

Troop 17 Celebrates 90 Years

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Boy Scout Troop 17, based at Parkwood United Presbyterian Church in Allison Park is celebrating its 90th anniversary. A celebration will be held Saturday, May 25th, 2019.

Troop 17 alumni are invited to the celebration and are asked to contact the committee at troop17is90@gmail.com. The search is on to locate the oldest Troop 17 alumni. Troop 17 is a very active troop, holding weekly meetings and participating in monthly activities. At the weekly meetings, scouts can work on merit badges or have scoutmaster conferences for rank advancements. Older scouts teach younger ones skills, like knotting, that help satisfy rank requirements. Sometimes there are special activities, like learning how to pitch tents (for newer scouts) and how to use a two-man saw.

The monthly activities vary, but always involve camping. During July, Troop 17 attended their annual week-long summer camp at Camp Mountaineer, outside Morgantown, WV. Also, in July, families attended the Altoona Curve baseball game and camped in the outfield overnight. A group of scouts ventured to

Algonquin Provincial Park, Canada, for the Algonquin High Adventure canoe trip that happens every four years. In August, Troop 17 hosted scouts' families at the traditional family camping weekend in Moraine State Park. In September, the scouts planned to brave the rapids at Ohio Pyle; however their trip was cancelled due to dangerous waters. In October, the troop participated in the Fall Shooting Camporee at Heritage Reservation and took a weekend trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo Conservation Center in Somerset where they camped at the elephant sanctuary.

Every month until the 90th celebration, we will offer information about Troop 17 happenings. Stay tuned. There will be more activities to share.

