to have experiences I don't have all the time. Every year is a different, great experience.

C: What do you like about Scouting?

J: I love hanging out with other Scouts and relaxed camping trips. I love cooking. Also, I love leadership and working with other Scouts.

C: What are some of the activities you enjoy outside of Scouting?

J: Hanging out with my friends, Sea Scouts, video games, and Civil Air Patrol.

C: So, you're in Sea Scouts too?

J: Yes, Ship 1959. I'm the Boatswain.

C: That's wonderful! What are some of your life goals?

J: I'd like to go to one of the service academies for a career in aviation. I want to become an officer and pilot.

C: When you achieve that, will you continue to be involved in Scouting?

J: Yes, I plan to continue volunteering and put other kids

in Scouts. My goal is to reach Eagle Scout and I'd like other kids to do the same thing.

C: What would you like to say to other Scouts?

J: As a Scout, try to be positive and help others. Set a good example; a simple action can go a long way.

C: What would you say to donors who help us maintain and run camps?

J: Donating to Scouting is investing in the future—leaders, workers, and Americans.

C: Josh, it has been a great experience for me to talk to you. Thank you. Is there anything else you'd like to share about yourself?

J: I'm 6'3"! And also, I'm the owner of GoshJoshCookies.com.

Chatting with Josh reminded me why we all do this work. What an amazing young man!





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Robert Nakagawa, Scout Executive & CEO



Scott Malfitano with Ben du Pont, Citizen of the Year



Beth Faulkner on Scouting as a family

Gathering of Heroes Events a Success!

In April, two new luncheons were introduced in the area, the Gathering of Heroes events. Community members came together to honor their local heroes for their contributions that exemplify Scouting values. While there, guests enjoyed lunch and heard a little about Scouting in Del-Mar-Va Council.

The first luncheon was held in Wilmington, Delaware at Riverfront Events. Pat Press, Eagle Scout, spoke to the group about his experiences in Scouting as a youth and adult. Afterward, five of Delaware's heroes were recognized for their contributions to the community: Character Hero Ken Sklenar, Community Heritage Hero Maria Matos, Philanthropy Hero Vernita Dorsey, Leadership Hero Matthew Meyer and Community Building Hero Markevis Gideon.



Two days later, the MidShore area luncheon was held at The Oaks Waterfront Hotel in Easton, Maryland. Del-Mar-Va Council



recognized Howard Freedlander as the Character Hero, Kentavious Jones as the Community Hero, Robbie and Jennifer Gill as the Leadership Heroes, Kristen Greenaway as the Heritage Hero and Matthew Peters as the Scouting Hero. Following the presentation, attendees heard impassioned remarks from Robert Nakagawa, Scout Executive & CEO about the impact of Scouting on youth.

Guests were excited to honor and congratulate their fellow community leaders. If you see them while you're out, thank them for their contributions to the Delmarva community.

CHARACTER. COMMUNITY. LEADERSHIP. Upcoming Special Events to Celebrate Community Leaders

Special Events allow local community members the opportunity to support Scouting in their area while Del-Mar-Va Council honors a local Leader.

Sussex Distinguished Citizen Award Event: Honoring Pete & Carol Schwartzkopf, September 18, 2024, The Starboard, Dewey Beach, DE
www.delmarvacouncil.org/sussex

MidShore Distinguished Citizen Award Event: Honoring Richard & Beverly Tilghman, September 25, 2024, The Oaks Waterfront Hotel, 25876 Royal Oak Road, Easton, MD
www.delmarvacouncil.org/midshore

Citizen of the Year Award Ceremony: Honoring Ben duPont, October 1, 2024, Oberod, 400 Burnt Mill Road, Wilmington, DE
www.delmarvacouncil.org/coy

Lower Shore Distinguished Citizen Award Event: Honoring John Stern, details to be announced

13th Annual Sporting Clays Fall Classic, October 25, 2024, The Point at Pintail, 511 Pintail Point Farm Lane, Queenstown, MD
www.delmarvacouncil.org/sportingclays

Kent Distinguished Award Event: Honoring Tonda Parks, November 12, 2024, the Gold Room, Harrington Raceway & Casino, Harrington, DE
www.delmarvacouncil.org/kent

For more information on Del-Mar-Va Council Special Events, email us at development@dmvc.org, call 302-622-3300 or visit www.delmarvacouncil.org/specialevents.

The Four Faulkner Boys!

John and Beth Faulkner are the proud parents of four accomplished young men – all Eagle Scouts—from Troop 67 at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Their oldest, Oliver started as a Wolf Cub after his reluctant mom insisted he wait out the Tiger year! Now a graduate of Marietta College, Oliver is employed at REI and plans to become a Thru Hiker – Georgia to Maine - on the Appalachian Trail this year.

Their second son Hays joined as a Tiger and also progressed through the program to Eagle. Hays continued his commitment to community service joining the Talleyville Fire Company while still a student at Salesianum High. His community service and rank of Eagle helped him attain a scholarship to Texas A&M and the Corps of Cadets. He is currently deployed to Europe as a Captain in the U.S. Army leading an Apache Command.



Third and Fourth sons – twins Wil and Penn now 21 years old—are both graduating from Delaware Technical and Community College. Wil intends to pursue a business degree at Goldey-Beacom College. Penn will attend the University of Delaware or Nuemann

College this fall. They both served as Den Chiefs and other roles within Troop 67 including Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Chaplain to hone their leadership skills.

Beth told us that Scouting provided her family an opportunity to do meaningful things together that they all enjoyed. She served as a Den Leader for all four boys, and as a Troop 67 Committee person in many roles. Scouting provided John and Beth’s children with the structure and peer support needed to develop their leadership skills and the strong moral character they demonstrate today. They both credit Troop 67 Scoutmaster John Walker, and the other adult leaders in the Troop, with much of the success their children enjoy today! To hear more from Beth Faulkner, visit www.delmarvacouncil.org/faulkners.

Campaign for Growth Kicks Off

Del-Mar-Va Council’s three-year growth plan includes more Scouts, volunteers, staff, and some major construction and renovations at all three camps. This year, saw the start to that plan as two new staff members were hired and construction at Akridge Scout Reservation moves forward.

Early this year, New Unit Executives Chris Willis and Raygan Boyd joined the Del-Mar-Va Council family. As New Unit Executives, Chris and Raygan will help volunteers recruit new Scouts and Volunteers to establish new units in their areas—Chris in the Iron Hill District and Raygan in the Two Bays District.



Raygan Boyd



Chris Willis



Improvements to facilities are beginning with construction of a comfort station at Akridge Scout Reservation in Kent County, DE. This project is fully approved for a Kent County ARPA grant for non-profit recovery. Kent County has approved \$500,000 for this project. This comfort station is the first step in a larger strategic plan as a commitment to Del-Mar-Va Council families. We are creating an outdoor destination for future outdoor family activities.

Stay tuned for more updates on new units, Scout membership increases, camp improvements and more!



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The Boy Scouts of America has been shaping the lives of our youth since 1910. Scouting exists because of the volunteer and financial support provided by the community. The best way to support the Boy Scouts of America financially is by making a contribution directly to the Del-Mar-Va Council.

By giving to your local BSA council, you are directly supporting Scouting programs where you live — programs that clean up your parks, gather food for the area needy, and even help your community prepare for disaster.

The Del-Mar-Va Council is funded by a variety of sources, including: direct contributions, special events, annual popcorn sale, foundation grants, the United Way, and program/activity/camping fees. With your support, the Del-Mar-Va Council can bring the nation's highest quality Scouting programs to many more youth throughout the peninsula.

Philanthropy Today

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

The IRA charitable rollover was created in 2006 and made permanent by Congress in 2015. Another name for an IRA charitable rollover is a qualified charitable distribution. This giving plan is available for IRA owners who are over age 70½. It is a direct transfer from an IRA to a public charity. Prior to the IRA charitable rollover, some individuals would take withdrawals from their IRAs, report the distribution as taxable income, make a cash gift to charity, obtain the required receipts for charitable gifts over \$250 and take a deduction on their tax returns.



Not only was this process rather cumbersome, it also resulted in increased adjusted gross income. With higher income, you may pay more income tax on Social Security or pay a higher Medicare Part B premium. That's why an IRA charitable rollover may be a great option.

The IRA charitable rollover is very simple. An IRA owner who has reached the age of 70½ may transfer up to \$105,000 per year. The transfer is made directly from the IRA to a qualified public charity. The IRA rollover is not taxable on your income tax return, so there is no need for a tax deduction. It is a simple and effective way to make a charitable gift.

Follow this YouTube link to learn more [Qualified Charitable Distributions: How to Give More \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) or reach out to our team at info@dmvc.org or 302-622-3300.



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