

Paul Birkhimer

High Adventure

Scholarship 2016 Application



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A minimum of one \$600 High Adventure Scholarship will be awarded, consisting of \$500 for costs and fees to be paid directly to the appropriate High Adventure Base along with a \$100 equipment credit for the recipient at the appropriate base camp store.

**All applications must be submitted to the Council office by October 21, 2016.
Scholarship will be awarded November 18, 2016.**



Paul Birkhimer was a devoted family man and a proud Eagle Scout. He passed away in 2015 at the age of 51 after a very short battle with pancreatic cancer. It was his wish to establish a scholarship that would encourage Scouts to attend one of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) High Adventure camps. These camps (Florida Sea Base in the Keys, Northern Tier in Minnesota, Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia) all provide experiences that foster development in character, leadership, and perseverance.

Paul was a life-long Scout. He earned his Eagle in Troop 38, Penn's Woods Council in Pennsylvania and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow. His love of the outdoors was cultivated through his Scouting adventures which included two trips to Philmont Scout Ranch and summers working at his local Boy Scout camp. Paul became reacquainted with Scouting as an adult. He served as Cub Master of his sons' Cub Scout Pack 3337 (West Lafayette, IN) for several years. He then transitioned to Scout Troop 335 (West Lafayette, IN) where he served as Eagle Advisor and mentored 20 young men to the rank of Eagle Scout. As an adult, Paul was fortunate to attend the Philmont Scout Ranch and paddle through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area with his son. The lasting impact of these life-changing experiences led Paul to encourage his sons as they participated in their own BSA High Adventures.

In honor of Paul and the impact that the Boy Scouts of America had on his life, the **Paul Birkhimer High Adventure Scholarship Fund** has been established. The scholarship will provide funds to off-set the cost of participation in a BSA High Adventure to a Scout(s) in the Sagamore Council, with preference given to those that may need financial support.

Tax deductible donations can be made to the *Birkhimer High Adventure Fund* and mailed to:

Boy Scouts of America National Foundation
Attn: Birkhimer High Adventure Fund
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Name: _____ DOB _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number: (_____) _____

Unit Type: ☐ Troop ☐ Crew Unit # _____

District: ☐ Peshewa ☐ North Star ☐ Wabash Valley

School System: _____

Do you receive reduced or free lunches within your school system?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of family members in house _____

Household Income (Please indicate one below):

☐ Under \$20,000 ☐ Between \$40,000-\$50,000

☐ Between \$20,000 - \$30,000 ☐ Over \$50,000

☐ Between \$30,000 - \$40,000

Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Base you will be visiting:

☐ Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia ☐ Northern Tier, Minnesota

☐ Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico ☐ Sea Base, Florida Keys

Mr. Birkhimer lived by the Scout Oath and believed that the Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Treks provided him the opportunity to foster character, leadership and perseverance. On one page, please tell how participating in Boy Scouts has helped you develop these traits and how attending a high Adventure Trek will further your growth. Submit your one page explanation to Sagamore Council along with this application.

Date: _____ Applicant Signature: _____

Email or Address: _____

Date: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Email or Address: _____

Date: _____ Leader Signature: _____

Email or Address: _____

(District Executive)

(Scholarship Committee Representative)

(All signatures are required for application to be considered.)

Application Not Approved ○