Troop 234 Recognition 2020 & Challenge 2021

I would like to recognize the accomplishments of the Scouts this year as well as provide a challenge for next year. I announced these at the Christmas party, but I want to let everyone know how hard the Scouts worked in the difficult environment of 2020 and encourage them to do even better in 2021.

Rank Advancement

We had two Scouts make Eagle: Brynden and Nestor.

We had 12 Scouts earn 1 rank, 6 Scouts earn no rank, but only one earned two: Liam earned Second Class and First Class. Congratulations!

My challenge for next year is for every Scout to earn at least one rank. Those working on the first four (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second, and First Class) should be able to earn two. At next years’ Christmas party, the only boys with Scout and Tenderfoot rank should be our crossovers.

Merit Badges

3 merit badges: Anthony, Liam, Luke, and Owen

6 merit badges: Ethan

8 merit badges: Remi

My challenge for next year is for every Scout to earn at least 5 merit badges. I have a list of all the counselors in our troop. I can also connect your Scout with someone in our district or council if we don’t have an instructor you need. I encourage your Scout to find at least one other Scout before asking to take a merit badge.

Camping

9 nights: Eugene

11 nights: Ethan

15 nights: Remi

Missing half the year and having most of our Scouts miss summer camp certainly gave us a low number of nights. My challenge for next year is for each Scout to have at least 15 nights of camping. That equates to 5 weekends plus summer camp. 20 nights are needed for the Eagle required Camping merit badge.

Hiking

46 miles: Anthony

64 miles: Liam and Remi

These 3 Scouts put in a huge number of miles working on the Hiking merit badge. Awesome! My challenge for next year is for every Scout to hike at least 20 miles. For those working on the Backpacking merit badge, that will only take two campouts.

Events

34 events: Hagan

36 events: Liam and Remi

39 events: Anthony

This is a category I made up based on my own interaction with the Scouts this past year. One event could be as simple as a weekly Scout meeting or as big as the week of summer camp. They all count the same and are based on being present. The purpose of this is to find a measure of overall dedication to Scouting. I encourage everyone to have at least 30 events.

Conservation and Service Hours

I would like to see at least 10 hours in each category of conservation and service hours for each Scout. We have the Knights of Columbus garage sale at the Jockey Lot each month. Both Mr. Chris and Ms. Chris will be working with the Cub Scouts during a weekend in March and again for a day camp in July. We will need your help!