



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### Boy Scout Troop 58 - 2020 Year in Review

2020 was a great year for Troop 58 on its own; when you add in the upheaval that COVID-19 caused the troop and Scouting overall, our accomplishments are nothing short of remarkable. Although it was just our 7<sup>th</sup> year as a Troop, we accomplished some remarkable things guided by our vision – “Troop 58 provides life and leadership skills by encouraging advancement in a fun, friendly, and safe environment while serving the community and experiencing adventure.”

- Growing/maintaining the Troop
  - Completed the year with a roster of 51 highly-engaged Scouts
  - 90% of the Troop’s members advanced one or more ranks
  - 158 merit badges earned by our Scouts; 4 more than in 2019 and an average of more than 3 per Scout
  - 2 Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle – the highest rank in Scouting
  - 3 Scouts were elected to the Order of the Arrow (OA), Scouting’s National Honor Society; *all but 1 OA Ordeal event were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, so only 1 scout fully completed the process of becoming an Arrowmen.*
  - Received Scouting’s national Gold-level Journey to Excellence award
  - Held 2 Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) sessions; this is the 1<sup>st</sup> level of Scouting’s youth leadership development program
  - *All National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of Scouting’s youth leadership development program, sessions were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, so 0 scouts attended.*
  - *All National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE), the 3<sup>rd</sup> level of Scouting’s youth leadership development program, sessions were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, so 0 scouts attended.*
  - Improved the Troop’s advanced Adult Leader training posture through several Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS), University of Scouting, and other course completions that ensure our adult leaders are fully trained for their positions.
  - Held 3 scouting/professional journey sessions where a former Washington Redskin football player, a US Air Force General, and a Secret Service Agent shared their perspectives on scouting and their careers
- Providing challenging outdoor, physical, and fun experiences
  - Skiing trip to Roundtop Mountain in Lewisberry, PA
  - Goose Creek District “Freeze-o-ree” Winter campout in Haymarket, VA
  - New Scout campout in Ashburn, VA
  - Canoeing day trip in Boonesboro, MD
  - Day Hike in Shenandoah National Park, VA
  - Lake campout in Mineral, VA
  - Wilderness Survival campout in Stafford, VA
  - Backpacking campout in Hardy, VA

- Bike hike campout in Reston, VA
- Iron Chef campout in Boyce, VA
- Free Agenda campout in Bentonville, VA
- 24 Scouts attended week-long Boy Scout summer camp @ the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Jean, WV
- 8 Scouts and adults attended the Northern Tier High Adventure camp in Ely, MN
- High-level preparations and grueling training hikes for the 2021 trip to the Philmont High Adventure camp in Cimarron, NM
- Serving our community
  - Held 3 service projects for St. David's Episcopal Church
  - Held a service project at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (AVFRD)
  - Collected 450 lbs. of food for the needy during the annual Scouting for Food event
  - *Completed three significant Eagle Scout service projects*
  - *Note: Due to COVID-19, these annual troop service events were cancelled*
    - *Scout Sunday activities for the Troop's Chartering Organization – St. David's Episcopal Church*
    - *St. Theresa Catholic Church's You(th) vs. Hunger event*
    - *The Virginia Wine Country Half Marathon*
- Providing a path for younger Scouts to continue with Scouting
  - Supported 2 Cub Scout Packs' cross-over ceremonies for the 12 Scouts who cross-over to Troop 58
  - Held 3 Cub Scout Pack visit nights for Webelos who were searching for a Boy Scout troop
- Running the Troop
  - Held 29 in-person and virtual/hybrid Troop meetings and 3 virtual Troop-wide Courts of Honor award & rank advancement ceremonies
  - Held 12 Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) meetings
  - Coordinated 11 Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) meetings
  - Facilitated 9 Troop Committee meetings
  - Held the Troop's third annual strategy review and planning session (with the youth patrol Leaders Council members) and an adult-only Committee/ASM joint strategy meeting.
  - Held 2 troop fundraising events
  - Maintained a strong financial reserve by closing the year with a \$12,000 cash reserve