

John's and Mark's Story



John and Mark are joined not only as brothers, but also as Scouts. John is in fifth grade at the Veritas Academy. Mark is in third grade and is homeschooled. They each joined Scouts in first grade as Tiger Cubs. The boys call themselves The Scouting Popcorn Brothers. Together they have sold over \$31,500 in popcorn throughout their time in Scouting. Two years ago, John, Mark, and their younger

sister Blythe put their [Cub Scout Popcorn Jingle](#) on YouTube.

Their family enjoy being able to do so many outdoor things as a together within the Scouting program. John's favorite part of Scouts is hanging out with his friends. Mark especially enjoys the time with his dad, and BB's and archery at summer camp. Blythe attends all of the Scouting activities and loves to go hiking with the pack. She describes Scouting in one word as "Fun." Little brother, James, just turned two, loves to tag along to any Scouting event possible (he really loves handing popcorn to people when his brothers sell). Baby sister Beth is 8 months old; it is expected that she will enjoy Scouting as much as her older siblings.

Why did you join Scouting?

John: My dad is an Eagle Scout and my friends were involved in Scouting.

Mark: I joined because my brother was a Cub Scout and I also wanted to sell popcorn to beat my brother's top sales.

What activity or adventure stands out the most to you?

John: Selling popcorn, going to the USS NJ for a sleepover, touring the ship, doing the flight simulator, and watching them fire the 5 inch gun.

Mark: Selling popcorn, BB Guns and Archery at summer camp and going to the USS NJ for a sleepover. And spending time with Dad.

How has Scouting impacted your life?

John: Scouting makes me kinder to other people and helps me get better grades in School.

Mark: I used to not think about other people a lot but now I think about helping other people a lot.

What does Scouting mean to you?

John: To Do Your Best

Mark: Making Friends and earning fun badges

If you could describe Scouting in one sentence what would it be?

John: Scouting helps you to become a better person.

Mark: Scouting is Fun.

Describe Scouting in one word:

John: Awesome

Mark: Join

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