



TROOP 146

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **OCTOBER 6 @ 6:30-8:00PM**- TROOP MTG*
- **OCTOBER 13 @ 6:30- 8:00PM** - TROOP MTG*
- **OCTOBER 16-19** - GREAT BASIN CAMPOUT - AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT WITH MORE DETAILS
- **OCTOBER 27 @ 6:30- 8:00PM** - TROOP MTG*

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TROOP 146 SCOUTS SET FOR EPIC GREAT BASIN ADVENTURE: STARGAZING, GRAND VIEWS, AND BRISTLECONE PINES AWAIT!

Troop 146 is pumped for an epic campout at Great Basin National Park from October 16-19! This Nevada treasure is a scout's dream—think rugged trails, jaw-dropping vistas, and a star-filled sky that'll blow the boys away!

While on their campout, the boys will have fun exploring ancient 4,000-year-old bristlecone pines, marveling at Nevada's only glacier atop Wheeler Peak, and hiking near the mysterious Lehman Caves. There is also plenty of wildlife, so the boys should stay alert for bats, soaring eagles, or lightning-fast pronghorns to score those Wildlife badge points. When night falls, the scouts will kick back under some of the darkest, most dazzling skies in the U.S.—a stargazer's paradise perfect for nabbing that Astronomy merit badge.

Scouts, are you ready for outdoor thrills, campfire laughs, and memories to last a lifetime? Bring any questions to the next meeting. This campout is going to be one for the books!

DID YOU KNOW?

Great Basin Edition

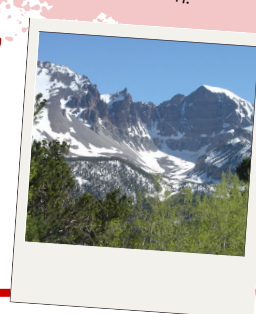
Great Basin National Park is home to the Great Basin Bristlecone Pines, which are among the oldest individual living things on Earth. Some of these twisted, hardy trees have been dated to be over 4,000 years old! They were already growing centuries before the ancient Egyptian pyramids were built.



Great Basin is a certified International Dark Sky Park and is known for having some of the darkest night skies in the United States.



Wheeler Peak has a major claim to fame because it holds Nevada's only glacier and one of the southernmost in the entire United States! This small, permanent patch of ice and snow is tucked away in a giant, bowl-shaped feature carved right into the mountain.





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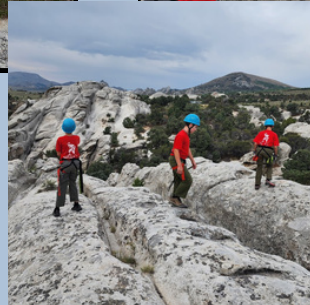
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TROOP 146'S AWESOME CITY OF ROCKS CAMPOUT: SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2025

Troop 146 had a fantastic time at our City of Rocks campout! The scouts loved climbing the towering granite rocks, hiking scenic trails, and sleeping under a brilliant starry sky. The weekend was full of laughter, teamwork, and great memories.

A huge thanks to our dedicated leaders and parents for making this trip a success!

Here's to more Troop 146 adventures!





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CITY OF ROCKS CAMPOUT 2025: THORNS AND ROSES

At the end of our City of Rocks campout, our scouts gathered for a "Thorns and Roses" reflection. This scout tradition lets everyone share a "rose" (a highlight or favorite moment) and a "thorn" (a challenge or tough moment) from the trip. It's a great way for our scouts to celebrate the highs, learn from the lows, and grow closer as a troop! Here's what our scouts had to say...

Free-Climbing
Kink in neck from
sleeping on it wrong
-Gracen

Rock climbing & food
Losing my flashlight
-Jeb

Food
Uncomfortable
Sleeping
-Josh

Exploring, climbing,
and the campsite
-Elijah

Everything
Henry leaving
-Parker

Climbing
Uncomfortable
Sleeping
-Jeffrey

Climbing to the crack
Steak
-Athan

Sleeping in the cave,
climbing, and the
food
Getting Sick
-Gavin

Climbing
Aiden leaving
early
-Zach

Rock climbing, how
beautiful everything
was, and the food
Henry leaving
-Mack

Everything
-Josiah

Climbing
Big rock under
sleeping bag
-Owen

Camping
Leaving early
-Aiden

■ Rose

■ Thorn



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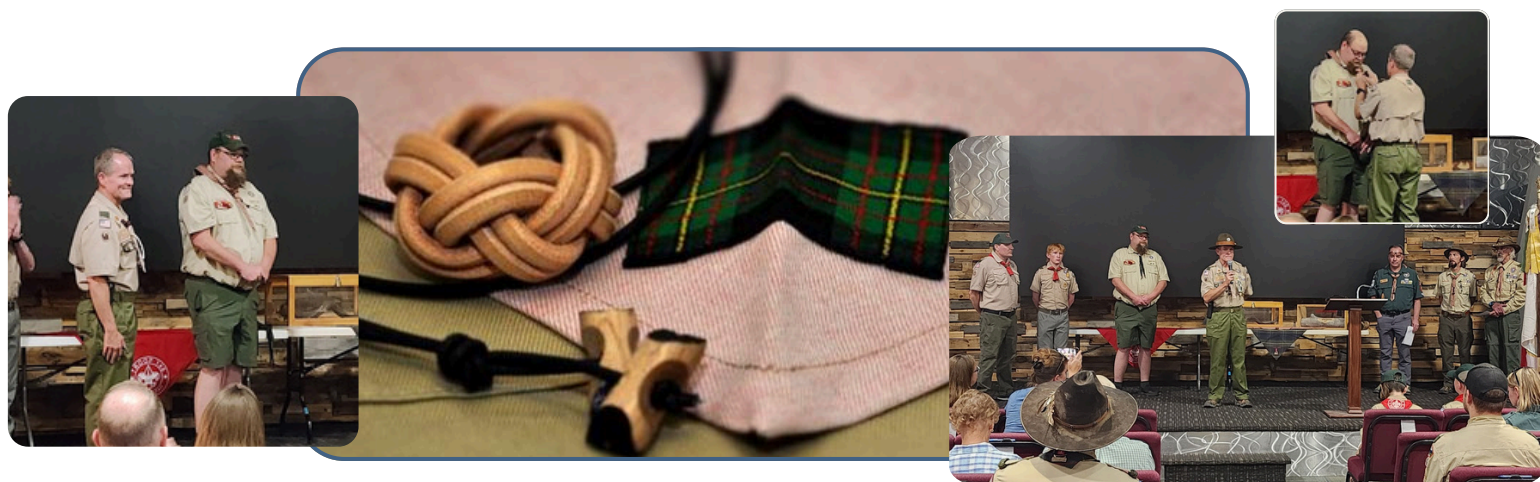
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MR. ALLEN MANSPEAKER HONORED WITH WOOD BADGE AT COURT OF HONOR

Troop 146 is thrilled to celebrate Mr. Allen Manspeaker, and the extraordinary achievement of earning his Wood Badge beads, a pinnacle of scouting leadership! This prestigious honor marks the pinnacle of Allen's inspiring journey from a young Cub Scout, to a dedicated adult leader who earned his Eagle Scout and now gives back to our troop. Completing Wood Badge, the most esteemed and rigorous leadership training in Scouting America, showcases Allen's profound dedication to personal growth and mentoring our Scouts, making his beading ceremony a truly momentous occasion for our troop.

Wood Badge, founded in 1919 by Scouting pioneer Robert Baden-Powell at Gilwell Park, England, is a globally revered program that transforms leaders through intensive training in teamwork, leadership, and scouting principles. Its origins trace to Baden-Powell's vision of equipping scout leaders with skills to inspire youth, drawing from his experiences in military and tribal cultures. At our recent Court of Honor, Wood Badge course director Mr. Roger Denison shared the rich history of Wood Badge, explaining the symbolic elements awarded to Allen. The Wood Badge beads—two wooden beads on a leather thong—derive from a necklace of acacia wood beads Baden-Powell received from Zulu chief Dinizulu in the 1880s. These beads symbolize leadership, service, and resilience. The Gilwell neckerchief, featuring a tartan patch of the MacLaren clan (who donated Gilwell Park), represents unity with the worldwide scouting community. The leather woggle, a practical knot inspired by Baden-Powell's camp designs, signifies applying leadership skills in everyday scouting. By receiving these symbols, Allen joins a century-long legacy of elite scout leaders.

This distinguished achievement will strengthen our troop, as Allen's Wood Badge training and "ticket" projects reflect his hard work and dedication to our scouts. The Court of Honor, enriched by Mr. Denison's compelling account of Wood Badge's history and symbolism, underscored the magnitude of Allen's accomplishment. As Allen donned his beads, neckerchief, and woggle, we celebrated a leader whose steadfast efforts will leave a lasting legacy. Join us in honoring Allen for this amazing milestone!



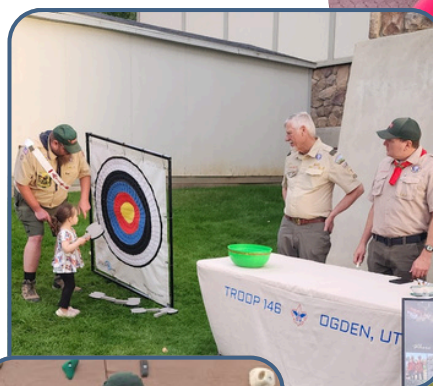


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High Energy Kick-Off: Troop 146 Starts September with Fun, Fellowship, and Sharpened Skills at Council Open House

We had a great time at last month's council open house! The September event brought different troops together for fantastic fellowship and skill-building. Our scouts were busy conquering the climbing wall, hitting targets in archery, practicing their aim with tomahawk throwing, and eating! It was a fun night full of laughs, fun, and scouting activities. A huge thank you to the council organizers, our Troop 146 leaders, and parents for making this event a success. Here's to more unforgettable scouting adventures!





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Hats Off to Hard Work! Troop 146 Celebrates Court of Honor Success

September was a busy and successful month for Troop 146, which included our inspiring Court of Honor ceremony! This was a truly special evening where we took time to recognize the incredible hard work and determination displayed by our scouts.

We offer a huge congratulations to every scout who received a rank advancement or a merit badge at the ceremony. Each badge and patch represents countless hours of effort, planning, and perseverance—whether it was mastering complex skills in a merit badge, demonstrating leadership to advance a rank, or simply staying organized through a busy summer.

The success we celebrated wasn't just about the awards themselves. It was about seeing our younger scouts push past challenges to reach new heights, and watching our older scouts mentor their peers while demonstrating the commitment required for the senior ranks.

Thank you to all the families who joined us to share in this important moment. Your presence reinforces the value of their dedication.

Troop 146 is proud of every scout! Your commitment to the Scout Oath and Law is evident in the things you do, and we look forward to witnessing your continued growth and achievement in the months ahead. Keep up the fantastic work!

Congratulations to the following scouts for your hard work and discipline:

RANK ADVANCEMENT

SCOUT	FIRST CLASS
Mack Simdorn	Gavin Maycock
Henry Leonard	Gracen Springer
Majd Harb	
Noor Harb	STAR
Parker Meng	Athan Clough

TENDERFOOT	EAGLE
Henry Leonard	Clark Allred

Jeb Ebi
Mack Simdorn

SECOND CLASS
Ryan Peterson



MERIT BADGES

- Jeb Ebi – First Aid*, Wilderness Survival
- Hunter Glenn – Environmental Science*, Kayaking, Personal Fitness*, Rifle Shooting, Swimming
- Josiah Kirkland – Climbing, Wilderness Survival
- Henry Leonard – First Aid*, Environmental Science*, Wilderness Survival
- Gavin Maycock – Archery, Kayaking, Wood Carving, Swimming*
- Parker Meng – Climbing, First Aid*, Wilderness Survival, Wood Carving
- Zachary Phillips – Communication*
- Mack Simdorn – Environmental Science*, First Aid*, Climbing, Personal Fitness*
- Gracen Springer – Emergency Preparedness*

*Eagle Required



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UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

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Merit Badge Campout

Earn merit badges on an overnight campout!!

When: October 17th-18th

Where: 1200 East 5400 South, Ogden UT 84403

Cost: \$6 per scout and adult. \$11 if registered after October 1

Available Merit Badges:

Citizenship In the World
Citizenship in the Nations
Environmental Science
Climbing
Pulp and Paper
Nature
First Aid
Chess

Registration Website:

<https://www.utahscouts.org/admin2/login>

Contact EJ Marvin (801)644-0774 or Carrie Packer (385)405-4968, or visit

[https://www.utahscouts.org/content/130265/W
eber-Rapids-District-Merit-Badge-Campout](https://www.utahscouts.org/content/130265/Weber-Rapids-District-Merit-Badge-Campout)
for more information or questions.

Uniform at School Day!

Get the word out about Scouting by wearing your uniform to school!

When: Week of October 13-17 (wear your uniform on the day your troop meets)

Invite your friends to troop meetings and other district events!

District Trunk or Treat

Join other scouts and friends for a unit meeting and fun trunk or treat-ing!

When: October 25 @ 1:30- 3:00pm

Where: Utah Military Academy

For more information, contact Carrie Packer (385)405-4968





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September Recap: A Month of Climbing, Celebration, and Community

Troop 146 launched into the fall with a packed and successful September, highlighted by high adventure, skill development, and celebration. The month's biggest challenge was a thrilling campout and climbing trip to the City of Rocks, where scouts tackled granite spires, built confidence, and strengthened their team dynamic. Back home, the entire troop showed their competitive spirit at the council open house, hitting bullseyes in archery, practicing tomahawk throwing, and conquering the climbing wall. We paused mid-month for a well-deserved Court of Honor, proudly recognizing the rank advancements and merit badges earned by our dedicated scouts. Finally, regular troop meetings and a fun game night kept our skills sharp and our spirits high. It's been an unforgettable September for Troop 146, and we extend a huge thank you to all the leaders and parents who made it so successful!





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