



Tay House
Troop 19
Centennial Celebration
June 15, 2019

Tay House



In 1931, Troop 19 moved to Tay House Cabin.

The Cabin is dedicated to and named after J. Taylor "Uncle Tay" Howard, the guiding force behind the Troop and construction of the cabin. J. Taylor Howard spent over 35 years with Troop 19.



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Schedule of the Evening

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Hour
6:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Opening Ceremony – <i>Tay House Scouts</i> Scoutmaster's Remarks & MC Introduction – <i>Mike Dreher</i> Tay House Song Reading of Proclamations – <i>Bill Moehle, Brighton Town</i> <i>Supervisor</i> Invocation
6:50 - 8:00 p.m.	Buffet Dinner Dessert Served
8:00 – 9:00 p.m.	MC's Remarks – <i>Tom Richards</i> State of the Troop – <i>Rob Lewis</i> Introducing the Friends of Tay House – <i>Jeff Liest</i> Scoutmaster's Update – <i>Tim Castelein</i> Closing Ceremony – <i>Tay House Staff</i>
9:00 - 10:30 p.m.	Social Time

Tay House would like to extend its gratitude to the members of the Centennial Committee who have been working hard for over a year to plan this celebration!

Amanda Dreher, Committee Chair

Scott Ashley
Pat Boufford
Tim Castelein
Frank Crego
Doug Dickman
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Dear Scouts, Scouters and Guests,

On behalf of the Parent Committee we wish to congratulate Tay House on its centennial year of scouting. Many scouts, scout leaders, parents and community members have contributed to the historic success of Tay House Troop 19. Thank you for the many ways each of you assisted in furthering the spirit of Tay House. During the current scouting year alone, four Eagle projects and over 500 hours of service have benefited the Rochester community. Your investment is evident in the current generation of young men who are living out the values of scouting as demonstrated through this service.

As the parents of scouts, we have experienced first-hand the impact scouting has on those involved in Tay House. However, the scouting experience goes beyond being able to start a fire, identify poison ivy or persevering through a campout in single digit temperatures. Our sons have certainly gained these basic skills, but more importantly they have developed virtues like trustworthiness, bravery and kindness. For example, traditions like the tree lot and wreath sale teach communication and entrepreneurship; the boy led leadership philosophy provides a patrol leader with the chance to learn how to delegate and mentor others; and serving as a senior leader in the program department sharpens a scout's skills in organization and executing projects. All of this provides them with the foundation they need to be leaders who are a positive impact in their local community, country and in the world.

As Tay House looks ahead to the next 100 years of scouting we remain committed to developing future generations of scouts who will grow to have a positive impact locally and globally. However, this is only possible through your involvement. We charge all scouts and scouters past and present to consider ways you can assist Tay House with continuing this important mission. Please consider supporting Tay House through service or philanthropy. Thank you for celebrating Tay House for its history and for its future.

Sincerely,

Scott Ashley

Mike Gregoire

Co-Chairs, Tay House Parent Committee

"Be Prepared"
Tay House Troop Nineteen  *Boy Scouts of America*
Rochester, New York

June 15, 2019

Dear Tay House Scouts, Family, Alumni, and Friends,

On behalf of the Tay House Staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Tay House Centennial Gala Dinner. I want to thank the Tay House Centennial Committee for all their hard work over the past two years to plan this weekend's celebration.

As we gather this evening to celebrate the first hundred years of Scouting at Tay House, I am happy to report that the troop is as strong as ever and continues to provide a tremendous Scouting and leadership experience for the boys and young men of the troop. We have over fifty registered youth led by a creative, energetic corps of youth leaders, and supported by a dedicated, experienced Staff of adult volunteers.

The Scouting movement in America has changed dramatically since Tay House was established in 1919, and the troop has continued to grow and evolve along with it. From our charter organization (Asbury First United Methodist Church), to advancement requirements and merit badge offerings, to our principal methods of communication on a weekly basis, countless elements of the Scouting experience have changed. Nevertheless, many of the traditions that define Tay House and drive the troop's success are unchanged. We continue to be a "boy run" troop, and the Scouts learn skills and build character as they develop into successful leaders. We "enjoy" standard Tay House weather on our monthly camp outs with our trusty green Eureka tents, and next month our Scouts will depart for two weeks at Massawepie. In the newest installation of one of our more recent traditions, we sent a Centennial "Super Trip" comprised of 21 Scouts and four Staff to Utah over Spring Break to enjoy adventures in hiking, mountain biking, and climbing at Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks. And, of course, we gathered just over a month ago to once again deliver Mother's Day roses and to take the troop photo.

Thank you for attending this evening. Whatever your connection to the troop, your presence here tonight is proof of the dedication and commitment of the alumni, Staff, parents, and friends who have given their time and support, without whom Tay House would not have reached this milestone. I hope you have a wonderful evening seeing old friends, recalling Tay House's history, and toasting a strong future for the troop.

Yours in Scouting,



Mike Dreher
Scoutmaster

Thank you to our Gala Patrons for supporting the Centennial Celebration!*

Anonymous	Ben Hart	Nick Potter & Abigail Ritter
Bob & Julie Ball	Bill & Vickie Hart	Taylor Potter & Sarah Dobie
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Robert & Lillian Hanley	Marlin Potter	
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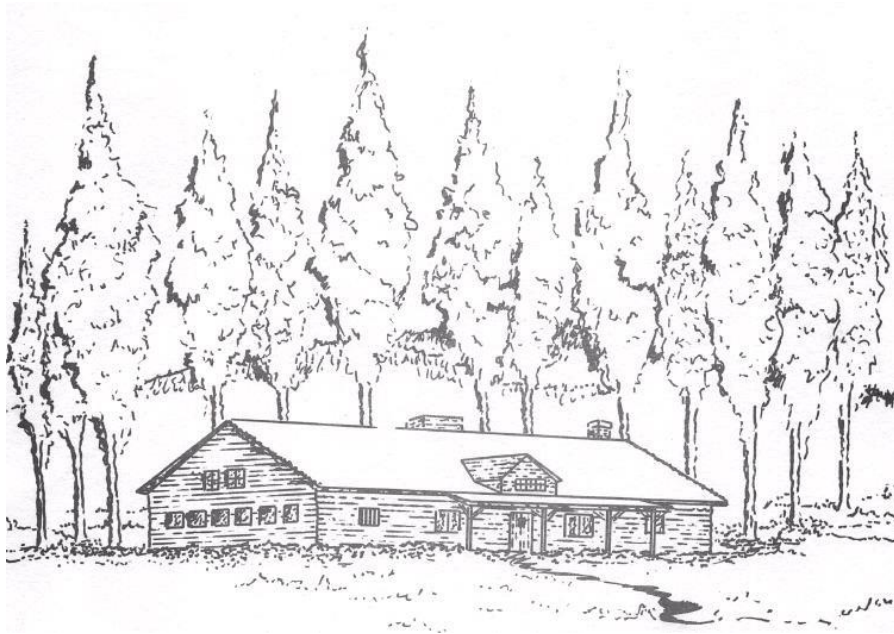
Thank you to our additional Centennial Celebration supporters!*

Anonymous	Geoff Hart	Marcus Ragland
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Newton B. Green, II (In Memory of Newton H. Green, Eagle and Scoutmaster)	Matthew Moran	Matt Wardlow
Rick Haggerty	Jim & Mary Olinger	Joan Wilson
	Neal Peachey	Robert Wood
	Marlin Potter	
	Robert Prager	

*as of June 1, 2019

Tay House Historical Timeline

- 1919** The Troop began at the Brighton Presbyterian Church. The philosophy behind the Troop was a scouting organization of boys, run by the boys and for the boys.
- 1921** The Troop was known as the “hiking” Troop. The hikes ranged up and down the whole Irondequoit Valley. At the time, what is now Ellison Park was a farm. The farmer did not let any campers or hikers use the property. While on a hike nearby the Troop helped the farmer retrieve some of his cows that had gotten loose. From that point on, the farmer gave the Troop exclusive rights to camp on his land. The Troop used this property for many years. They called it Camp Tyron.
- 1922** The first Eagle is awarded to Harold Dye. The Troop started a Cub Pack, the first in Rochester. The Troop had to get badges and manuals from Canada, because of the absolute refusal of the Boy Scouts of America to consider Cub Scouting in the Boy Scout movement. It took five years before they would even think about the possibility of Cub Scouting.
- 1923** The first Pine Tree Patrol in Rochester was started. This was an older Scout group and they went on longer hikes and campouts.
- 1925** The Troop moves to School #1 and is sponsored by the P.T.A.
- 1931** In the fall, the Troop moved to its current home, the Tay House Cabin.
- 1932** The Cabin is dedicated and named Tay House after J. Taylor Howard, the guiding force behind the Troop and construction of the Cabin. J. Taylor Howard spent over 35 years with the Troop. The Mother's Day Roses tradition began. Scouts deliver a rose and a card to each mother of current scouts and to mothers of past Tay House Eagles.



- 1933** Jack Stern becomes Scoutmaster in December. Jack will go on to volunteer 35 years to the Troop and have a lasting influence on the Troop.
- 1934** Bill Maxion writes the Troop song "We're from Tay House." Jack Stern forms the Mother's Auxiliary. A furnace room, upstairs patrol rooms and leader's room is added to the cabin. The enlargement project ended in 1937.
- 1937** The Troop had 125 scouts. Jack Stern as Scoutmaster split the Troop into three sections: Red, White, and Blue, each with its own scoutmaster and leader staff. The Troop began holding an annual "Biggest Little Dance in Town," which continued into the 1950s except for the war years.
- 1938** The 50th Eagle is awarded. A fundraising Spring Carnival begins. The carnival was an annual event until 1968.
- 1939** The Troop begins an annual summer canoe trip for older boys to Algonquin Park in Canada.
- 1940** The Troop returns to one section, and the Sea Scout Ship was formed.
- 1941-1945** The war years. 52 scouts served in the Armed Forces during the war. Bob Berggren is Scoutmaster.
- 1945-1951** The Troop fundraising consists of collecting metal coat hangers, newspapers, selling T-shirts, and painting house numbers on curbstones.
- 1947** The Troop began an Explorer Post. This lasted for two years.
- 1947** The 100th Eagle is awarded.
- 1951** The Annual Christmas Tree sale begins and is still run each December as the Troop's only fundraiser. Otetiana Council opens summer camp in the Adirondacks. The Troop begins summer camping program at Massawepie.
- 1960** The 150th Eagle is awarded.
- 1963** A fire damages the Cabin. The Troop meets at School #1.
- 1969** A dinner was held in Jack Stern's honor. The proceeds from the dinner helped establish the Jack Stern Memorial Sailing Base at the Massawepie Scout Camp. The Troop has assumed an ongoing responsibility to maintain the Sailing Base.



- 1970** The 200th Eagle is awarded. The Troop celebrates its 50th anniversary.
- 1981** The 250th Eagle is awarded.
- 1994** The Troop celebrates its 75th anniversary. The Troop and Towners Bike Shop establish the Mountain Bike Program at the Massawepie Scout Camp.
- 1997** The Troop is relocated to Lake Riley Lodge while the Cabin was under major renovation.
- 1999** Tom Hanley joined Jack Stern as the second person to have over 30 years on the Troop staff.



- 2002** The 300th Eagle is awarded on Feb 11th.
- 2006** The Robert 'Blackie' Wilson Compass Award was introduced, honoring outstanding adult service to Tay House. The Troop loses access to the location of its Christmas tree lot and is forced to cancel the tree sale. In its place, the Troop holds a highly successful wreath sale.
- 2007** The Troop re-charters with Asbury First United Methodist Church as its sponsoring organization. The Christmas tree sale returns at its new location on the Asbury campus on East Avenue.
- 2008** Tay House organizes its first ever Super Western Adventure Trip over 4th of July featuring Mount Rushmore National Park, Badlands National Park, MLB Baseball game in Denver, Whitewater Rafting in Colorado, Mountain Biking down Pike's Peak, and a tour of Ellsworth Air Force Base.
- 2012** The second iteration of the Super Western Adventure Trip to Moab, Utah occurs over Spring Break featuring Canyonlands and Arches National Parks, as well as mountain biking in Moab, rock climbing, rappelling, and zip lining out of Entrada High Adventure Camp (now called Moab Base Camp).
- 2015** The Troop takes its third Super Trip, to Maine's Acadia National Park featuring ocean kayaking, kayak island camping, whitewater rafting, and rock climbing over the ocean.
- 2016** The 350th Eagle is awarded.
- 2018** The Troop is relocated to Lake Riley Lodge for the Spring as a new roof was being added to the cabin, which reopened in September 2018.
- 2019** The fourth Super Trip takes place, dubbed the Centennial Western Adventure Trip to Hurricane, Utah and featuring Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park, as well as mountain biking, rock climbing, and canyoneering. The Troop recognizes Tom Hanley as an active member of the staff for 50 years.

Tay House Scoutmasters

Sam McKowen	1919 - 1921	Jerry Curran	1964
Arthur Durbin	1922	Bert Crofton	1965, 1966
James Mannig	1923	George Elferink	1967 - 1969
Edward Quant	1924	Bob Ball	1970, 1971
Harold Dye	1925, 1926	Dick Kent	1972, 1973
Charles Brown	1927	Bob Hart	1974, 1975
John Huff	1928	Tom Richards	1976, 1977
Walter Dow	1929	Bill May	1978
John McClaren	1930	John Neel	1979, 1980
Herm Kantor	1931, 1932	Don Trevoy	1981, 1982
Jack Stern	1933 -1935	Tom Hanley	1983, 1984
Bronson Byington	1936	Bob Lewis	1985, 1986
Jack Stern	1937	Jeff Kenyon	1987, 1988
Tom O'Toole	1938	Tom Smith	1989, 1990
Bill Maxion	1939	Bruce Peachey	1991, 1992
Stu Phelps	1940, 1941	Lambert Hoch	1993, 1994
Bob Breggren	1942 - 1945	Mark Rugaber	1995, 1996
Jack Stern	1946 - 1950	Clayton Potter	1997, 1998
Ned Green	1951, 1952	Mark Soule	1999, 2000
Charles Gowen	1953	Steffen Potter	2001
Jack Stern	1954	Jay Giess	2002, 2003
John Needy	1955	Patrick Boufford	2004, 2005
Bob Elwell	1956	Mark Soule	2006
Bob Wilson	1957	Jason Pitoniak	2007, 2008
Brud Doty	1958	Kelly Wasson	2009, 2010
John Seldon	1959	Pat Sadler	2011, 2012
Bob Wilson	1960	Jason Curtis	2013, 2014
Mike Wilder	1960	Rob Lewis	2015, 2016
Bob McCallum	1961, 1962	Mike Dreher	2017, 2018
George Gulick	1963	Tim Castelein	2019



Tay House Eagle Scouts

Harold Dye	1922	Gordon Parker	1936	Alan Ross Hurst	1939
Sidney Beye	1922	Richard Bacon	1936	Kenneth Bacon	1939
John Sleght	1922	Carl Busack	1936	John McCauley	1939
Jack Canman	1923	T. Brooks Howard	1936	Robert Neel	1939
Gordon Coryell	1924	Robert DeMallie	1937	Jack Riggard	1939
William Gill	1924	Craig Barlow	1936	Howard Smith	1939
John Kuppenger	1924	Donald Forsyth	1937	Martin Van de Visse	1939
Glen Hoyt	1925	Phillip Fisher	1937	James Whalen	1939
William Kirkbright	1925	Carter Taylor	1937	David Whalen	1939
Frank Spagenberg	1925	Donald Burch	1937	Paul Bacon	1940
Stanley Collier	1933	E. Parke Branson	1938	Curtis Howe	1940
Donald Jackson	1933	John Neel	1938	Norman Davidson	1940
William Smith	1934	John Nolan	1938	Robert Ginna	1941
Keneth Wilson	1934	Lawrence Doty	1938	Lawrence Green	1941
Jack Hosking	1934	James Wright	1938	Thorington Plummer	1941
Stuart Phelps	1934	Stuart Bohachek	1938	Robert Grover	1941
Donald Fletcher	1934	Alonzo Grace	1938	George Tomlinson, Jr.	1942
Fredrick Herzog	1934	Alexander Beebee*	1938	Jack Riddle	1942
William Maxion*	1934	James Lombard	1938	William Brown	1942
Robert Ross	1934	Robert Valentine	1938	Richard Howe	1943
George Horwitz	1934	Fay Maxion	1938	George Sylvester	1943
Ivar Lundgaard	1934	Lelan C. Brown	1938	Frank Zahniser	1943
Herman Norton	1935	Ralph E. Hurof	1938	Robert Elwell	1943
Robert Glerum	1935	Daniel I. Mayne	1938	Francis Wright	1943
D'orville Doty	1935	Ogden C. Smith	1938	Louis Langie*	1945
John Federbusch	1936	George Shackleford	1938	Charles Gowan	1945

Paul Humphrey	1945	J. Arnold Donovan	1950	Raymond Hayden	1955
Judson Parsons	1945	Michael Wilder	1951	Ewin T. Cox, Jr.	1956
G. King Bishop	1945	Kevin Maloy	1951	Ronald E. Meyer	1956
John Mayne	1945	George Link	1951	Dennis G. Karley	1957
William Maloy	1945	John Curan	1951	Bruce Wynar	1957
Gerald Allen	1945	Phillip Scatterday	1951	James Dorschel	1938
William Edwards	1945	Robert Kent	1951	William Henny	1958
Donald Frankel	1946	Allan Stam	1951	David Bruins	1958
Edgar Rummmler	1946	Huber Warner	1951	Jerry Jossem	1959
Kenneth Frankel	1947	Roger Carlsen	1951	Robert Hart	1958
Robert N. Wilson	1947	John Guttenburg	1952	Thomas Richards*	1959
Arthur Kirn	1947	Charles Salina	1952	Louis Glesmann	1959
Robert Hall	1947	Robert Adamsen	1952	Malcolm Brown	1959
Kreag Donovan	1948	James Christie	1952	Edward Zeller	1959
James Hall	1948	Michael Duggan	1952	Richard Zeller	1959
Donn Hill	1948	Stephan Shane	1952	Douglas Birrell	1960
John Sheldon	1948	Eugene Kopf	1952	Robert Ball, Jr.	1960
John Peck	1948	John Bastian	1952	Peter Young	1960
Charles Longuillo	1948	Richard Kent	1952	Bruce Wallace	1960
Stephen Bernstein	1949	Robert Henny	1953	Brian Fix	1960
Walter Pattee, Jr.	1949	Richard Oatman	1953	James Henny	1960
John O'Hara	1949	Alan Hilfiker	1953	Charles Frankel	1961
Daniel Stanley	1949	Albert Crofton	1953	Joseph McConnell	1961
George Stevenson	1950	John Roche	1953	Evan Meltzer	1961
Donald Brumbaugh	1950	Kent Campbell	1954	Timothy Dykman	1961
William Shafer	1950	Jon Goeckel	1954	Stuart Cox	1961
Newton Green	1950	Michael Hammond	1954	William Hart	1962
Frank Aprilano	1950	Angelo Calleri	1955	Peter Debes	1962
James De Gennaro	1950	Hubert Scheffy	1955	Randall Satterwhite	1962

Robert Wilson	1963	Mark Shulman	1968	Peter Fay	1975
Richard Erenstone	1963	John Neel	1969	Lambert Hoch	1975
David Evert	1963	Thomas Keene	1969	Bruce Peachey	1975
Charles Gowan	1964	James Doty	1970	Rick Boudrie	1976
Thomas Hanley	1964	Paul Beck	1970	Mike Mahoney	1976
John Henny	1964	Kenneth Frankel, Jr.	1970	Mark Rugaber	1976
John Klonick	1964	Newton Green	1970	Dave Anderson	1977
Larry Mahannah	1964	Scott Harter	1970	Jeff DeClue	1977
Robert Lewis	1964	Richard Raines	1970	Geoff Liebmann	1977
John Everett	1964	Robert Wood	1970	Mike Mayne	1977
Robert Prager	1965	Thomas Smith	1971	Dave Kenyon	1977
David DiLella	1965	Thomas Iaia, Jr.	1971	Mike Brandes	1977
Douglas Cash	1966	Steven Lapham	1971	Dan Kenyon	1978
James Elving	1966	Rick Haggerty	1972	Tim Parsons	1978
Avrum Lank	1966	Chris Utz	1972	Jerry Cormier	1979
Peter VanDemark	1966	Greg Hart	1972	Ian Stuard	1979
Kirk Phelps	1966	Jeffery Kenyon	1972	Mike Kent	1979
Thomas Hart	1966	Bert Smith	1972	Tom Eiswerth	1980
Flint Beal	1966	Robert Ward	1972	Tom Mayne	1980
John Iaia	1966	David Keep	1973	Daniel Evans	1980
William Brand	1966	Harold Gilbert	1973	Paul Niesen	1980
Thomas Klonick	1967	Peter Hill	1973	Jerry Hodges	1980
David Lank	1967	Stephen Wood	1973	Keith Van Marter	1980
George Radebough	1967	Larry Cormier	1974	Jeff Leist	1980
Donald Trevoy	1967	John Kenyon	1974	Charles Stuard	1980
Robert Hanley	1968	Neal Peachey	1974	Jamie Clark	1981
Stephen Kepes	1968	Blaine Peet	1974	John Giess	1981
Elliott Prager	1968	Robert Boudrie	1975	David Stockton	1983
Barney Thomas	1968	Lee Davis	1975	Clayton Potter	1983

Laval Wilson, Jr.	1984	Josh Kulp	1993	John Mitrano	2004
Geoffrey Parsons	1984	Ken Perrelli	1993	Matthew Moran	2004
Matthew Gilbert	1984	Tom Wallace	1993	Brian Woodlock	2004
Kelly Wasson	1985	David Kidd	1993	Joe Grosodonia	2004
Michael Olinger	1985	Austin Miller	1994	Tom Lindeqvist	2005
Deryk Kemp	1986	Rob Woods	1995	Timothy Moran	2007
Mark Soule	1987	Matt Peer	1996	Aaron Scott	2007
Doug Gilbert	1987	Nate Downs	1996	Jeffrey Kendall Leist, Jr.	2008
Randy Paul	1988	Matt Harren	1997	William Stahl	2008
Joel Athey	1988	Scott Eiseline	1997	Glen Rugaber	2008
Jerry Erwin	1989	Michael Dreher	1999	Alexander Turner	2009
Chris Fox	1989	John Cotter	1999	Matthew Bowen	2009
Jason Rich	1989	Adam MacIntyre	1999	Brendan Marozas	2009
Matt Wardlow	1989	Tim Harren	1999	James Franz	2009
Todd Sawicki	1989	Jason Leist	2000	Timothy Castelein	2009
Mike Missert	1989	John Grosodonia	2001	Taylor B. Potter	2011
Trevor Clendenin	1990	Stephen Pum	2001	Brendan Cook	2011
Walter Swett	1991	Chris Dexter	2001	Eric Stahl	2011
Matt Hay	1991	Christian Q. Krapf	2002	Salvatore Prince	2012
Stephen Paul	1991	Sal Mitrano	2002	Warren Solomon	2012
Matthew Downs	1991	Isaac Scott	2002	Nicholas Potter	2012
Richard Quodomine	1991	Josh Steffensen	2002	Gregory Klumpp	2012
Jonathan Wilson	1991	Alexander T. Klonick	2003	Miles LeComer	2013
John Crego	1991	Christopher McClurg	2003	Alexander Leist	2013
Geof Hart	1992	Gary Newman	2003	Jordan Pappas	2013
Jeremy Babcock	1992	Mark H. Scoboda	2003	Nicholas Podhorecki	2013
Dan McCredy	1992	Benjamin C. Hart	2003	Connor Judd	2013
Pat Sadler	1992	Robert H. Lewis	2004	Christian Sawyer	2014
Phillip Cheslen	1993	Nathaniel Caldwell	2004		

Matt Blejwas	2014	Theodore MacGowan	2015	Emmett Lewis-McKinzie	2018
Evan Eshenaur	2014	Alex Brunell	2016	Raymond E. Ruhlmann, IV	2018
Randy Carlson	2015	Connor Dickman	2016	Bailey Hawk	2018
Nicholas Tomaino	2015	Adam Eshenaur	2016	Oscar Gregoire	2018
Nicholas Salvatore Boyer	2015	Tristan Judd	2016	Gabriel Barraclough-Tan	2019
Jeremy Sawyer	2015	Colin Brodie	2016		
		Colin Cubitt	2016		

* Distinguished Eagle Scout Award (DESA) winner. The DESA is a national award given a minimum of 25 years after receiving the Eagle rank based on distinguished service in an Eagle's profession and community. It is the only award for adults that is dependent on prior service as a youth. Approximately 2,000 have been awarded since 1969. Tay House has 4 DESA recipients.



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The Robert Wilson Compass Award Winners

This award was introduced in 2006 to recognize adult contribution to Tay House. It is named in honor of Robert “Blackie” Wilson, whose contributions to the Troop spanned decades. He earned his Eagle in 1947 and joined the staff in 1954, serving as Scoutmaster twice. Blackie lead the Algonquin canoe trip 16 times and served at the Council level. He coordinated work weekends at Massawepie to maintain the John H. Stern Sailing Base and coordinated instructors for the Camp Cutler Rifle Range. The following recipients upheld this tradition of adult service to Tay House.

Robert Wilson	2006	Mark Rugaber	2014
Tom Hanley	2009	Jeffery K. Leist	2015
Tom Castelein	2010	Tom Smith	2015
Chuck Gowen	2010	Mark Soule	2016
Robert (RL) Lewis	2011	Lambert Hoch	2017
Marlin Potter	2012	Clayton Potter	2018
Robert W. Ball	2013	Pat Boufford	2019
Bob “Boob” Hart	2013	John Boufford	2019



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Silver Beaver & Silver Fawn Award Recipients

The highest award that the Boys Scouts of America can give a volunteer leader is the Silver Beaver. Only one Silver Beaver may be awarded for every one thousand registered scouts. Below is a list of Tay House Scouters who are recipients of the Silver Beaver.

Harold G. Dye	1930	Robert S. Elwell	1974	Mark Rugaber	2010
Robert H. Link	1937	H. Bruce Russell	1978		
Taylor J. Howard	1940	Robert N. Wilson	1981		
Howard T. Cumming	1945	George H. Elferink	1985		
John H. Stem	1948	Robert W. Ball Jr.	1990		
William J. Maxion	1953	Kenneth W. Frankel	1990		
Cleland Ross	1953	Robert Hart	1999		
Melvin B. Neisner	1957	Frank T. Crego	2001		
Louis Langie Jr.	1960	Robert L. Lewis	2004		
Alex M. Beebee Jr.	1965	Robert Mecredy	2005		
Robert C. Ross	1965	Thomas G. Hanley	2007		
Lawrence P. Doty Jr.	1972	Lambert Hoch	2008		



From 1971-1974, the highest award that the Boys Scouts of America could give to women volunteers was the Silver Fawn.

Tay House awarded the Silver Fawn to:

Arlene L. Hanley 1974

Introducing Friends of Tay House, Troop 19, Inc.

Tay House has been a very well guided Boy Scout Troop for many years and has had many successful fundraising activities. In the past, when the Christmas Tree Sale was much larger, the Troop had a surplus of funds. For over 10 years, the Finance Committee has managed those funds. To date, the Finance Committee has provided over \$20,000 to help fund the 4 “Super Trips” and other educational trips. We have also been adding to the Troop’s budget when fundraising hasn’t gone as well as planned. With the addition of the Memorial Fund to our stewardship, we also provide funds for families that cannot afford summer activities and special trips.

Through the years, we have received donations and estate gifts, but those funds have had to go through our Council as a tax-exempt organization. We felt the need to create our own charitable organization to provide for greater protection of our current assets, as well as being able to accept charitable donations from our alumni, friends and parents.

We intend to use these funds to provide funding and other assistance to: (1) promote camping, leadership training, summer camp and other scouting related programs for the members of the Troop and (2) help members of the Troop to develop leadership skills, foster citizenship, and increase awareness of the environment.

It is our pleasure to announce the creation of Friends of Tay House, Troop 19, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote the activities of our scouts and leaders of Tay House, Troop 19.





May 30, 2019

Scouts and Leaders of Tay House Troop 19,

I am absolutely delighted to join with others in sharing congratulations and best wishes on the 100th Anniversary of Tay House Troop 19!

How impressive. One-hundred years of bringing the fun, adventure, and character-building activities of Scouting to young men. One-hundred years of countless adventures and enduring life lessons. One-hundred years of men guiding boys in becoming stand-up guys. Boys who become men of character to their families, friends, community, and employers.

Thank you for steady, consistent, dependable service to the youth and families of the communities you serve, and for being a beacon to others showing the capacity of Scouting to prepare young people for life.

I know the Scouts and leaders of a great troop like Troop 19 have much fun and share memorable times together. That is, absolutely, core to the Scouting experience. Each of you are benefactors and stewards of the treasure that is Troop 19. I encourage you to commit yourselves to pass it on to the next, and future, generations to also know and experience the joy of Scouting adventures and fellowship.

My very best wishes to each of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael B. Surbaugh".

Michael B. Surbaugh
Chief Scout Executive





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GOVERNOR

June 15, 2019

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 19, Tay House
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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Troop 19, Tay House BSA and the Rochester community.

Today, you celebrate the founding of Troop 19 a century ago, in 1919, just a few years after Scouting began, making this one of the oldest active troops in the United States. You pay tribute to the past years of achievements, and those who have dedicated themselves to this Troop's success. Everyone involved can take pride in these Boy Scouts and the time they have invested in preparing for bright, successful futures.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I commend the City of Rochester and the Cobbs Hill Park area for its support of these fine young men and I applaud Troop 19, leaders and members, who are encouraged to remain in scouting – an organization with a long tradition of fostering responsible, contributing citizens.

With warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Andrew Cuomo'.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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Tay House Boy Scout Troop #19

It is the practice of this member of the U.S. House of Representatives to take note of and publicly acknowledge those exemplary individuals and organizations who have attained outstanding success in their respective fields of endeavor, and in doing so have brought distinction upon themselves and their communities.

Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Member of the U.S. House of Representatives is justly proud to recognize and honor Tay House Boy Scout Troop #19, of Rochester, New York, for their distinguished performance and dedicated leadership within our community.

Now, therefore I, Representative Joseph D. Morelle, do hereby honor Tay Houses unwavering service and unbridled commitment to the people of New York's 25th District, and recognize their many extraordinary accomplishments.

Given, Under My Hand and the Seal of the U.S. House of Representatives
on this 15th day of June, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



Joseph D. Morelle

Joseph D. Morelle, Member of Congress
25th District, New York State



NEW YORK STATE
SENATE



Proclamation

**HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP #19, KNOWN AS TAY HOUSE,
UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, A great state is only as great as those individuals and organizations that perform exemplary services on behalf of their community, whether through unique achievements in professional or other endeavors, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, I, New York State Senator Joseph E. Robach, hereby honor Boy Scout Troop #19, known as Tay House, upon the occasion of its 100th anniversary of scouting adventure and character building with a banquet at the Burgundy Basin Inn on June 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Currently, more than fifty-five boys, ages 11-18, from Rochester, Pittsford, Penfield, Brighton, Henrietta and Victor are members of the troop; they follow the legacy of prestigious Tay House alumni, including J. Taylor Howard who organized the building of the troop's signature cabin built during the Great Depression, and former Rochester Mayor Thomas Richards; and

WHEREAS, The troop, founded in 1919 and based at an historic cabin built by the troop in Rochester's Cobb Hills Park, is one of the oldest active troops in the United States; having originated just nine years after the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Over the past one hundred years, more than three hundred thirty Tay House Scouts have been awarded the highest rank in scouting, the Eagle rank, making it one of the most successful troops in the area; and

WHEREAS, Among the many long-standing Tay House traditions, on Mother's Day, Tay House scouts hand-deliver a rose to the mothers of all current scouts and of all alumni Eagles; and

WHEREAS, The Tay House employs unique philosophies for running the troop with an emphasis on creating an environment in which young men can develop leadership skills through experience; and

WHEREAS, The troop, which is sponsored by Asbury First Methodist Church, offers many scouting activities, including weekly meetings and regular regional campouts throughout the year; Tay House also offers mega-adventure trips in exciting destinations such as Mt. Rushmore, Colorado, and Algonquin National Park, Canada; and

WHEREAS, Adventure, leadership opportunities, and tradition are key components in what has made Tay House as successful as it is for the past one hundred years; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this legislative body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, it is appropriate to publicly proclaim and commend them for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That I, New York State Senator Joseph E. Robach, recognize that in Boy Scout Troop #19 we have an organization worthy of our highest respect and esteem; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, That a copy of this proclamation be transmitted to Boy Scout Troop #19.

Dated:

June 15, 2019

In Witness Whereof, I have Hereunto Set My Hand and Signature

Joseph E. Robach

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New York State Senator

56th Senate District





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Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

June 15, 2019

Tay House Boy Scout Troop 19
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Dear Tay House Boy Scout Troop 19:

On behalf of the City of Rochester, it is my honor to congratulate Tay House Boy Scout Troop 19 on the celebration of your centennial year. Since 1919, Troop 19 has been committed to developing leaders who care about their communities, the environment, and the mentoring of generations.



There is much to reflect on from an organization with a 100-year history, and today the qualities and impact embodied by Tay House Boy Scout Troop 19 continue into the 21st century. Your troop prepares young people to meaningfully fulfill the mission of the Boy Scouts of America "to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law." The City of Rochester is proud to offer recreational spaces like Cobbs Hill Park and Tay House to host organizations like Troop 19 as you further this worthwhile mission and your community contributions.

Tay House Troop 19 is an asset to Greater Rochester as it helps Boy Scouts gain outdoor skills, teamwork experience, and learn how to take advantage of advancement opportunities. Again, congratulations on this wonderful 100th anniversary milestone. Thank you for your work and I look forward to seeing your continued impact on this community in the years to come.

Best wishes,

Lovely A. Warren
Mayor





CITY OF ROCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

Proclamation

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America, founded in 1910 by Lord Baden Powell, strives to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and career-oriented experiences in partnership with community organizations, and

Whereas, only nine years after the first Boy Scouts Troop was founded, in 1919, Tay House Troop 19 was founded in Rochester with the philosophy that Scouts can learn best when they learn from each other, a philosophy that this boy-run program continues to uphold today, one hundred years after its inception, and

Whereas, in 1931 the Troop moved to the Tay House Cabin in Cobbs Hill Park in the City of Rochester, so named for J. Taylor Howard or "Uncle Tay," who was tremendously active with Troop 19 from its chartering; through his support and the countless volunteers and members over the years Tay House Troop 19 has awarded over 300 Eagle Scouts and developed community traditions for Mother's Day and Christmas time with their annual tree sale, and

Whereas, chartered through the Asbury First United Methodist Church, Tay House Troop 19 is supported by a team of adult volunteers with a membership of nearly 50 boys between the ages of 11 and 18; they are part of a larger network of Scouts across the United States boasting over 1 million volunteers and 2.7 million youth members, and

Whereas, for the last century the youth participants of Troop 19 have given back to the Rochester community, they have been active in their neighborhoods, churches, and schools, and they have done so living by the Boy Scout Motto, to be prepared in mind and body.

Now, Therefore, we, Council President Loretta C. Scott, Council Vice President Willie J. Lightfoot, and Councilmembers Elaine M. Spaul, Jacklyn Ortiz, Michael A. Patterson, Molly Clifford, Malik D. Evans, Mitch Gruber, and LaShay D. Harris of the City of Rochester do hereby proclaim June 15, 2019 to be a time to celebrate:

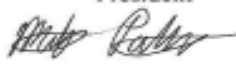
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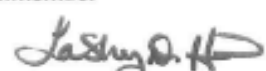

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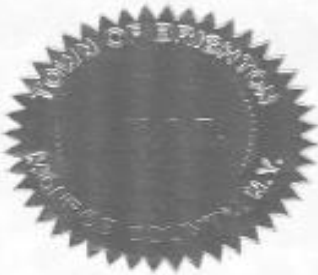

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Office of the Supervisor of the Town of Brighton

Proclamation

100th Anniversary of Tay House Troop

Whereas, Founded shortly after the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910, Boy Scout Troop #19, also known as Tay House, proudly celebrates its 100th anniversary; and

Whereas, One of the oldest active Boy Scouts troops, Tay House has the distinction of producing over 330 Eagle Scouts, making it one of the most successful troops in the area; and


Whereas, More than 55 boys from Rochester, Pittsford, Penfield, Brighton, Henrietta and Victor currently comprise the Tay House Troop, building upon the legacy of prestigious alumni, including J. Taylor Howard, who organized the construction of the Troop's signature cabin during the Great Depression, and Thomas Richards, former Mayor of the City of Rochester; and

Whereas, For nearly five generations, Tay House Scouts have upheld the Scout Oath, demonstrated the esteemed qualities espoused under Scout Law, and cultivated unique traditions such as hand-delivering Mother's Day roses to the mothers of all current scouts and alumni Eagle Scouts; and

Whereas, Today's Tay House Scouts share the same commitment to civic responsibility and community service as their founding members, and the efforts of the these Boy Scouts, their troop leaders, and supportive families have enriched the greater Rochester area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, That I, William W. Moehle, Brighton Town Supervisor, on behalf of the entire Brighton Community, do hereby honor the Tay House Troop, Boy Scout Troop #19, on their 100th anniversary and thank them for their devotion to country, community and family.

Signed on this 15th day of June 2019.



William W. Moehle
Brighton Town Supervisor

The John H. Stern Sailing Base Massawepie Scout Camp

The Massawepie sailing program began in 1969. For the Troop's 50th anniversary, John H. "Jack" Stern was recognized for his long years of service to Scouting and specifically the Troop. Troop alumni and friends created a tribute fund. Jack had visualized a sailing program so, with the tribute and additional funds from the Troop and Council, a sailing outpost with several Sailfish was established. The outpost was named in his honor.

The program became popular. To enable more scouts to conveniently qualify for the Sailing merit badge and enjoy recreational sailing, a sailing base was established at each of the four base camps. Additional boats were purchased with help from the Troop through its Christmas tree sale, alumni, friends and the Council. The fleet grew to more than 40 boats.

With active use by scouts, maintenance became necessary. Bob "Blackie" Wilson organized a crew of Tay House alumni and friends. Each year, crew members travel to Massawepie for its Sailboat Beaver Weekend.

The crew's efforts have kept the boats serviceable. They patch holes in fiberglass hulls and seal leaky seams; varnish rudders, tillers and dagger boards; reattach and reseal fittings; replace damaged rub rails; repair or replace sails; and replace worn lines. Still, with time and use hulls soak up water, becoming too heavy or beyond reasonable repair, and they have to be discarded.

It is the crew's hope that the continued support of alumni and friends of Tay House will enable the fleet to be maintained or replaced as necessary.



Tay House Traditions

A Boy-led Troop

In October 1921, Harold Dye, the second Tay House Scoutmaster, outlined an organizational structure for the scouts that still exists nearly one hundred years later. *“The boys would be organized into patrols and the patrol leaders would in essence run the troop.”*

A scout-run program has enabled the boys to be involved in all aspects of the Troop from planning activities to performing key leadership roles. This differs from other troop structures in which adults frequently direct the operations.

In the words of Harold Dye, *“I am sure that Troop 19’s success can be explained best in the way it has followed the Patrol Method [Lord Baden Powell] expounded in starting the Boy Scouts; the one best method of building future leaders with moral standards.”*

The patrol structure along with roles for junior and senior leaders allows for boys to take on more responsibility over time. For young men in the Troop, assuming a Patrol Leader role is a rite of passage. A former Tay House scout, Robert Emmett Ginna Jr., wrote: *“Responsibility is thrust upon us. Many are not ready for it. But scouting, above all else, teaches us how to assume responsibility and how to delegate it.”*

The organizational structure contributes to the fact that older boys stay involved with Tay House. In 2019, Tay House remains one of the largest troops in the Seneca Waterways Council, despite a national trend in declining scout enrollment. Fifty-five boys including twelve junior and senior leaders participate in the Troop currently.

“Leaders make leaders”

Scouting alumni, including Eagle Scouts from Tay House and other troops serve as adult leaders on the Tay House Staff. Tay House has been extremely fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who have been committed to running the Troop effectively for years. Generations of fathers and sons have led the troop, and Tom Hanley has served as a Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster on the Tay House Staff for fifty years.

Parent involvement in Tay House is primarily at the Troop Committee level. Parents with boys in the Troop are not actively involved with the Troop operations by tradition.

“The fact is, that most kids enjoy scouting from their local church basement or school gymnasium. But because of the superior leadership, dedication, and gumption of Tay House’s Scout Masters ... our memories are that much more special.” “The Cabin on the hill will always remain one of my most important homes” ~ Trevor A. Clendenin

***“[Many] at the cabin taught me much about life, leadership, and discipline.”
~ TH Scout & Scoutmaster Bob McCallum***

Tay House Traditions (continued)

Mother's Day Roses

The tradition of the Mother's Day rose distribution began in 1932 and continues today. Tay House Scouts deliver roses to the mothers of all active scouts and the mothers of all past Tay House Eagle Scouts. Each red rose is accompanied by a card, often with hand-written notes. These notes become cherished items for moms.

Upon receiving her 55th consecutive rose in 2014, Arlene Hanley said, "If [the other mothers] feel like me, they're just completely elated. They're just beaming from ear to ear when those boys come to their door with roses on Mother's Day."



Christmas Tree Sales

In 1951, Tay House scouts began selling Christmas trees as an annual fundraiser. Currently, more than six hundred-fifty trees are sold. The tree lot is located on the campus of Asbury First United Methodist Church, the Troop's charter organization. Proceeds from sales fund hikes, campership programs and activities hosted by Tay House for its scouts.

The event allows the boys to practice their salesmanship skills, knots, and tree identification. Records from the Troop dated 1960 indicate that issues such as parking, competition from other sales, and a need for more advertising were challenges the boys faced. Nearly sixty years later, the same is true.

In addition to trees, the boys sell Christmas wreaths and, in 2019, a record number of twelve hundred were sold, assembled and delivered to happy customers.



Carnival

For a thirty-year period, from 1938-1968, Tay House hosted a popular carnival for kids and families. Advertised as "wholesome fun", the event included an electric train ride, sports and field programs, a fish pond, and dinner hosted by the Mother's Auxiliary. In 2019, the Carnival will be held again as part of the Centennial Celebration.



"It's the trying that makes the man" ~ TH Scout Robert E. Ginna

Tay House Trips

An enduring tradition of Tay House is its hikes. Over the century, scouts in the Troop have trekked near and far, locally and abroad.

When in session, Tay House boys “camp under the canvas” on **local hikes** every four to six weeks in all seasons and in every type of weather.

Tay House scouts also attend **summer camp**, take trips to historical places, canoe in **Algonquin Park, Canada**, and, in recent years, organize “**Super Adventure Trips**” that are designed by the Tay House boys themselves. **Senior Leaders** in the Troop are rewarded for their efforts via a ski trip. Many boys attend BSA-sponsored events such as **National and World Jamborees, and High Adventure camps**.

Local Hikes

In the 1920s, according to former Scoutmaster Harold Dye, the Troop was the “most hiking troop in Rochester[,]” “ranging up and down the Irondequoit Valley.” What is now Ellison Park was then a privately-owned farm whose owner banned hikers. Once the scouts recovered the farmer’s cows that had gone astray, they gained exclusive rights for camping. They called the location Camp Tryon.

In recent years, the boys travel up to an hour away on weekends to camp in locations such as Camp Cutler in the Bristol Hills, Webster Park, Sodus, and Perry, NY. Often times, they trek into their campsite with their backpacks, food and tents. Open fires are used for cooking. While scout skills advancement is a goal, there is always time for a game of Capture the Flag, and evening skits by the campfire. Winter campouts in sub-zero temps are a highlight.

“That first night I went to bed convinced I’d be found frozen in my sleeping bag in the morning. I didn’t freeze though, and in time I learned to pack lots of extra clothes and to stay warm by staying dry. I learned too that mother nature is not a substitute for mom. It can’t be said better – Be Prepared!” ~ TH Scout Donald Trevoy

Summer Camp

Summer camping started in the early days for the Troop. In 1923-1927, the Troop rented a camp on Conesus Lake for two weeks in the summer because some of its boys could not afford the alternative, Camp Otetiana. Today, most scouts attend two weeks at Massawepie Scout Camps in the Adirondacks. The nearly four thousand acre property offers a full complement of activities, including shooting sports, sailing, canoeing, hiking, mountain biking, athletic fields, and Scoutcrafts. The Tay House Memorial Fund and the Seneca Waterways Council provide campership funds to ensure that every scout may attend if they desire.

“Being a Scout has made being a man more fun”
~ TH Scout Robert E. Ginna

Tay House Trips (continued)

Algonquin Provincial Park

In 1932, Tay House began its Algonquin backcountry canoe trips, and these trips continue today for older boys in the Troop who have earned their canoeing badge. Algonquin Park is located north of Toronto between Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River. The boys canoe and portage hundreds of miles through the wilderness. They traverse lakes and rivers and sleep under the stars. It is an adventure like no other.

Senior Leaders Trip

Each year the Tay House leaders host a special trip for boys who are senior leaders in the Troop. This tradition began in 1945. In recent years, the boys have chosen where they'd like to go. Favorite destinations have included Massawepie, Lake Placid, and Ellicottville, NY for winter downhill skiing. The trip is organized as reward for the many extra hours the senior leaders devote to Tay House.

BSA National and World Jamborees & High Adventure camps

BSA National and World Jamborees can be the highlight of a Scouting career. In the summer of 2018, a contingent of Tay House boys joined 38,000 other scouts at the Bechtel Summit Reserve in West Virginia for a week of camping and activities. As one scout was heard to say: "Where can you go rock climbing and scuba diving in the same day?" There are hundreds of activities along with rock concerts, and a visit from the sitting US President. The 2016 World Jamboree was in Japan and two Tay House scouts attended this cultural exchange in Scouting.

BSA also offers High-Adventure camp experiences for boys. Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and Sea Base in Florida are examples of locations for more extreme scout events. In 2018, a group of several Tay House scouts and leaders trekked through Philmont and camped.

"Super Adventure" Trips

In recent years, Tay House has begun a new tradition of designing its own Super Adventure trips. A Super Western Adventure Trip, fondly called "SWAT," was held in the 2008. The boys visited Mt. Rushmore and Badlands National Park, as well as hiking and mountain biking in Colorado. The next trip, dubbed "SWAT II" visited Moab, Utah and included Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. In 2015, a trip was organized to Acadia National Park in Maine and included sea kayaking and rock climbing. In 2019, to commemorate one hundred years of Tay House, twenty boys and leaders travelled to Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks in Utah. These trips are in addition to historical trips the boys organize annually to places such as Washington DC, Philadelphia, and Boston.

"I would not be what I am ... if I had not been a Scout"
~ TH Scout Robert E. Ginna

Tay House Service to the Community

Since its inception, Tay House scouts have devoted their time in service to their community and to the Boy Scouts of America organization.

Eagle Scout Projects

With over three hundred and fifty Eagle Scout projects completed since 1922, the Troop has made improvements throughout the Rochester area. Projects vary from landscaping, installing bat houses in local parks, building rabbit cages, or even bookshelves for local nonprofit organizations. Each project requires many hours of volunteer work by the scout and his team.

BSA Charitable Events: Scouting for Food

In addition to Eagle projects, the Troop participates in BSA-sponsored charitable events such as Scouting for Food, in which scouts go door-to-door collecting canned goods for food cupboards.

Cub Scout Pack Den Chiefs

Tay House boys volunteer as Den Chiefs with many BSA Cub Scout organizations. They contribute many hours assisting with running meetings, training the cubs, and building relationships with younger scouts. Tay House has a long legacy in partnering with Cub packs. *"In 1922, we started a Cub Pack, the first in Rochester, getting badges and the manuals from Canada" due to the refusal of BSA executives to participate.*" ~ Harold Dye, TH Scoutmaster.

Counselors at Summer Camps

The boys at Tay House often volunteer or earn paid positions at BSA scout camps such as Massawepie, Camp Cutler and Babcock-Hovey. Because of their skills and participation in programs such as New York Leaders Training (NYLT), the boys are in high demand.

BSA Scoutmasters

Because of their positive experiences at Tay House, countless former scouts have joined the ranks as BSA Scoutmasters. As Ken Frankel, TH Eagle 1947 recalled in 1994, *"This September, I start my 18th year as Scoutmaster of Saints Simon and Jude Cathedral Troop #148. I have backpacked over 1,000 miles since I became Scoutmaster in 1977. Perhaps my proudest accomplishments are having had 36 Eagle Scouts."*

***"Never being discouraged, never thinking it was unreachable,
never giving up . . . these qualities were learned at Tay House."***

~ TH Scout Stuart S. Cox

Tay House “Take Aways”

Over the years, former Tay House scouts and Scoutmasters were asked to share their memories of the impact of Tay House Scouting on their lives. The following are excerpts from their letters.

“As the result of a rather active and aggressive Scout Master . . . I put a great deal of effort into scouts, and think I got a great deal out of scouts. I was able to successfully change certain of my attitudes toward other people, to the point where I think I enjoy other people more . . . I think that a part of my basic philosophy was probably formed by this attitude, and learning to gain a respect for my fellow man and for his rights and privileges. **I think if a boy can be taught this particular respect, there are many other facets of learning to be a social individual, which will naturally fall in place.**”

~ R. Craig Barlow, MD

“I realized that I gained much from scouting. **A love and respect for the out-of-doors, setting goals with closure, self-reliance, organizational skills, and an aptitude for teaching,** were foundations fostered in Boy Scouts. They have served me well!” ~ Tom Hart



A Tay [H]ouse scout is something special. He carries a tradition now 75 years old. He continues to be proud of himself and his unit. **He is able to handle any situation which is given to him and he is confident in his abilities.** The Tay House cabin remains as it has; a symbol that is steadfast and sure.” ~ Geoff Hart

“Few of Scouting's lessons are demonstrated quite so vividly, but many appear in large ways and small as we go about our personal and professional lives. I, for one, have faced few challenges not anticipated by my years at the cabin. **How many of us have struggled to master a skill for which we have no great gift - not unlike some of those required merit badges? Consider as well the demands of leading a team not of your own choosing - a challenge much like that faced by a Tay House Patrol Leader. And from whence comes the persistence to accomplish a goal that requires a commitment measured not in days or weeks but years? Our Eagle Scouts know.**” ~ Donald Trevo

“Be Prepared.” “Be Square.” “Do your Duty.” “Leave a Campground cleaner [than] you found it.” “KISMIF” (keep it simple, make it fun).” “Happy Mother's Day.” **These values are among the greatest treasures** from my Tay House experience, for they have helped me identify the standards by which I still try to live.” ~ Jared H. Jossem

“Tay House Scouts ... you're the ‘best troop in this town’! Keep the ‘spirit and the fight!’ **Living by the Scout Oath is your one and only key to real success and true happiness.**” ~ Bo Cox

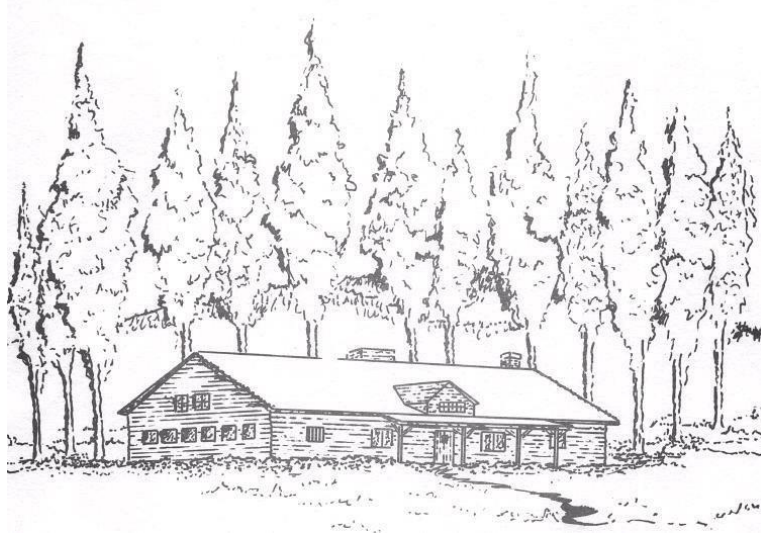
“I have the very best of memories of my times at Tay House. The people and the institution had a very tangible effect on my life. Having the opportunity to meet kids from all over the city was great for a product of the Pittsford suburbs. **I also learned lessons about leadership, social interaction and the self-confidence** that [comes] from learning to cope with the occasional rigors of camping.” ~ Dan DeClue

Tay House “Take Aways” (continued)

“If I could pick out two qualities taught to me by the Boy Scouts of America, and the leaders of Tay House Troop 19 which have the most affected my life they would be ‘A Scout is Trustworthy’ and ‘Be Prepared.’

“Trust is an intangible quality which is extremely valuable in the real world today. The ability to be entrusted with things of value whether they be material or ideological can not be understated. To be trustworthy is to bear full personal responsibility for those things entrusted to you. As far as I am concerned **there is no higher personal virtue than the ability to hold someone's trust.**

“In order to be successful in life I have found that being prepared to meet life's challenges has helped me the most. In fact, I define ‘good luck’ as being prepared to engage an opportunity when one arises. If you are fully prepared to meet the many demands in today's complex world, and have a solid game plan to deal with any situation either good or bad, you [will] be successful in anything you do. **Take the time to properly prepare yourself for whatever you are doing, and you will always be ready for the future.**” ~ Butch Gilbert



“My father and uncle were both Tay House Eagles in the late 1930's. Uncle Howard Smith subsequently joined the Army in WWII, a subject he never spoke of until near the end of his life recently. He told me that he is certain that his scouting experience saved his life in the war. He was in the Battle of the Bulge on the German border at the beginning of the Tiger tanks movement across into Belgium. The tanks roared [through] their position that winter in key battles like Bastogne, where he was wounded and received a Purple

Heart. Howard was, for a while, a forward artillery wire-man, an extremely dangerous job. He befriended his lieutenant who allowed him to be his driver to get him out of that job. His wire-man replacement was killed the next day. After the Germans surrendered he spent almost a year in Germany liberating prison camps. **Howard Smith credited his skills learned as a Tay House Scout for his survival during the Battle of the Bulge over a winter living in a foxhole with horrific freezing conditions at age 19.** The valuable experiences of the Tay House Scout include learning skills while building character, confidence, and self-esteem in young men. And might even save your life.” ~ Tom Smith

Tay House “Take Aways” (continued)

“Scouting has been one of the great experiences of my life. And, because in a real sense it has made some of the other experiences possible (or more precisely, it has shaped them). I have thought frequently and seriously of my scouting experience. I know, that for better or worse, **I would not be what I am or would not have done what I have done, if I had not been a scout. It has given me a way of seeing and an inclination toward action.**

“[Tay House Troop] has been led from the start by leaders who cared deeply about service and the job they were doing. Leaders make leaders, and that is much of what scouting is all about.

“At various points in our lives all of us will be called upon to assume responsibility. When we become scouts we should be aware right then that, as we are developing our capabilities, we are serving our country by learning our duty in citizenship and doing it. In a short time we are serving in our armed forces, or in medicine, or law, or in any of the other professions or business that make possible our rich and strong national community life. **Responsibility is thrust upon us. Many are not ready for it. But scouting, above all else, teaches us how to assume responsibility and how to delegate it.** Scouting is perhaps the first way that we acquire a sense of duty, the idea of carrying out the job in a spirit of purpose for a common goal. Once acquired, that sense of duty will make our lives more rewarding. In the military and in civil life few will be called upon to do many jobs that we may not like and may actively resent. Scouting should prepare us for doing that small, mean job that makes the winning of the big goal possible for everyone concerned.

“Since you have asked me, I want to emphasize that I believe that **what has meant most to me about scouting is the way it has made me understand duty, the ‘right minded’ way of doing one’s share, of pulling a good oar in the boat.** I count this higher than the skills that scouting teaches, and I do not underestimate those.

“It has made me appreciate life more, too. I can never cross the ocean without noticing the character of clouds, or walk through the woods without making mental notes about the color of birds and their calls, whether it be in Ireland or Croatia. Being a Scout has made being a man more fun.

“But **Scouting is more than the mastery of such trials, it is an attitude toward the world and people; it is an understanding of fundamentals.** Tay House has produced a number of young men who share common ideals. They have a sense of purpose in a life, they think on their feet, they accept criticism and they give it constructively. They get things done. The words of the Scout Law and the Scout Oath mean something to them and will never be forgotten, because they have become their way of life. They are proof that being a good scout is being a good American, perhaps as old-fashioned as a hickory walking stick but just as strong and just as flexible. In the days of their greatest glory, the English liked to remark that their wars were won on the playing fields of England. They meant what I mean by writing that America’s greatness can be preserved by young boys who go scouting.

“Being a good scout is not easy. It takes effort. It will require sacrifice. But all of us can try, and it is the trying that makes a man.” ~ **Robert Emmett Ginna, Jr., February 1960**

What does it mean to me to be a Boy Scout?
John Crego
February 2016

First let me tell you a little bit about myself. Scouting was and is a big part of my family. My grandfather, his brother, my father and my uncle all were Boy Scouts and all earned the rank of Eagle. Needless to say, I didn't have much choice in the matter when I turned 11 and I was eligible to join Boy Scouts. I also didn't have much choice in the matter of rank advancement, pay attention sons Jack and Joshua, there are no Crego men who have not earned the rank of Eagle. My father is still active in Scouting as a member of the board of directors and I have stayed active such that my work and location have allowed.

What does Scouting mean to me? **Confidence**; plain and simple.

As we focus more and more in school on Science, Engineering, and Math; home economics, carpentry, auto repair, gym, and government classes fall by the side. One has to ask, "How is that newly minted high school graduate going to feed himself, make a budget, balance the checkbook, vote responsibly, be a good citizen, fix the doorbell, have confidence to speak in front of 50 people at church, and tie down the 2x4's he just bought at the hardware store?"

I didn't know it when I was a teenager, but Scouting prepared me with those life skills you just can't learn at school. Oh and it was a lot of fun along the way! Where else can you shoot clay pigeons, make and race pinewood derby cars, learn to canoe, visit the fire station, sit on a seat you wove, execute a meltdown on the training console of a nuclear power plant, talk to your US Senator, or hear the President of United States speak - in person?

So where did that confidence come from?

It came from going on winter campouts, sleeping outside and not freezing to death.

It came from creating a menu for a campout, buying the food for your patrol, and cooking that food over an open fire that you started on a cold, wet, rainy night in March.

It came from cold calling a merit badge counselor and telling him or her that you wanted to meet and earn their badge.

It came from teaching other scouts the knots used for tying down the tarp.

It came from standing up at the leadership meeting and telling the other leaders why you thought Tom should be promoted to Patrol Leader.

It came from finishing a 10 day, 100mile backpacking trip in the Sangre de Cristo mountains

Through many struggles in my life, I've been able to draw on many of those Scouting experiences: power's out? No problem, I know I can cook in the back yard. Have to make a presentation in front of a lot of people? No problem, I have spoken at more Courts of Honor than I can count. Have to call someone you don't know? No problem, I have called at least a half a dozen merit badge counselors I didn't know. Going through a particularly rough time at work? No problem, I carried a 50lbs backpack through the Sierra Nevada mountains at elevations above 7,000ft.

Scouting prepared me for these and other life challenges that no other youth organization could have.

Thank you to John Crego's parents, Frank and Susan Crego, for their sponsorship of Tay House's Centennial Celebration!

What Tay House Troop 19 and Scouting Has Meant to Me

I never had any idea how much my life would be affected from the moment my tenderfoot pin was placed on my scout shirt upside down followed by the scout oath, salute and scout handshake from my scoutmaster. Although that action formalized my start in scouting on the path to Eagle, it also started a path through life that I continue to follow today.

Those adventures that scouting provided me and others took us through so many varied and challenging experiences. It left me with skills, values and ideals that I have applied and still apply today. I am not sure that I could have gained this education and experience anywhere else or by any other means. I learned so much from the unselfish efforts of others and the opportunity to give back on the same basis, which was also educational and especially rewarding.

And all along the way it was fun – really fun.

I feel so very lucky to have experienced our troop and especially to have witnessed and been a part of the boy leadership component of scouting as enhanced by the organizational structure and philosophy of our troop. I have traveled to many places in my life often meeting other scouts and scouters, but I have yet to encounter a troop that can do it like we do it, and do it so well.

I am grateful to the men who were my scoutmasters and to my Dad who gently encouraged me and many of his patients to give scouting and our troop a try. You guys were my role models and heroes. You are/were good people and you made me want to continue in my scouting experience even though outside of the scouting environment at the time, it didn't really seem to be all that cool.

Correspondingly, I am so proud of the recent and current staff members who run the troop today. Remembering many of you as you entered the troop, observing you connect with the spirit of our troop as scouts, and to now see you continue the troop's legacy onward is such a pleasure.

I am optimistic that our troop will continue on for another 100 years because I see it as a self-perpetuating organization that is far greater than any individual or group within it. It is unquestionably the sum of all of us.

Not sure if I will make the second centennial but am certainly happy to be here for this one.

With extreme gratitude,

Scott Harter

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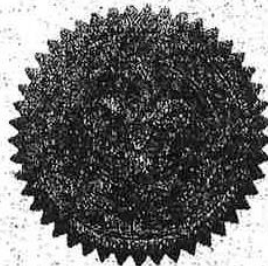
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~ Elaine Tunaitis and Ray Dreher

Mike Dreher, age 11, packed for
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sons can thrive and grow.

~ The Ashley Family

Tay House Song Sheet



We're from Tay House

We're from Tay House, we're from Tay House, best troop in this town
We've the spirit and the fight to keep the others down.
YEA NINETEEN!
We're from Tay House, we're from Tay House, and of this we're proud.
We're nineteen scouts in one big happy crowd.

Dunderback

Chorus:

Oh Dunderback, oh Dunderback, How could you be so mean? To ever have
invented the sausage meat machine.

Now all the rats and pussycats will never more be seen,
for they'll all be ground to sausages in Dunderback's machine

In a store in Palamore there lived a mean old man,
His name was Mr. Dunderback and he could surely can.
His place was filled with rats and cats he didn't know what to do
So Dunderback invented a machine to grind them all to stew.

One day a boy came walk-in, a walking in his store.
He bought a pound of sausage and laid them on the floor.

The boy began to whistle; he whistled up a tune,
and all the little sausages links went dancing 'round the room.

One day the darn thing busted; it simply would not go
so Dunderback climbed into it, the reason for to know,
His wife was having a nightmare a walking in her sleep.
She gave the crank a heck of a yank and Dunderback was meat.

Paddle song

Our paddles keen and bright, flashing like
silver Swift as the wild goose flight, dip, dip,
and swing dip, dip, and swing them back,
flashing like silver swift as the wild goose
flight, dip, dip, and swing

Scout Vespers

Softly falls the light of day, as our campfire fades away;
Silently each scout should ask, have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright? Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared, everything to be prepared?

MANHOOD

Boy, write it down for your guidance, the whole of your journey through:
Men may be richer and wiser, but none can be cleaner than you.

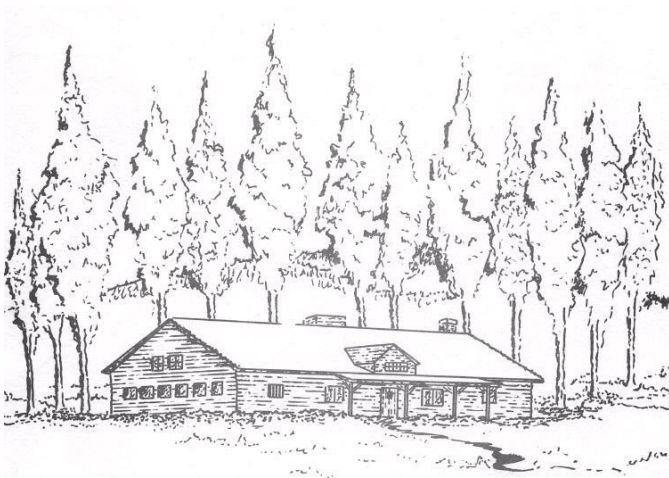
Some may be stronger in body, the great feats of life they may do,
But even the genius can never be fairer and squarer than you.

You may be weak in your labor, for that is a physical test,
But in all the strong virtues of manhood you can equal the greatest and best.

If it's said you were cheerful and kindly, if it's said you were honest and true,
No more could be told of a monarch, for the best has been spoken of you.

For honor and truth have no shadings, no differing parts or degrees,
And in virtue the humblest can equal the mightiest man that he sees.

You may not be clever or skillful, you may not be strong as the few,
But if you've the mind to be honest, there is none can be straighter than you.



This anonymous poem was sent to Jack Stern by his mother while he attended college. In addition to using it as his own guide, he recited it frequently at closing circle at the Cabin.