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The Boy Scouts of America has been shaping the lives of our youth since 1910. Scouting exists because of the volunteer and financial support provided by the community. The best way to support the Boy Scouts of America financially is by making a contribution directly to the Del-Mar-Va Council.

By giving to your local BSA council, you are directly supporting Scouting programs where you live — programs that clean up your parks, gather food for the area needy, and even help your community prepare for disaster.

The Del-Mar-Va Council is funded by a variety of sources, including: direct contributions, special events, annual popcorn sale, foundation grants, the United Way, and program/activity/camping fees. With your support, the Del-Mar-Va Council can bring the nation's highest quality Scouting programs to many more youth throughout the peninsula.

Friends of Scouting 2022 Progress

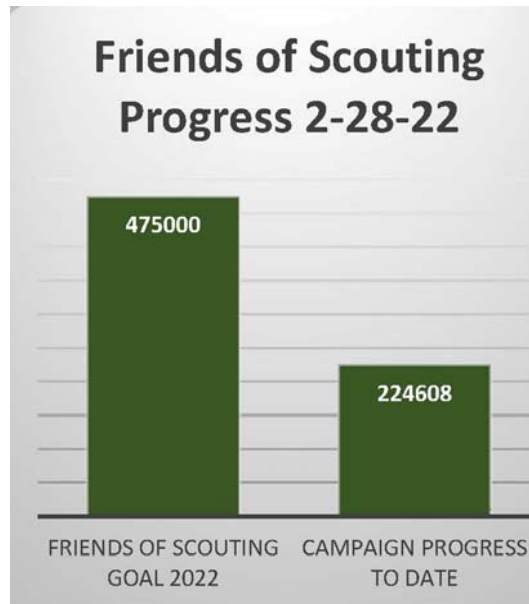


District Campaign Leaderboard

Tri-County District is currently #1 in the race to goal by the Victory Celebration on May 18th. Lead by the capable Tri-County Friends of Scouting chair Bryan Murfree they are currently at 57% of their total \$27,000 goal!



Thanks to the support of donors like you, the Del-Mar-Va Council has so far raised \$224,608 during our Friends of Scouting 2022 campaign. This brings us to just over half of our total goal of \$475,000. Your continued support ensures the council can provide as many resources as possible for our scouts!



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A newsletter for those who support the future of America!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Featured—Doneene Damon, Derick & Dina Daly of BAAM and DE State Schools Superintendent Mark Holodick**
- **Donor Profile—John & Jay Hukill**
- **Eagle Scout Demarion Waters, Salisbury, MD**

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Mobile Climbing Wall to attract new Families!

An exciting grant opportunity has enabled the council to purchase a 26' mobile climbing wall. The plan is to use this wall as a program feature at festivals, fairs, and other outdoor public events to attract families to the fun! In the process of climbing the wall they can learn more about the value of the Scouting program and connect to local Scouting units. This new tool is part of an all out

effort to attract new families to the Scouting program. Scientific research has shown that children who participate in the Scouting program have significantly greater hopefulness, helpfulness, obedience, cheerfulness, kindness and trustworthiness than those children not in Scouting! With fun and discovery at every turn Scouting makes the most of right now!

This climbing wall will help us make that possible for more young people!



Go to www.delmarvacouncil.org/tufts to learn more about the research!

Troop 478 Eagle Scout Demarieon Waters

The Del-Mar-Va Council would like to introduce you to one of its newest Eagle Scouts! We sat down with Demarieon Waters from Salisbury Moose Lodge Troop 478 to talk about his Scouting experience and his Eagle Scout project.

DMVC: Tell us a little bit about your Scouting Journey.

DW: When I first started, in elementary school, I was supposed to come in with a friend, but that friend never showed up. So it was just me. I started going to meetings, met new people, and started

going camping. I liked it from there.

DMVC: Of all the Merit Badges you received over your Scouting Journey, what was the most interesting, or most useful to you?

DW: First Aid. We would practice and roleplay scenarios. That was an important thing I learned.

DMVC: What do you think your biggest lesson is from completing your Eagle Scout Project?

DW: The biggest lesson would probably be that it was my

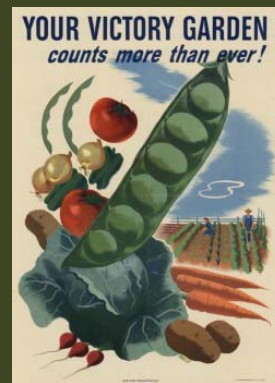
first experience with being a project leader. I had to get the materials, manage the work, and the people.

DMVC: What advice would you give a young Scouter today?

DW: Keep going! It's fun, you're going to meet new people, you're going to learn new things, you're also going to go places. I never thought I would go white water rafting. That was fun! We went early morning fishing, and that was fun.



Nick Moriello, president of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware said "They are doing great work in educating our community about gardening and nutritious eating habits."



Akridge Victory Gardens

Scouters and area families are invited back to Akridge Scout Reservation for the third season of chemical free gardening! Highmark BlueCross BlueShield has renewed its support of this community outreach effort sponsored by Del-Mar-Va Council. Nick Moriello, president of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware said "They are doing great work in educating our community about gardening and nutritious eating habits." To learn more go to: delmarvacouncil.org/victorygardens

Key Community Leaders to be feted in 2022

Del-Mar-Va Council will honor several key community leaders at special events throughout the peninsula in 2022. Doneene Damon, President of Richards, Layton and Finger, LLC, the largest law firm in Delaware, will be featured as the Citizen of the Year this fall. Ms. Damon was recently named among Delaware's Top 40 Women in Business and will be receiving the honor at a ceremony in October.

Dina and Derick Daly, founders of Building African American Minds (BAAM) in Easton Maryland will be the guests of honor at the Mid-Shore Distinguished Citizen Award event in Easton, Maryland. Entrepreneurs at heart, in addition to BAAM Dina & Derick have launched a high tech company (JACK Innovation), a

Now Accepting Crypto Donations!

Del-Mar-Va Council has recently partnered with The Giving Block to engage new donors in the exciting world of cryptocurrency philanthropy. Through TGB we are able to accept over 70 types of crypto and NFT's (Non-Fungible Tokens). The Giving Block will regularly run campaigns on our behalf to appeal to donors seeking worthy organizations. Sound like science fiction to you? Go to our new page at www.delmarvacouncil.org/crypto to learn more!



construction company (JACK Construction), a workforce housing development (NAIMA), and more recently, a real estate firm with sights on creating luxury residential units in Easton (Aspire Outdoors). They will be honored at a ceremony in September.

Dr. Mark Holodick, Delaware Secretary of Education, will be the keynote speaker at the God & Country Breakfast on May 19th at the White Clay Creek Country Club in Newark, Delaware. Dr. Holodick is a former Superintendent of the Year at the Brandywine School District and most recently served as a coach and mentor at the University of Delaware Academy for Scholl Leadership. Go to www.delmarvacouncil.org/gc to register.

Profile: John & Jay Hukill, Powered by Love



John & Jay Hukill have been married for over 65 years! Living in the house they built on the banks of the Herring Creek near Harbeson, Delaware for over 50 years, where they raised three children, Charlotte, Sarah with-an-h, and Jim. They now also have 7 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. To this day they all gather regularly to fill the house on the creek for family events and holidays.



John joined Scouting as a youth in 1944 at Troop 94, in Middletown, DE, with his older brother Bob. After tagging along with Troop 94 for nearly 2 years before he was old enough to join, he quickly earned his Eagle at the age of 16 in 1948. John has been a proponent of the Scouting program ever since!

In 1949 & 50 John went to St.

Andrew's School in Middletown for his last 2 years of High School before moving on to the University of Delaware. From 1953 to 1955 he served in the US Army and in 1956 John returned to U of D. While there he met and married the lovely Jay Rowland to start a family. Jay was an elementary school teacher in Odessa at the time. Shortly after their marriage John started a 4 year apprenticeship as a Delaware River boat pilot with his father-in-law for \$5 a month. John and Jay moved to Lewes, DE to be near the docks where Jay taught 3rd grade at Lewes Elementary.

When their son Jim joined Cub Scouts at Pack 1 in Lewes, John became the Cubmaster where he served for the next 5 years. When Jim moved to Troop 1, John joined as an Asst. Scoutmaster. Jim advanced to a 1st Class Scout where he took Water Skiing Merit Badge on the creek in front of their house with Jay as the counselor! Jim and his sisters were also avid 4-H'ers raising sheep in the dairy barn across the road from their house.

John became a Sussex District unit commissioner in 1976 and he and Jay became fast friends with the likes of Bud Pase, Helen Cropper, Tom McDougall, John Fisher and many others. He earned the District Award of Merit in 1977, the Silver Beaver in 1981, and joined the Council Executive Board as the Sussex District Chair in 1978 where he served until 1986. He served on the Del-Mar-Va

Council Executive Board for an impressive 30 years until 2008! He earned the St. George Award from the Episcopal church in 2008 and served as a Campmaster at Henson Scout Reservation until 2012.

John & Jay are members of the Council 1910 Society recognized for a single gift \$25,000 or more, the Council Heritage Society for



endowment gift recognition, and they continue to donate a generous Friends of Scouting gift to Del-Mar-Va Council every year. When asked why they contribute annually they both humbly reply, almost in unison "because that's what you do—give back to an organization that has given so much to you." Powered by love—that's John & Jay Hukill in a nutshell!

