

# Exton Scouts Recount Summer At Annual Campfire Ceremony

Exton Scout Troop 65 ushered in the new scouting year with its 29th annual recognition campfire ceremony at its scout grounds on Swedesford rd.

Awards and recognitions for accomplishments during the summer

since the closing of schools were the highlights of the evening.

A great leap in the continuing development of the Boy Scout program has been specialty camps conducted by the Chester County Council since 1982 at the Camp Jubilee Scout Camp, late in June before the regular summer camping begins. Administered by professionals, this two-week course offers basic training in nuclear science, energy, computers, space exploration, electronics, conservation and aquatics.

Troop 65 sponsored ten scouts who earned 26 merit badges while taking these courses. They are David Carr, David Devenney, James Haine, Scot Hillebrand, Patrick Krapf, Travis Lamb, John Piskai, Michael Rost, Greg Schenck and Kevin Webb.

In addition to the merit badges earned at the specialty camp, 93 merit badges were earned during the summer, mostly during the troop's summer camp week at Jubilee in mid-July. The Scouts earning these merit badges are Kyle Aldinger, Jason Baker, Richard Burns, David Carr, Christopher Congdon, David Devenney, Wylie Gomez, Richard Goulding, Todd Goulding, James Haine and Steven Haine.

Also Scot Hillebrand, John Hunsinger, Douglas Hunsinger, Eric John, Patrick Krapf, Travis Lamb, Brian McIlvaine, Keith Murray, Bruce Myers, Michael Nelson, Edwin Parry, Billy Peoples, John Piskai, Michael Rost, Andy Schenck, Greg Schenck, Chris Simione, Darren Verlenden, David Wadsworth and Kevin Webb.

Among other accomplishments during summer, David Carr, Todd Goulding, and Darren Verlenden earned the mile swim award. Bruce Myers earned the Baden Powell award. Also, 16 boys made the Polar Bear Club and nine boys became snorklers. Russell Owens won the archery contest.

In addition to 32 boys who attended the troop summer camp week, Andrew Krapf and his brother Patrick served on staff for the summer.

During the summer, the following boys advanced in rank: Jason Baker, Chad Casey, Chris Congdon, Sean Devenney, Wylie Gomez, Todd Goulding, Brian McIlvaine (a second generation in Troop 65), and Russell Owens to the rank of Tenderfoot; Todd Goulding and Darren

Verlended to the rank of second class; Kevin Webb and Ryan Wright to first class; Scot Hillebrand and John Piskai to Star rank; David Devenney and Travis Lamb to Life rank. Among the Troop's Eagle Scouts, Edwin Parry earned the Bronze Palm, and Michael Rost and Andrew Schenck earned the Gold Palms. Andy Schenck also was voted by the members of the troop to be awarded the Silver Buckle for 1984 for his outstanding performance at summer camp.

After over a year and a half of faithful leadership in the top position, Andrew Schenck retired as the troop's Senior Patrol Leader. Michael Rost is the new SPL, assisted by Kyle Aldinger and Rob Devenney.

Dean Haine, troop committee chairman, invited all the Scouts and their families who attended the campfire to plan to attend the troop's 30th anniversary banquet at the Grove Methodist Church Nov. 16.

Haine then introduced professional Scouter David G. Horton, senior district executive of Chester County Council, who officiated at the trading of the hats of the troop's top



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leadership position. Lee D. McIlvaine, who had joined Troop 65 as a boy in 1963, retired from the position of Scoutmaster, which he held for five years. Lee will continue with the troop as assistant scoutmaster. The new Scoutmaster is Carroll J. Hillebrand, Sr., who has been an assistant scoutmaster since 1976. Eagle scout Carroll Hillebrand, Jr. serves as assistant scoutmaster under his father.