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## Boy Scouts to celebrate 100th year

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LEESPORT — The organization known for the nice young men that help elderly ladies across the street is turning 100.

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in February 1910 as a way to prepare American youth to become participating citizens and community leaders.

The Hawk Mountain Council is preparing a commemorative book in honor of the anniversary. Sally

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## SCOUTS

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Trump of the council said they are looking for photos, memories and artifacts and several sharing times have been set up throughout the council.

"We want to celebrate the tradition of scouting in Schuylkill and Berks counties," she said. "There are some troops in Schuylkill County that predate 1910. We have records of troops in the county from 1908."

The first memory sharing event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Mahanoy City Public Library. Two other events will take place in Berks County.

Scout leaders will be present to copy and record all information and the public is invited to attend.

"We want to preserve anyone's memories of scouting, their stories, how scouting impacted their lives, what scouting did for the commu-

### Memory sharing

• **When:** 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday

• **Where:** Mahanoy City Public Library, 17-19 W. Mahanoy Ave., Mahanoy City

• **For more information** on the celebration or to order a book, visit:

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nity." Trump said, "Something that happened many years ago that we might not hear about would be so helpful to us. We are hearing such interesting stories already."

Trump said the book will be available in November and orders are being taken now.

There are about 6,000 scouts in Schuylkill and Berks counties, and leaders believe scouting is as vital and relevant today as it was when the organization began.



RONNI MOORE/STAFF PHOTO

**Carl Kauffman of Boy Scout Troop 489, Bethel, participates in an axmanship task during the Cacoosing District 2009 Klondike Derby on Saturday at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation, Summit Station.**

The Boys Scouts of America is open to boys beginning with Cub Scouts in first

grade. Boy Scouts begin for boys in fifth grade.

Boys and girls ages 14 to 20 can participate in Venturing, which specializes in a variety of avocation or hobby interests in communities.

A kickoff activity is planned for July at the Hawk Mountain Council's camp in Summit Station when the Detroit Council will present the Hawk Mountain Council with a mural it is preparing.

The Detroit Council will be travelling across the nation visiting every council and presenting each one with a gift.

Other activities are planned throughout 2010, with the culmination of the year of events May 14 through 16, 2010, when a Hawk Mountain Scouting Reserve Scout Show is planned at the camp.

"The event is being planned now but will include scouts showing skills and preparing fun activities that will be open to the public," Trump said.