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Troop 335 Celebrates 100 Years of Scouting

WEST LAFAYETTE, IN — Troop 335 will be celebrating its centennial on Memorial Day, marking 100 years of Scouting in West Lafayette, Indiana. The troop formed in 1925, and in its early days, it met in the old Morton School building that is now the West Lafayette City Hall.

The troop is chartered by American Legion Post 492 and meets at the Saint Andrew United Methodist Church. It is the largest unit in the Sagamore Council of Scouting America, formerly known as the Boy Scouts of America.

“Troop 335 has a long history of developing the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow while giving service to our communities”, said Bryan Shaffer, who has been the troop’s Scoutmaster since 2023.

The troop is highly active with weekly meetings, monthly campouts, and frequent high adventure treks such as backpacking on Isle Royale and at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, canoeing the Boundary Waters, and sailing and fishing off the coast of Florida at Seabase.

Scouts learn and demonstrate different skills to earn ranks and merit badges, which are awarded as patches that they wear on their uniforms. Earlier this year, the troop produced its 150th Eagle Scout—the highest rank in Scouts BSA.

Boys from the troop have gone on to win the Pulitzer Prize, to play in the Superbowl, to lead industries and institutions, and to contribute to their country and communities through service.

Past scouts, leaders, and families who have participated in Troop 335 will gather for a Centennial Court of Honor on May 26 at Franklin L. Cary Camp in Lafayette where they will share memories and recognize the recent achievements of our current scouts. Memorabilia such as vintage scout uniforms and patches will be displayed.

More information about the troop’s centennial and history can be found at <https://troop335.net/100th>.