

## **SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2005**

Today is the United Methodist Scout Sunday. February 8 marked the ninety-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910.

This congregation was the first in Evansville to sponsor a Boy Scout troop. Troop 1 was organized March 26, 1911, at Bayard Park Methodist Episcopal Church, with James E. Perry (Assistant Secretary at the Y.M.C.A.) as scoutmaster and with fourteen boys. This troop was active through 1917. Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church also had a troop active in 1917, but the founding date and number of that troop are unknown.

After a lapse of three years (1918-1920) when many of the troops in Evansville became inactive, Troop 1 was reorganized at Bayard Park in March of 1921 under the guidance of Loris G. Julian (father of Jim Julian). From 1921 through March of 2004, Troop 1 (later renumbered 301) completed eighty-three consecutive years of service and will complete eighty-four next month.

The reorganized troop at Fourth Street M. E. became Troop 2. After the two churches merged on Easter Sunday of 1937, the troops functioned together but kept separate numbers until the end of the charter year. In 1938 they joined together as Troop 1. (Number 2 was then assigned to a new troop at Washington School, which had opened in the fall of 1937.)

Cub Scouting was started nationally in 1931 (and probably at Bayard Park then too). Pack 1 was mentioned in a newspaper article in 1941, and we have records from 1952 through 1965.

An Explorer Patrol was first offered for older Scouts in 1938, and it became an Explorer Troop in 1941. Bayard Park sponsored all three levels of Scouting in 1941—Explorer Troop 1, Boy Scout Troop 1, and Cub Scout Pack 1. Explorers lost their separate status during World War II while so many older Scouts and leaders were in the armed forces. Older Scouts were listed as Explorers on the regular Boy Scout roster until 1959, when a separate Explorer Post 1 was chartered. The post was active at least through 1971.

In 1960, Troop 1 established the Muskhogen Trail, a thirteen-mile hiking trail from the Evansville Museum to Angel Mounds. After a coal-loading facility closed the southern part of the trail, the route was shortened to about ten miles. In 1988 the construction of the I-164 Bypass closed the original trail. The new Muskhogen Trail, opened in the fall of 1988, includes 2.85 miles inside the village at Angel Mounds and 3.9 miles through the adjoining woods.

On January 31, 1970, the troop's number was changed to 301 to show that it was troop number 1 in the third district of the council. In the fall of 1984, Troop 334 from Dexter School joined Troop 301 when Dexter lost its students of Boy Scout age to the new middle school.

In 1988, when many PTA groups nationally stopped chartering Scout groups (for insurance reasons), Pack 334 moved from Dexter to Methodist Temple and became Cub Scout Pack 301. This pack was active through 2000, but the charter lapsed in January 2001. Pack 301 was reorganized in October of 2003.

In 1991 the Big Bend District of the Buffalo Trace Council presented its first (and only) Chartered Partner Award to Methodist Temple for exceptional support of Scouting.

The Scouts and Scouters from Troop 301 and Pack 301 appreciate the support for Scouting that this congregation has provided for many decades. We invite boys from first grade through age seventeen to become part of a great Scouting heritage! The troop meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 in the Scout Room, and the pack meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30.

### **BOY SCOUTS**

Tate Hawkins  
Erich Head  
Zachary Lantaff  
Thomas Smith  
Taylor Sturm

### **REGISTERED ADULTS**

Garvin Smith, Scoutmaster  
Chris Lantaff, Com. Chm.  
Robert DeMunbrun, SA  
Robert Head, MC  
Karen Heim-Baugh, MC  
John Riddle, SA  
Danette Romines, SA  
Ryan Romines, SA  
Dr. Parvin Raibley, Merit  
Badge Counselor

### **CUB SCOUTS**

#### **WOLVES**

Russell Baugh  
Walker Collins  
Kyle Duggan  
Jake Essary  
Billy Nadeau

#### **BEARS**

Zachary Ridgway  
Bobby Racey

#### **WEBELOS**

John Baugh  
Ryan Cavins  
Chris Garrett  
Joshau Grigsby  
Collin Vonderahe

### **REGISTERED ADULTS**

Scott Harrell, Cubmaster  
Chris Lantaff, Com. Chm.  
Roger Baugh, MC  
Robert DeMunbrun, MC  
Lesley Nadeau, DL  
Jody Rusk, DL

Vivian Taylor, Chartered Representative and  
Member of both Troop and Pack Committees