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### *INFINITE IMPACT*

# *Quivira Scouts Save The Day*



Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> seemed like an ordinary summer evening for the boys from White Buffalo troop 810 and 893 as they headed back to the Quivira Scout Ranch (QSR) from a rained-out baseball game in Wichita.

"When I saw the car, I immediately thought of my mom. It was the same color, similar make, and model. And I just kept thinking about how I would want someone to stop and help my mom if she needed help, that's why I stopped," said Michael Seay. Anthony, Jackson, and Reese were headed back to QSR with their troop leader Michael Seay when they noticed an overturned and partly submerged truck on the side of Highway 400. And for Holly the driver in distress it was a day they would not forget.

Michael did not immediately notice anyone in the vehicle, but when he reached down, he felt an arm. That's when his BSA training kicked in. Michael ran back to the van and the boys to called 9-1-1.

"Calling 9-1-1 was the scariest thing I have ever done, but the operator was calm, and she kept telling me help was on the way," said Jackson, fellow troop member. Before the ambulance arrived, a good Samaritan stopped and helped Michael pull the injured driver from her car and administer CPR.

When help arrived, Holly was breathing on her own and was transported to Wichita for treatment. The boys all said that First Aid and CPR taught them exactly what to do. "She wouldn't be here without the boys," said Michael and "I don't know what I would have done without them." However, Michael's son, Anthony, said it best "we were just in the right place at the right time, and everything happens for a reason."

The driver later identified as Holly Rockers was admitted and treated for her injuries and was able to meet and thank her heroes "I couldn't get my seat belt undone," said Holly. "I remember trying to fight with the seat belt, trying to lift my head above water. I remember thinking at one point, 'This is it. This is where I'm going to die,' and just praying that someone would find me, and God sent me my guardian angels in Boy Scout form."

## Quivira's Best at the World Jamboree

### Stuart Goins, Director of Field Service



"I had the pleasure of serving on staff as part of the International Commissioner Team, led by former National Commissioner, Tico Perez. I worked more directly with the Canadian Leadership team for their time in the US. The friendships and the memories made as this event could only be captured by being there and I am thankful to the National Council and Quivira Council for allowing me to attend this once in a lifetime event."

"I have never experienced anything like this in my life," said Stuart Goins, Director of Field Service for Quivira Council. "It was mind blowing to see how the Scouting Organization brought over 45,000 people together - from

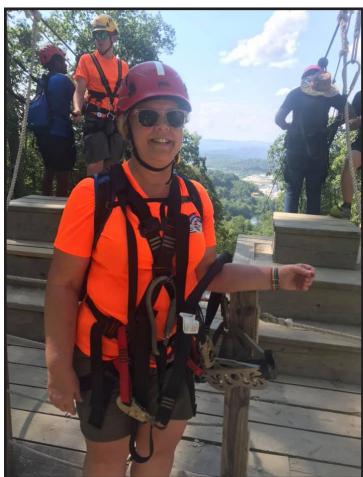
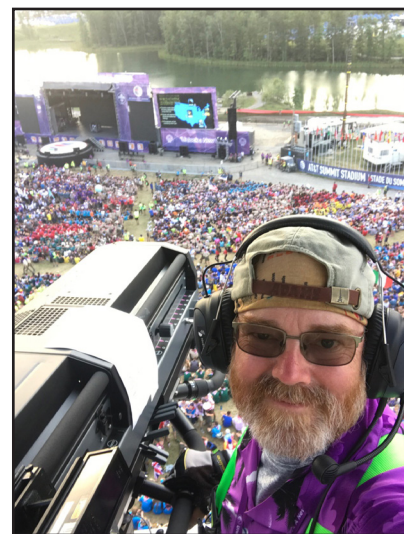
different backgrounds, different religions, and different cultures."

### Mark Hunter, District Executive, Pawnee

I served on staff at the 2017 National Jamboree and was asked to return to Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia to serve again on the Stadium Show and Bash Staff team for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

My bash team setup and ran stage shows with a variety of performers in the base camps on nights that we were not working at the main stage. At each bash, we presented the first World Scout Jamboree Band with 80 musicians from around the world, DJs, various bands, carnival games, and fired shirts, bears, and other memorabilia into the crowds. I oversaw my team running the big screens with announcements, videos, and live camera feeds at the bashes. I was in the spotlight tower for the stadium shows including Disney on Broadway and Pentatonix.

Our team was made up of scouts from around the world, but we were able to work well together because we had similar technical backgrounds and enjoyed entertaining the scouts. I was able to see areas of the Summit Bechtel Reserve most scouts never have a chance to see and enjoyed working with volunteers and professionals from around the world.



### Julie Dalton, Executive Board Member

What a time to be a Scout!

After spending two weeks attending the World Scout Jamboree this summer, I have a renewed sense of excitement for Scouting in Quivira Council. I had the opportunity to work the Big Zip, the Bechtel Summit Reserve's star attraction. This wasn't some random zip line but 3,100 feet of zipping fun where riders reached speeds between 50 - 60 mph!

In spite of the long days, I had the opportunity to see Scouting at its best. The best memory I have is the fun and excitement I saw on everyone's faces and the passion for the Scouting program, whether it was someone sharing about their troop, waiting in line for a meal or activity, trading contact information with a new friend or learning about someone's homeland. It doesn't matter where you Scout, we all have the same guiding

principles, and we need to share that message as we go about our daily lives. The World Scout Jamboree was truly an opportunity to "Unlock a New World."

## Troop 450's Sea Base Adventure

Recently, a group of 12 Scouts from Troop 450 ventured to Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Bahamas Sea Base to embarked on a Tall Ship Adventure for seven days. Sea base is an extraordinary scouting experience that allows boy scouts the opportunity to sail, scuba dive, fish, and experience "rustic" island life by camping on undeveloped islands. The Bahamas Sailing Adventures program is based out of Marsh Harbour, in the Abacos of the Bahamas, located about 100 miles east of Fort Lauderdale, and is an extension of Florida National High Adventure Sea Base.



Troop leader, Dave Dibble, and his grandson, Kai, were part of the group that traveled to Sea Base and set sail for seven days. When I caught up with Dave and Kai, they were excited to share their adventure. After the initial travel days, the group was introduced to their guide and set sail. For the next seven days, they would work as a team to navigate, sail, and man the ship. Before leaving the group elected a leader and assigned jobs/tasks for the first day. Each day the current crew would teach the next days' staff how to complete their jobs most efficiently, effectively, and safely.

"They had to work as a team to get from point A to point B, and their knot-tying skills were put to the test during this trip," commented Troop Leader Dave Dibble.

However, it wasn't all work and no play. The boys had the opportunity to sail to an abandoned island where they anchored the ship and were able to explore, fish, and snorkeled to a sunken ship. "It was so cool to be the only people on this island! It was unreal how deserted, and quite it was, and diving

to the sunken ship just off the shore line only added to the spookiness and excitement of it all," said Kai.

After spending a full week together, the boys headed home with tales of adventure and memories that will last a lifetime.

"They learned a lot working together as a team, and they faced challenges that they overcame together I'm proud of them and all that they accomplished on this trip, I can't wait to see how this experience helps them grow and what they will learn on our next big trip," concluded Dibble.

Troop 450 visits one of the Boy Scouts of Americas High Adventure bases every summer. Next year they will visit The Summit.

## A Gift to the Future

### Mark Douglass is Quivira Council's first Gold Level James E. West Fellow



Quivira Council President Mark Douglass not only leads the volunteer board and guides the council toward success, but he has also made a true leadership gift to the future of Scouting in Quivira through the James E. West Fellowship program.

Douglass begins every meeting with a reminder of what the Quivira Council wants to achieve in youth through leadership. He grew up a Scout in Arkansas and has served Quivira faithfully. He is the leader of Douglass Wealth Management in Wichita, KS, and is also active in other meaningful non-profit organizations such as the Pando Initiative, the Kansas Council for Economic Education, the Rotary Club of Wichita and the American Institute of Wine and Food.

The James E. West Fellowship represents a gift to a local council, designated by the donor to the council endowment fund. Donors may make cumulative gifts to reach Silver, Gold, and Diamond member levels. Thank you, Mark, and congratulations to Mark Douglass on becoming Quivira Council's first-ever Gold James E. West Fellow!

To find more information on how to become a James E. West fellow visit [www.quivira.org](http://www.quivira.org).