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TWO SCOUTS PASS THEIR BOARD OF REVIEW FOR EAGLE

On July 23, at Lakeside Baptist Church, Tripp Collins and Will Hall presented themselves before an Eagle Board of Review and met with the board's approval for Scouting's highest rank. Both young men have accomplished a great deal while members of our troop.

Tripp Collins is presently one of our Junior Assistant Scoutmasters. He has served as a Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Will Hall is our current Senior Patrol Leader—a leadership position in which he has shined. Both Scouts are members of the Order of the Arrow, and have earned their God and Country Awards. They have both experienced Philmont as part of our troop's "Crew 2" in 1999, and attended the National Jamboree in 2001.

Tripp and Will, along with Timothy Green, Michael O'Neill, and Jeff Silverberg, will receive their Eagle Awards and recognition in a special court of honor feast and celebration this Autumn.



Tripp Collins and Will Smith with the members of their Eagle Board of Review. Their applications and Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbooks have been forwarded to the National Office.

MOUNTAIN MAN OUTPOST AT BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS RESERVATION

Ten Scouts participated in this Blue Ridge Mountains Council's high adventure program, from August 4-10. They backpacked their personal gear into the outpost where they spent the week living like the mountaineers who trapped, traveled and settled the mountains in the 18th and 19th centuries. They drew their water from the creek and cooked their meals over open fires, which they started with flint & steel. One meal featured buffalo and sourdough bread, and another was fresh-caught trout.

There was training and challenging contests with muzzle-loading rifles, throwing knives, and tomahawks. They made a hunting knife and leather sheath and learned about traps, snares, edible plants, cabin-building and other aspects of Appalachian life. Many of them qualified for Wilderness Survival, Leatherworking and Cooking Merit Badges, and according to everybody, everyone had a really great time.



At the Mountain Man Outpost in the Blue Ridge Mountains, from left to right: Davis Hall, Jeff Silverberg, Tripp Collins, Travis Collins, Russell Spatholt, Ian Barker, Mat Silverberg, "Longbeard", Jonathan Silverberg, Chris Danes, Laura Spatholt, Justin Davidson