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SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- **Featured—
Eagle Scout
Jacob Massey
Reef Project**
- **God & Country
North
Breakfast, May
18th, 2023
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- **Rachel's
Challenge
Curriculum
added**

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Ocean City Reef Foundation Eagle Project

Jacob Massey has been on or around the water since



he could first walk. When as a member of Troop 281 in Oceanview, Delaware, he needed an Eagle project to help him attain the rank, it was natural for him to seek out a project that would benefit the local fishing community. Starting at age 14, as a Life Scout, Jacob planned and executed the construction of a 10 ton concrete reef in 50' of water nearly 10 miles off the coast of Ocean City, MD. The project was completed in May of 2022 as Jacob turned 16. Dedicated to his former

mentor Peter Kangas, the artificial reef provides habitat and safety for a multitude of marine life including fish!

Jacob's first task was to convince Captain Monty Hawkins of the Ocean City Reef



Foundation that he could do the job. Once that was accomplished the project started rolling. Scouts in Troop 281

were organized into work parties to mix concrete, fill the molds, load and unload the 160 pound pyramids, and ultimately launch them onto the ocean floor to rebuild a reef



structure. Jacob next had to overcome some obstacles of poor product quality, extended production time, difficult physical labor, and

management of personnel to complete the actual work. Jacob learned project management, people management, and some engineering skills. He determined that his position as a leader was not above his workers, not behind his workers, but with his workers, to get the job done. He made lifelong friends in the process of completing this project.

Jacob dedicated this project to past Troop 281 Committee Chair Peter Kangas. Jacob said Peter had a way of listening to every side of a story, taught him irreplaceable life skills, and made everything he was

involved in better! Jacob plans to apply to a service academy after completing high school at Indian River High.



Wilmington Scoutreach introduces Rachel's Challenge Curriculum



Special Event

God & Country
North Breakfast

7:00 am

Thursday May
18th, 2023
White Clay Creek
Country Club
777 Delaware
Park BLVD
Wilmington, DE

Featured Speaker

John Wellons,
CEO Boys & Girls
Club Delaware



Event Chair Tim
Holly presiding

www.delmarvacouncil.org/gc to register

The Wilmington Scoutreach program has added a Rachel's Challenge component to their weekly den meeting programs. Rachel Scott was a student who lost her life in an act of school violence in Colorado. Her family subsequently established an initiative to help others break down the walls that lead to harassment, isolation, teen suicide, and gun violence. Rachel's Challenge addresses the root causes of school violence, bullying, prejudice, and self-harm through social-emotional learning programs that build connection, hope and resilience. Rachel's



Challenge improves school culture so that students are able to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.

The incorporation of Rachel's Challenge programming in our Cub Scout Packs will help further the mission of the foundation and make our communities better places to live. This training was conducted at Bayard Elementary School and all of our Scoutreach staff participated to help replicate the curriculum at all of our Scoutreach Packs in Wilmington. This program was funded by a generous donation from the Lynn & Foster Friess Family Foundation in Jackson, Wyoming.

Council President's Club Continues to Grow!

The Council President's Club is an annual Giving Circle for members who contribute a minimum of \$2,500 for three-year consecutive years or more. Currently 29 members are enrolled. Welcome to our newest members Andy Sensing, Hockessin, DE; Bob & Hilanne Myers, Millville, DE; Phillip Dedominicis, Chesapeake City, MD; Sandy & Lori Smyth, Oceanview, DE; Bruce Swayze, Chadd's Ford, PA; General Ronald Blanck, Fenwick Island, DE; and Ted Janusz, Wilmington, DE.

- Membership has its privileges! 2023 Friends of Scouting Gift set which includes council shoulder patches,

- car sticker and special gift of a Del-Mar-Va Council bookbag
- Invitation to 2023 Friends of Scouting Victory Celebration
- Invitation to attend one of the following events in 2023:
 - God & Country Breakfast (Northern in May or Southern in November)
 - Sporting Clays Reception & Auction, Queenstown, MD (October)
- Invitation to attend an exclusive donor appreciation reception with the Council President
- Silver or Gold Member Lapel Pin



Profile: Del-Mar-Va Council Development Team

The Development Team at Del-Mar-Va Council is responsible for the adequate fundraising necessary to supplement Council operations to support local units. In addition to cultivating a climate of gratitude for all who support Scouting, this three person team manages the Friends of Scouting appeals, 9 special events annually, multiple grants, United Way Community Impact, and major gift appeals.



Ray Teat has been a fixture in Del-Mar-Va Council for nearly 42 years and counting! Starting as an Assistant Ranger at Rodney Scout Reservation in May of 1981, Ray has served in multiple roles including Resident Director at Henson, Director of Support Services, Assistant Scout Executive, and now the Director of Finance & Development. New to this role in June 2020, Ray is working to create relationships with more constituents who can help grow the membership of Del-Mar-Va Council. Ray lives in Caroline County, MD near Denton with his wife Regina and their stalwart companion Stella! Together they have two adult children, Kara of Rehobeth Beach, DE and Ryan of

Secretary, MD. They also enjoy the company of their two wild grandsons Luke and Finley. Ryan also has started a career in Del-Mar-Va Council first as a Council Program Director at Henson and now as the Tri-County Senior District Executive.

Shaina Adkins has just celebrated her five-year anniversary with the Del-Mar-Va Council! Shaina was brought on to the team in March of 2018 to serve as the Southern Development Director. Shaina takes great pride in her work knowing that the funds raised keep Scouting alive on the Peninsula's great Eastern Shore! Shaina lives in Salisbury with her husband Brad, her son Maxwell, and their four furry children. Shaina enjoys playing host on most holidays, spending time with her family & friends and cooking delicious meals. This past year, Shaina has taken up the hobby of weightlifting; health & wellness have become a real passion of hers. Shaina is very much looking forward to the year ahead connecting with Scouting's amazing supporters.



Corie Irvine has been Del-Mar-Va Council's Fundraising Specialist since July 2020 and has been on staff with Del-Mar-Va Council since October 2019. Corie enjoys her work knowing that fundraising brings the Scouting opportunity to many children in the local area. Corie has been a unit volunteer since 2004 with Pack and Troop 109 in Magnolia, DE where both sons joined Scouts. Youngest son Austin achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in November 2019. Corie and her husband Bob have four adult children and four grandchildren living all over the country. Corie's favorite part of Scouting is the opportunity to teach Scouts about the impact of community service. She supports many service activities with Troop 109 and has established their annual volunteer day with Wreaths Across America when Scouts have honored veterans by laying wreaths on their graves each holiday season. Aside from Scouting, Corie enjoys birdwatching and wildlife photography, especially at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge.



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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 2023 Progress



District Campaign Leaderboard

Powder Mill District is currently #1 in the race to goal by the Victory Celebration on May 22nd. Lead by the capable Powder Mill District Director Keli Witt and District Chair Jim Sahm they are currently at 52% of their total \$32,000 goal!



Thanks to the support of donors like you, the Del-Mar-Va Council has so far raised \$191,052 during our Friends of Scouting 2023 campaign. This brings us to 42% of our total goal of \$455,000. Your continued support ensures the council can provide as many resources as possible to continue the growth of Scouting.

GOAL: \$455,000

