

Boy Scouts Troop 4036 2020 Recap

Two Boy Scouts from Troop 4036 of Holy Family Catholic Church earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2020. Cole Roberts on June 19th and Wyatt Crain on October 27th. This brings the grand total to 79 Boy Scouts who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout at Holy Family since Boy Scout Troop 4036 began here in the mid-1950s. Currently it is reported that only about 4% of all boys who begin in scouting will eventually achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Both boys were involved in scouting at early ages as Cub Scouts as members of Holy Family's Pack 4036 and both also earned the highest award in cub scouting, the Arrow of Light.

In order to attain the rank of Eagle one must earn at least 21 merit badges including 8 elective ones with the other 13 being the 'Eagle required' ones which are considerably more challenging. Several of these take a minimum of 3 months to complete and the Camping merit badge can rarely be done in less than a year. They also have to complete numerous rank requirements to get through the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, and Life. They must camp at least 20 days and 20 nights although these boys easily doubled or tripled that amount. They must also hold leadership positions within the troop for at least 16 months although, again, most boys do much more. One of the final steps is to plan, organize, and complete an Eagle Scout service project within the community. From the beginning stages of planning until the final completion, these usually take several months or more. Their projects were to build and install Adirondack chairs for a Habitat for Humanity home and to install a walking bridge and refurbish benches and the playground area at Holy Family School.

Two Boy Scouts also earned BSA religious awards during 2020. In February Christian Volpert and Wyatt Crain completed the Pope Pius XII award, one of two Catholic religious awards available for Boy Scouts. Christian also earned the Four Pillars award, having completed all 4 religious awards available to Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Troop 4036 activities during 2020 included a camping trip to Red River Gorge, camping and hiking/backpacking trips to Knobstone Trail and O'Bannon Woods, and camping at both the Haunted Woods and a winter campout at Tunnel Mill Scout Reservation in Charlestown, Indiana. Their week long summer camp in 2020 was at Rough River Lake in Kentucky where they worked on several merit badges including kayaking, small boat sailing, astronomy, cooking, geocaching, and metalwork. Several of the older boys and adult leaders also traveled south for the Florida Sea Base BSA high adventure this past summer for a week long sailing and camping experience. The troop had day trips to the Xtremenasium trampoline park in Clarksville, rock wall climbing in Louisville, Flaget Trail Catholic event at Holy Family Church in Louisville, hiking at Mount Saint Francis, and attended an Orienteering course competition at Mount Saint Francis.

Service work included the annual cemetery clean up at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery, performing a landscaping project at Holy Trinity Cemetery, and collecting food for St. Vincent DePaul food pantry during the scouting for food campaign in November.

Just like everything else, the 2020 year for Cub Scouts and Webelos has been anything but normal but our scouts have pushed on and had a lot of firsts and some very creative adventures. Scouts attended their first 4036 Pack Summer Day Camp and learned a few camping and survival skills, including how to make a fish trap from a 2L bottle! The Pack held its first Pumpkin Roll Race and had their pumpkins judged on creativity, distance, and speed. We will also be hosting our first Pinewood Derby "Build It" Clinic this month. This year along with the traditional requirements for rank advancement, scouts dove into the world of STEM learning about physical and chemical reactions by building volcanoes, rockets, and lava lamps. Who knows a hover board might be next!!!! Scouts have learned how to safely use simple tools, ways they can help and positively impact the environment, as well as working toward achieving the Scout STRONG Award. Cub Scouts and Webelos have also participated in service projects through Mount St. Francis and the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and Scouting for Food. Our Cub Scouts and Webelos have been working hard to stay, "...physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight" (Scout Oath). Come join us! If you or your child are interested in scouts please contact us. We are always looking for new scouts and scouters!