

Alumni Communities



THE QUARTERLY DIGITAL NEWSPAPER

Meeting our Charter Partner – Lions Club!

In February, we had an opportunity to meet with our Lions Club partners at the Oregon 36-0 annual convention in McMinnville, Oregon, hosted at the Evergreen Air & Space Museum. Troop 9260 of McMinnville presented the colors to open the event. Cascade Pacific Council (CPC) Commissioner Kathleen Jordan, Vice President of Program Pat Anderson and Alumni Communities Co-Chair Rob McDonald were manning the Alumni Booth during their convention.

Cascade Pacific Council President Andrew Danner, Robin Stoeckler and Vince Bishop were representing their Lion's Club at the convention. Rob McDonald was able to talk with a few members of the different Lions Club about ways to recruit new members and alumni for each of the organizations. King City, Lake Oswego and Portland Lions Clubs are looking to have the CPC Scouting Alumni Communities out to give some presentations in the future.

These types of events help bridge our charter organizations and alumni together to build a stronger community.

Yours In Scouting,

Rob McDonald and Mason Lewallen, Co-Chairs
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Spotlight – Tom Grimm: Scouting Impact on One’s Life



Wow! where do I start, I started in Cubs Scouts when I was nine years old. I enjoyed wearing the uniform, advancing in rank and learning teamwork with my fellow scouts.

When I moved up to Boy Scouts at the age of eleven, I learned so much more. Moving up the ranks and earning merit badges, learning skills such as first aid, ax safety, outdoor survival, how to set up a tent properly, learning to cook, teamwork with my fellow scouters at scout meetings, Scoutcapades, camporee’s. How to respect and fold a flag properly. Learning to being good citizen to our community, our city, state and nation. Duty to God.

This brings me to being a scout leader and a citizen of our society, the life skills I learn as a boy I have carried all my life. My duty to God is number one, using the Scout Oath and Law as my guide sets the standards for me. It taught me to think and help others besides myself. To always offer a hand to someone in need. Scouting has taught me leadership skills, sense of citizenship to fellow scouters youth and adults and the community. Having good character is the upmost important to me. Being able to work with our youth and leaders in outdoor programs is a privilege. My son became an Eagle Scout, and Scouting impacted him the same way.

2026 CPC Eagle Scout Scholarship Recipient

We want to congratulate this year’s Eagle Scouts Scholarship Recipients (right to left):

Levi McClure, Pacific Trail – Troop 618 (Top Recipient)
Nikaansh Singhm, Pacific Trail – Troop 728
Eesha Raghavan, Pacific Trail – Troop 5618
Ethan Poelstra, Pacific Trail – Troop 618
Kol Helland, Rivers Edge – Troop 530

Each of the recipients received a \$1,000 scholarship and the top recipient received \$5,000. If you are a Life Scout and interested in applying for the scholarship, please check out our website for more information, [Click Here!](#)



Camp Meriwether Centennial Celebration News!

The Alumni Communities want to reengage you back into Scouting and we hope you **join with us to grow the Scouting movement**. One way to reconnect is attending **Camp Meriwether’s 100th Anniversary** The alumni will be having a hospitality tent during the weekend. Please come visit us by [registering today](#). Space is limited!

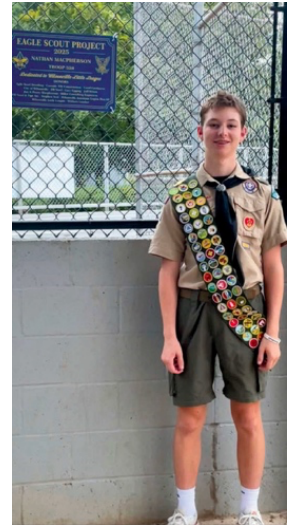


NESA Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award (ESSPY) Recipient

Cascade Pacific Council Nathan Macpherson of Troop 520, Rivers Edge District, was this year's Council recipient of the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams ESSPY. Nathan's Eagle Scout Project was remodeling a new Wood Middle School baseball and softball dugouts. Check out his story in the [Wilsonville Spokesman](#).

Selection of recipients begins at the local level and is conducted through the Council Alumni/Eagle Scout Alumni Association committees. The Council committee selects a recipient for their respective Council from the list of submitted nominations and then forwards a worthy candidate to the National Eagle Scout Association for Council Service Territory (CST) consideration.

If you are interested in submitting for this award, please [check here](#) for more information. Deadline date is January 31st of each year.



Building Our History Together – Howard McDowell

Cascade Pacific Council – Scouting America Alumni Communities supports Scouting history by preserving personal stories, memories, and experiences of our former Scouts and volunteers, turning those firsthand accounts into a living history of the movement's past. It helps capture how Scouting has shaped generations, while also keeping alumni connected to the traditions, values, and milestones that define the organization. It also strengthens history in a practical way by encouraging alumni to share photos, stories, and memorabilia through programs like the online scrapbook and reunion-style engagement efforts. Those contributions give councils and the national organization material to celebrate Scouting's heritage, educate newer members, and show how the movement has influenced communities over time.

Howard M. McDowell is now 87 years old and retired in Lake Las Vegas (Henderson), Nevada. The image on the right is three boys standing in a parking lot—the starting point from which they had to hike over sand dunes to reach camp.

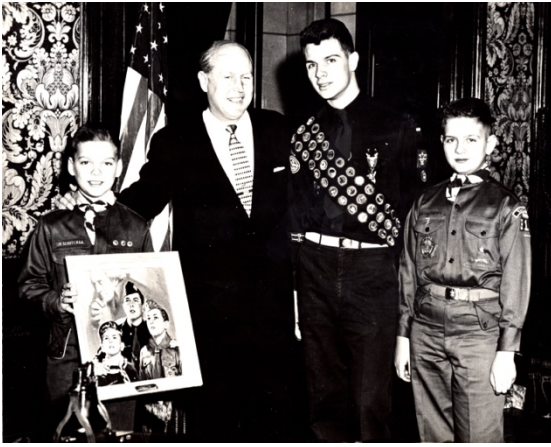
Howard was a member of Troop 316 / Explorer Post 681 from Vancouver, Washington, and attended summer camp with his troop each year through 1954. One summer, he stayed an additional week to complete the swimming, lifesaving, and rowing merit badges. The early morning swims, he recalls, were especially invigorating. Earning these badges helped him achieve the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 14.

His longtime Scoutmaster, Erwin Rieger, was also actively involved with the Mazamas mountain climbing club and did not attend summer camp. As a result, leadership responsibilities fell to the older Scouts. At just 14, Howard organized and coordinated transportation for 60 troop members to and from camp. Although a retired teacher accompanied the group to meet the requirement for adult supervision, he served largely in a nominal role.



Howard McDowell (L), Larry Owen (C), Bryon Hanke (R)





Eagle Scout Howard McDowell with a couple of other Scouts has their photo taken with the Governor of Washington State, Arthur B. Laglie.

Another memorable experience was a tree-planting project during Christmas school vacation. Howard and about ten other Scouts planted trees in an area that had been left barren after a fire. Based on a recent Google Maps satellite view, he believes those trees may now stand just north of the current archery range.

Howard notes that his troop was the last to wear the traditional campaign-style Scout hat. He still possesses that hat, along with his merit badge sash and rank pins from that era. In addition, he has a history of Troop 316 created for its 50th anniversary in 1979, at which time the troop had produced 134 Eagle Scouts—Howard being number 50.

Howard has donated some of his Scouting memorabilia, merit badge sash with 41 merit badges, campaign hat, Troop 316

history book and several newspaper clippings of Scouting to Camp Meriwether’s 100th Anniversary museum.

CPC Pathfinder Awards Event – Celebrating Our Volunteers

At the council’s “Pathfinder Awards” event, we recognized several volunteer award recipients who received the Silver Beaver, Duty to God, Sea Scout Leadership, Venture Leadership, NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout, Medal of Merit, Helen Howells Outstanding Commissioner and the District of the Year.

Andrew Danner, CPC Council Board Chair and President, recognized our Council Commissioner, Kathleen Jordan, with the Scouting Alumni 50 Years of Service Commemoration. This Commemoration serves to recognize Scouting alumni for service to youth.



Council Commissioner, Kathleen Jordan, with the gold medal.



NESA Outstanding Eagle Award Recipients (left to right), David Parry, Ron Stankye, Scott West, along with Robert McDonald, Alumni/Eagle Scout Alumni Associations’ Co-Chair.

Have you seen the new research conducted by The Harris Poll? If not, [check it out!](#)



Investing in the Future of the Northwest

Great futures don't happen by accident, and they don't happen without local support. When you give to [Friends of Scouting](#), you are making a direct investment in the future of our region.

By keeping your gift local, you are directly funding the scholarships that send kids to well-maintained camps, the training that empowers our unit leaders, and the safety standards that give parents peace of mind. From the urban centers of Portland and Vancouver to the coastal forests and high Cascades, your support keeps Scouting accessible, safe, and thriving.



Let's Connect

Meet Up's – Need Your Help! We are looking for help in hosting Meet Up's in each of the districts and venues where to host them. If you are interested in hosting a Meet Up or know some great venue locations, please contact Rob McDonald at alumni.chair@cpcscouting.org

Subcommittees

Call to Serve! We are looking for additional Alumni Community members and committee chairs to help serve on the following committees. For a listing of job descriptions please go to our "[Get Involved](#)" webpage.

Eagle Scout Alumni

- Co-Chairs: Rob McDonald and Bob Yokoyama

Silver Beaver

Wood Badge Association

- CPCWoodBadgeAssn@gmail.com

Camp Alumni

- Baldwin
- Butte Creek
- Clark
- Cooper
- Ireland
- Lewis

- Meriwether
 - Co-Chairs: Tim Kniser and Jim Thompson
- Pioneer
- Royce-Finel
 - Chair: Tom Grimm
- [Spirit Lake](#)
 - Co-Chairs: Mark McConnell and Dennis Roberts

Adventures & Events

Awards & Recognitions

- Co-Chairs: Steven Gold and George Harrison

District Coordinator



District Alumni Coordinators

- Cascadia
- Mid-Columbia
- Pacific Shores
- Pacific Trail
- Rivers Edge
- Santiam River
- Spirit Lake
- Timberline
 - Dan Wolf

Marketing & Communications

Membership

Young Adults

Empty Nester

For more information about subcommittees, please contact Rob McDonald at alumni.chair@cpcscouting.org



Are you receiving your newsletters from newletters@cpscouting.org and emails from alumni.chair@cpscouting.org? Please check your spam/junk folder and accept them!

We are requesting that our Alumni Communities [update your information](#) on the new system. That way we can connect you with alumni, Scouts and Scouters in your area and by interest.

Get this 1933 Meriwether Map!



Refurbished to its original (and hilarious) grandeur, you can get your hands on beautiful copy of the original Camp Meriwether map from 1933. It includes the original “hullabaloo” song lyrics and a few inside jokes that are sure to bring memories of summer camp flooding back. Order your copy at <https://cpscouting.org/meriwether100> or join us this Labor Day weekend or the Centennial Celebration!

Awards/Recognitions Deadlines

Alumni Awards

Council Alumnus of the Year – Deadline to submit nominations for this award is on or before December 31st to be honored for the current year.

Council Distinguished Alumnus Award – No deadline.

NESA Awards

NESA Distinguished Eagle Scout Award – Nominations accepted between April 1 – July 31 each year.

NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award - Quotas must be used each year by December 31st.

NESA Silver Wreath Award - Nomination quotas must be used by December 31st.

NESA Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award – Nomination deadline is January 31st.

NESA Scholarships - The application portal opens December 1, 2025, and closes January 31, 2026.

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Eagle Scout Scholarships – Review the Eagle Scout Alumni [website](#) for deadlines.

For more information related to the awards, please contact our Co-Chairs: Steven Gold (s3a2bgold@gmail.com) and George Harrison (ancient_wonders@hotmail.com)



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