



# Boy Scout Troop 282

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## Troop 282 Activities

On January 9th, the troop had their annual lock-in. For those who may not have known, the lock-in is an event in which the troop gets together to plan activities and campouts for the whole year. Afterwards, the scouts spent the night socializing, playing games, watching movies, and making their own personal pizzas.



Above left to right: Scout Committee Chairman John Tomecek, Scoutmaster John Rotramel, Assistant Scoutmaster John Eggum and his niece watching a movie on the projector screen in the Mary Queen cafeteria.



Above left to right: Noah Sprout, Daniel Whitaker, and Asa Thomas, are making their personal pizzas.

On January 16th, Scouts Daniel Balko, Nate Carpenter, Alex Klement, and Scoutmaster John Rotramel and Assistant Scoutmaster Chris Boots, volunteered to teach knots, lashings, orienteering, tent-pitching and fire building to the Webelos and Cub Scouts of Pack 282. They now have new skills to climb their way up the ranks in Boy Scouting.



Above: Daniel Balko and Nate Carpenter explaining to the Webelos how they are to pick where set up camp.

On January 30th, the scouts went to Camp McKee Boy Scout Reservation in Mt. Sterling. The Scouts and adults hiked the Pioneer Mountain Trail for about 5 miles. If you would like to see a video of all the pictures go to the Troop website at [www.t282.org](http://www.t282.org)



Above: Adults and scouts preparing base camp at Camp McKee

## What are the Eagles Doing Now?

Nick Tomecek is an Eagle Scout from Troop 282. He achieved the rank of Eagle in 1998 as did his brother Vince, who earned his Eagle in 1993. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a journalism degree in 2002. He works as a photojournalist for the Northwest Florida Daily Newspaper, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Notably, Nick and Vince, in 2004, hiked the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. He says "there is no doubt Scouting helped me and my brother hike all of the 2,147 miles."



"I did not know how important it was at the time, but I now appreciate what it means to be an Eagle Scout. Hard work and leadership are qualities that Scouting taught me and I use my experiences from scouting every day in my profession." - Nick Tomecek

## **Troop 282 Upcoming Events**

- February 20th: Ski Trip at Perfect North

See more about Troop 282 at [www.t282.org](http://www.t282.org)

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

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