



Boy Scout Troop 282

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Troop 282 activities

Troop 282 had an eventful summer!

Starting in June, 2 adults, John Rotramel and Chris Boots, and 6 scouts, Asa Thomas, Isaac Downs, Jeremy Terhune, Alex Klement, Nate Carpenter, and Ryan Carpenter, went on a white-water rafting trip in the New River George, West Virginia. They stayed overnight in a primitive camp ground to get a good night's sleep for a day of rafting



Troop 282 and their guide dropping into a class 3 rapid

The Troop got up early the next morning and made breakfast before heading out. They grabbed their paddles and life jackets before taking the mile ride to the river. Once they arrived, they got a raft and guide and started on class 1 and 2 rapids. However, they spent most of the day on class 3 and 4's, and even a few class 5's.



Troop 282 getting soaked by a large rapid
See the video at the Troop website www.t282.org

In July, the Troop went on one of the biggest trips of the year, a week at Camp McKee Scout reservation!



From left to right. Top row: Asa Thomas, Isaac Downs, Alex Klement, Jeremy Terhune, and Ryan Carpenter. Bottom row: Chris Boots, Trevor Mott, Andrew Vogel, Dominic Sympson, Dan Whitaker, Nate Carpenter, John Tomecek, and Scoutmaster John Rotramel

At Camp McKee, scouts have a chance to earn unique merit badges or ones that they can't complete in the troop. This year, many members of the troop took the mountain biking merit badge class.



2017 Camp McKee mountain biking class

Camp McKee provides three meals a day to keep the scouts full of energy they need to get through their day. However, on Wednesday night the camp staff gets a break and the scouts fend for themselves. It's a tradition in Troop 282 to go out on this night and get Miguel's Pizza, a favorite among the scouts.



Above Jeremy Terhune and Mr. Tomecek bring the 11 Miguel's pizza to the tables.



When the scouts aren't getting merit badges or eating, they were relaxing in their campsite and playing games. Many merit badges were earned during the week for many scouts.

At Camp McKee, scouts and adults may choose to wake up at 5:30am on Wednesday morning and jump into the ice-

cold water of the lake. This award, known as the Polar Bear plunge, was earned by **Asa Thomas, Alex Klement**, and adults **Chris Boots** and **Tom DiSessa**.

Chris Boots and Tom DiSessa also earned The Honor Leader award at scout camp.



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National Youth Leadership Training(NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Troop 282 sent two scouts to NYLT in July, **Alex Klement** and **Nate Carpenter**. The participants were placed into many different patrols, **Alex Klement** was placed into the



White Patrol and **Nate Carpenter** in the Orange Patrol. NYLT took place over six days, filled with education, excitement, games, and leadership. The scouts spent the week cooking for themselves in their campsites and sleeping in tents. On the last night of the course, the scouts slept outdoors in shelters they made themselves. They returned to the troop with improved leadership and skills to share with the home troop.

In August, Troop 282 went to Greenbrier farm to work on the Horsemanship merit badges. They got to groom, saddle, ride, and feed horses.



Troop 282 at Greenbrier from left to right: Andrew Vogel, John Eggum, Dominic Sympton, Nate Carpenter, Jeremy Terhune, Daniel Balko, and Chris Boots

The scouts slept for two nights in the woods on the farm and drove to the barn in the morning. They learned how to properly groom horses.



Daniel Balko and Dominic Sympton brushing a horse
See the video at the Troop website www.t282.org

In August, Troop 282 had a **Court of Honor**, where Scouts receive ranks and other awards

Achievements and Awards

Daniel Balko earned the Communication and Family Life merit badges

Nate Carpenter earned the Chemistry, Robotics, and Space Exploration merit badges

Ryan Carpenter earned the rank of 1st class and the Archery merit badge

Isaac Downs earned the rank of Tenderfoot and Shotgun and Swimming merit badges

Alex Klement earned the Shotgun and Small Boat Sailing merit badges

Trevor Mott earned the Small Boat Sailing and Swimming merit badges.

Noah Sprout earned the rank of 2nd class

Dominic Sympson earned the Canoeing, Kayaking, and Small Boat Sailing merit badges

Jeremy Terhune earned the Archery and Shotgun merit badges

Asa Thomas earned the rank of 2nd class and the Citizenship of the world, Small Boat Sailing, and Swimming merit badges

Upcoming Troop 282 Events

- October – Camping at Stonehedge Farm
- November – Backpacking in the Gorge
- December – Perfect North Ski trip
- January – Lock-in
- February – camping at Clemont Park

See more about Troop 282 and the rest of the pictures and videos on www.t282.org

If you are interested in Boy Scouts of America, either as a Boy Scout who is 11 or completed 5 grade, or adult leader, please contact Scoutmaster John Rotramel (859)- 223-4235 or Troop 282 Committee Chair, John Tomecek at (859)-296-5803.

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