



Troop 333 attends summer camp, hikes across New Mexico

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Sun Prairie Boy Scout Troop 333 sent 45 boys to summer camp in June, before leaving Saturday, July 16 for New Mexico for a trip of a lifetime.

Troop 333 consists of about 55 kids, ages 11-18. At Canyon Camp in Stockton, Illinois, the boys participated in a variety of activities including boating safety, life-saving skills, leather and metal working, basketry, swimming and shooting sports. They also learned about their community, nation and what it takes to be a good citizen.

"They learned about the senators and representatives in their area," Troop 333 Committee member Heather Reeder said. "They wrote letters to them. They learned to talk to leaders in the community and volunteer with activities that are important to them."

Currently, 33 boys from Troop's 333 and 47 in Sun Prairie are hiking across New Mexico. They are hiking for 60 miles across two weeks with various stops along the way, such as pole climbing and other outdoor sports-like activities.

"They are all practicing leadership and have to figure out the navigation on their own," Reeder said. "The adults are there to make sure they are safe, but aren't leading."

The scouts are navigating the entire

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Troop 333 scout Chris Rassmussen enjoying zip lining at camp.

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Troop 333 Scouts Charlie (left) and Logan Reeder (middle) with their father, Brian Reeder (right).

Festival of India

Photography by Jeromey Hodsdon

Photo highlights from the Festival of India at the Mandir of Madison in the Town of Burke on Saturday, July 16, 2022. Priest Acharya Rishi Ji Maharaj led the traditional Hindu celebration Jagannath Rath yatra. Participants received blessings from Hindu deities of Jagannath and participated in the chariot pulling. The gods bless the whole community equally. Sun Prairie Mayor Paul Esser and 46th district assembly candidates Syed Abbas, Analiese Eicher and Mike Jacobs joined in the celebrations.



Sun Prairie musician attends Birch Creek Music Academy

Asha Sundaram, a talented young musician from Sun Prairie, spent the past two weeks in Door County studying at Birch Creek Music Performance Center.

Sundaram, a student at Cardinal Heights, was among 55 other musicians from throughout the country to attend the Symphony Session at this prestigious academy whose unique mission is to provide intensive, performance-based instruction to promising young musicians by immersing them in a professional, mentoring environment.

Birch Creek celebrates its 47th concert season in 2022 and continues to support a student-to-faculty ratio of approximately 2:1. This provides students with an abundance of personal attention from their faculty mentors, who represent top music educators and performers from around the country.

Students are given the opportunity to hone their technical skills and learn first-hand all the aspects of life as a professional musician. During their two-week residency this summer, students attending the Symphony session performed seven concerts alongside their teachers in front of paying concertgoers.

Ricardo Castañeda is the Program Director of the Symphony program. This year marks his 25th year on faculty at Birch Creek, and 22nd year as Program Director. He has a bachelor's and master's degree in music performance from Northwestern University. Castañeda is currently Principal Oboist with the Chicago Sinfonietta and solo English Horn with The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center in Egg Harbor is a residential summer music academy for advanced young musicians. With a performance emphasis, students are taught by nationally known performers and educators during the day, and perform alongside them in concerts at night. Four sessions focus on Percussion & Steel Band, Symphony, and Big Band Jazz. This summer's concert and session dates are posted at BirchCreek.org/Tickets.



Zoozort animals come to Sun Prairie Public Library

Photography by Jeromey Hodsdon

Zoozort brought their live animal program to the Sun Prairie Public Library on July 19-20 for the community to observe and interact with. Pictured is a skunk named Zelda, an Albino Burmese Python named Montgomery, a California King Snake named Norman and an armadillo. Other animals included a Red-foot Tortoise, hissing cockroaches, and a Kookaburra, among others.



Sun Prairie Boy Scout Troop 333.

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route via map and compass.

Troop 333 spends countless amounts of time on community projects, such as the large welcome sign by Walgreens on Highway 19, a Smithsonian story preservation project, bat houses in

the parks, cemetery restorations, boat launches and invasive plant control.

"It's not just about outdoor programs," Reeder said. "It's teaching personal growth, leadership development, understanding how to be involved and how to be a responsible citizen."

The scouts take care and watch over one another. The older boys teach the younger boys.

They learn self-reliance through their tasks and projects.

Becoming an eagle scout takes considerable time, work and effort in a 4-6 year timeframe. There are 21 merit badges that must be completed by the scout to earn the eagle rank. Troop 333 has had about 75 eagle scouts in 25 years. According to Reeder, only 4% of scouts make it to eagle rank. She has two boys, one eagle scout and one soon to be.

"I love it," she said. "Our kids know how to do things that you don't learn in school."

She gave the example

that her kids are very self-sufficient, because Troop 333 taught them practical things such as how to cook and start a campfire, which none of their friends can do.

"It's the maturity, the growth, the development and the knowledge around them that you don't get in other programs," Reeder said. "It makes you a well rounded individual and prepares you for future life."

In addition to Troops 333 and 47, Sun Prairie also has Troop 747 for girls and five additional cub scout packs tied to elementary schools.

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Activities for the week of July 25-29, 2022 include:

Monday, July 25

- Music and Motion 9 a.m.
- Walking Class 10:30 a.m.
- Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- Sheepshead, Skat, 500 1 p.m.
- Computer Tutor 2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26

- Footcare 9 a.m.
 - Anatomy of a Novel by David Benjamin 10 a.m.
- RSVP 608-837-4611
- EMS Wellness Checks 10 a.m.
 - Mahjong 2 p.m.
 - Line Dancing 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27

- Music and Motion 9 a.m.
- Rummikub 10 a.m.
- Euchre 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 28

- Bridge Lessons 9 a.m.
- Beat to the Music Exercise 10:30 a.m.
- Lunch 11:30 a.m.
- Canasta 12:30 p.m.
- Bid Euchre 1 p.m.
- Book Club 1 p.m.
- Hebl & Hebl sponsored Bingo 1 p.m.

Friday, July 29

- Beginning Euchre 9 a.m.
- Mahjong 10 a.m.
- Dominoes 10 a.m.
- Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Computer Tutor to the Rescue - Did you get a new phone, tablet or laptop? Are you wondering how to set it up and use it? Or do you just wonder how to use a computer? Drop in at the computer lab on Mondays between 2 and 4 p.m. to have one of our volunteers help answer questions.

For a more complete list of activities, or to learn more about the Colonial Club, pick up a Courier newsletter, go online to colonialclub.org or call the club at 608-837-4611.



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