

Walt's Story



Walt Legenstein is a proud alum of the Pennsylvania Dutch Council's Scouting program. Walt is the Chairman and CEO of Certified Carpet in Lancaster and an Eagle Scout from St. Joseph's Troop 16. Walt spent 10 years as a youth member and earned his Eagle rank on February 2, 1962.

Walt has lead by example by serving on the United Way of Lancaster County board, he chaired the Lancaster General Health Foundation and was the chairman of the capital campaign to build the new Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Center. Walt also has served on the St. Joseph's Church Council, the EDC Finance board, Scouting's Distinguished Citizen Award committee (he is also a recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award), and served the Lancaster Catholic High School Board for 31 years.

Why did you join Scouting?

*"I became a Cub Scout because it **was important to my parents** that I was involved in Scouting. I also feel that there was a lot of encouragement from my church (St. Joseph's Catholic Church) to join Scouting.*

What activity stands out to you?

"My most memorable times in Scouting were **my trips to summer camp** at Camp Chiquetan, which was the Lancaster County Council's camp. I earned my lifesaving merit badge at Chiquetan and I still remember having to rescue Stan Lipman, the waterfront director. He was a huge guy and we had to bring him to shore safely. After all these year's Stan is **a person I can never forget**. The Order of the Arrow was a big part of my Scouting experience as well."

How has Scouting impacted your life and what does Scouting mean to you?

*"Scouting **prepared me for my military service**. The **leadership and training** I received as a young Scout, like being a patrol leader, allowed me to quickly advance to the rank of Sargent in the Army. Scouting made me **totally independent** and prepared me for leadership in life and the community.*

My Scoutmaster, Charlie Wolf, was key to my Scouting experience. He was a man who taught us the true meaning of Scouting.

*Scouting provides an opportunity for a young man or young women to **work with others** and develop the assets necessary to live better. It **empowers our youth** and allows them **to learn about themselves**."*

Why should someone put their son or daughter in Scouting?

I would not be who I am today if it were not for Scouting. Today most kids don't get the life experiences that Scouting offers. Scouting prepares youth 100% for life and every youth should be involved in Scouting.

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

*"Scouting **builds lifetime experiences** that you will utilize for the rest of your life in many different ways"*

Describe Scouting in one word..... "Outstanding"

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