

St. Basil the Great



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# September 2019 Newsletter

## Welcome new families!

### PACK 652 PRESENTING THE COLORS AT THE RUBBER DUCKS GAME IN AUGUST



### UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFO

- Sept 27 - 28: Tent camping
- Oct : Popcorn sales at various locations. Look for email inviting you to participate via Sign Up Genius
- Oct 20: Pack Committee Meeting 6:30 @ Panera in Brecksville
- Oct 23: Pack Meeting – wear your costume! Bring Hot Wheels for children in Honduras
- Nov 20: Pack Meeting
- Nov 23: Raingutter Regatta!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The pack leadership voted to use ScoutBook for communication, calendar, advancement tracking. Watch your email for further information.

**Sell Popcorn – Earn Amazon Gift Cards!**

**Help at Show and Sell sites to earn toward  
your Gift Card rewards**

***NEW Trail's End App***

Featuring **FREE SHIPPING**

And **CREDIT CARD PROCESSING!!**

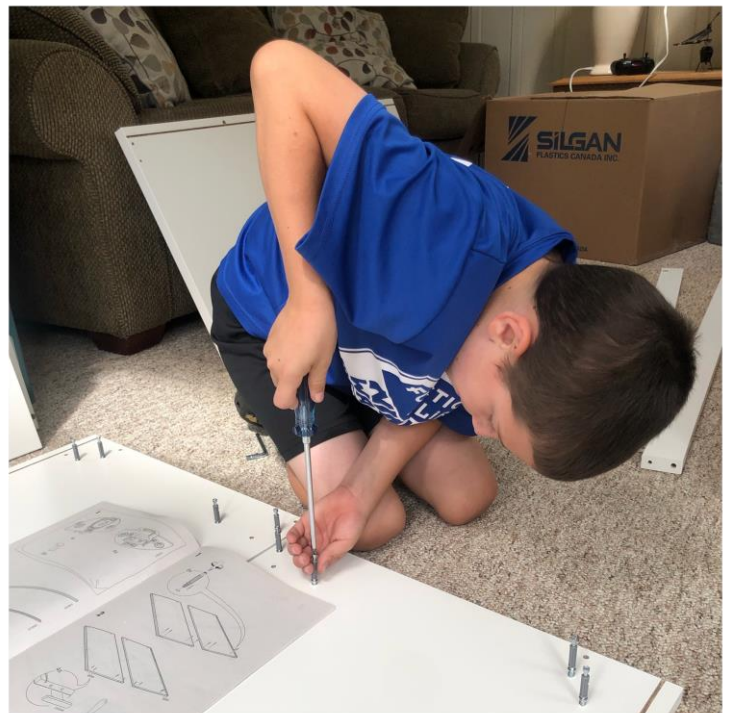
<http://mobileapp.trails-end.com/>

\*Note: The app has different products than the flyer.  
They drop ship to your customer within 3 days of order

## What's your G O A L??

### JOSEPH PROUDLY HELPS ASSEMBLE FURNITURE FOR HIS MOM

#### AFTER LEARNING TO USE TOOLS AT THE BEAR DEN MEETING





## SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

### UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

September: Anyone interested in helping to deliver the costumes to Laura's home please contact Mrs. Sommers at [jasommerscle@gmail.com](mailto:jasommerscle@gmail.com) or 317-509-6554

October: Race around the world! Fill the suitcase with Hot Wheels cars and tracks to send with Fr. Walt and team to Honduras. They will be distributed to the kids in the villages (aldeas) near San Francisco de la Paz.

### Books Never Written

- 'The Numbers Game' by Cal Q. Later
- 'Falling Off a Cliff' by Eileen Dover
- 'I Was Prepared' by Justin Case
- 'The Future of Robotics' by Cy Borg and Anne Droid
- 'Gotta Go' by C. U. Later
- 'The Lost Scout' by Warram Eye



## WELCOME NEW FAMILIES TO PACK 652

We are in the process of registering new scouts. We are grateful that you chose to join us! The final numbers are not tallied yet, but it looks like we will almost double our size by adding new scouts to each and every den!! We look forward to getting to know you. Please don't hesitate to jump in and help where you can. The next Pack Committee meeting is Oct 20 @ 6:30 at Panera in Brecksville. Many hands make light work!



The two most important pieces of equipment your Scout needs for camping are tents and sleeping bags. Here are some recommendations from our resident Eagle Scouts.

Tents can range from \$50 to several thousand and come in 2 primary types: dome tents and cabin tents. Dome tents are lighter and better for backpacking later in their scout career because they have curved walls and flexible fiberglass poles. They tend to do well in the rain but are shorter so it will be generally harder for an adult to stand inside. Cabin tents are much taller and heavier. They are good for families and camping close to where you park. Mr. Maher is a big fan of CORE tents that can be found on Amazon. They're not the cheapest, but they're a good mix of ventilation for the heat, waterproofing for the rain, and reasonable price. One last piece of advice... Always compare the square footage of the tent, not the "6 man", "10 man", etc. Each brand will calculate the man rating differently.

Sleeping bags generally have a temperature rating, and can vary greatly in price. Read reviews, and if you are buying one in person, the more quilting/stitching the better. With each washing, the stuffing will shift less if there is more quilting.

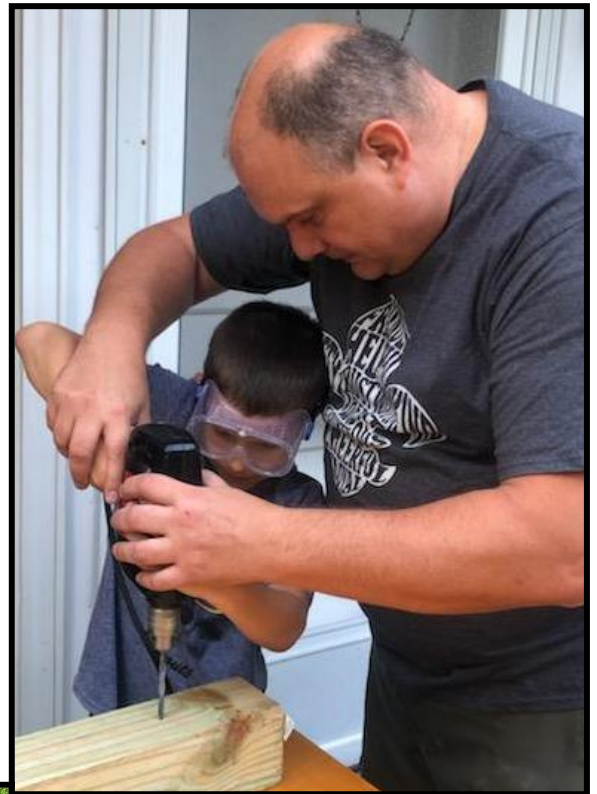
Coleman products can be found at Walmart, are reasonably priced and are good quality. Mr. Sasala's tent and sleeping bag were made by Coleman.





Nick, what are they looking for?

**Tell Mrs. Sommers what you think they are looking for to be entered to win a prize!**



**Anything is possible  
when you have the  
right people there to  
support you.**



**MISTY COPELAND**





## Eagle's Corner

### Featuring our Fearless Leader and Bear Den Leader...

#### Mr. Metyk

When did you become an Eagle Scout?

- **1988 (Ugh!!!)**

Which troop were you in?

- **Troop 305 out of Bethany Lutheran Church in Parma, Ohio. Although I am Catholic, it was one of the best Troops in the area.**

What was your Eagle Scout Project?

- **I worked to bring Scouts from 10 other local Troops and got a few local hardware stores to donate supplies to update a trail (including footbridges, steps, and handrails) around the entire Hinckley Lake. It took four weekends and countless man hours to complete. If you walk the lake today, the items may have been updated after 30 years, but the foundation is still mine.**

What was your favorite merit badge?

- **My most exciting Merit Badge was Fishing. I was able to attend a high adventure week long canoe adventure in the Georgian Bay in Canada. The place was called Tinnerman Canoe Base. It was so remote, that there were no lights in a hundred miles of the places we went. As part of the trip, we were able to fish during down time in the waters of Canada. I was hoping to catch some small pan fish as the final requirement to the merit badge, but instead reeled in a 27 inch Northern Pike. It scared the daylight out of me at the time and was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. The fish was awesome on the grill that evening. I will never forget it.**

Tell me about something you did as a scout that has had a lasting effect on your life.

- **I have been blessed to attend two high-adventure Scout trips while a member of Troop 305. At age 13, I went (without my parents) to Cimarron, New Mexico to the Philmont Scout Ranch where we hiked 110 miles in a week highlighted by a snowball fight on the 4th of July at the top of a mountain. I was later able to attend the Tinnerman Canoe Base adventure where we spend a week canoeing along islands within the Georgian Bay in Canada. I will always have those great memories. Philmont is still there and I hope some day to go back with Tommy. Tinnerman is gone however.**



BEFORE....

AFTER...

