

Scenes from the 2013 Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree

Here are a few selected scenes from the "Jambo Experience" for your enjoyment. More photos can be found on our Facebook Page!

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) put together a short video of Regis and Wendy. It's up on our website at <http://www.tracwv.org/tracvideos.html> It was VERY hot, so we had fans running on all the birds in both the NESA tent and in the West Virginia tent in another display area a few hundred yards away.



Regis & Wendy at the NESA exhibit.

Regis has a new custom-made cedar perch made by Pete Cocks of PC Fine Wooworks in Waldon, NY

The backdrop is a 8 foot by 8 foot photo of Seneca Rocks.



Behind the main NESA display tent was the Totem Pole carving and painting area. Jim Schmitz, a master carver from Parsons, KS kept volunteers busy carving and painting all week long. The totem pole will be on permanent display at the new Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-Fob1Njwes>



Regis took several breaks during the day to rest and relax in a private tent area behind the totem pole. An Eagle Scout was always there to help clear his way from one tent to the other.

Here he is accompanied by Rob Nelson, one of the Eagle Scouts featured on the National Geographic Channel's program "Are you tougher than a Boy Scout?"



Meanwhile, Ron and Sharyn were up at the West Virginia tent with hawks, owls and Perry the Peregrine Falcon.

Their tent area was much hotter than the NESAs tent, so the organizers rigged up an impromptu air conditioner for the birds using a cooler, a bag of ice and a fan. It dropped the temperature as much as 5 degrees, which was a huge help.



Judge John "Jack" Kaull was in charge of keeping the West Virginia tent running smoothly. When he wasn't making sure the birds and Ron and Sharyn were well taken care of, he was making commemorative wooden medallions for the scouts to take home as a memento.



The West Virginia Tent was located in the display area known as The Gateway. All the big names had display tents in this area, including AT&T, Fed Ex, the main trading post was located in this area, and so much more.



The TRAC van was not allowed to stay on-site during the day, so every morning we would stop in at the motor pool and pick up a driver. The driver would take our van back to the motor pool after we'd unloaded the birds at the displays and return it to us at the end of the day. Every day we had a new driver. These folks were GREAT! And so helpful, even running one of our handling gloves back to us when we'd left it in the van! Here is our last driver who made sure we got a chance to view the entire

Jamboree site from Summit Point. What an incredible view!



One of the big things at any Jamboree is the amount and kind of "swag" that is handed out. The NESAs folks were determined to make sure Regis was amply honored! Here's his personal swag pile's final inventory:

The cedar perch, NESAs magnets, ten 2 gig NESAs thumbdrives, NESAs bracelet, official NESAs 2013 Jamboree Staff belt buckle, NESAs 5 pointed patch with all 5 pins, 2 different commemorative postcards honoring Regis, 3 NESAs pocket patches commemorating Regis and the NESAs totem pole, NESAs keychain, a NESAs pen that lights up, a frisbee with flashing lights, and a red NESAs water bottle (not shown - it was in use at the time...)

Not to be outdone, the WV tent folks made sure Ron and Sharyn were well gifted too; Their swag pile included: 3 wooden WV 2013 Jamboree medallions, 3 GIS Explorer patches, a stack of Picabooyearbook patches, a \$2 bill, a pack of Baden Powell trading cards, a WV 2013 Jamboree commemorative coin, 3 GIS Explorer pins, a "Leave No Trace" plastic tag, a large aerial photograph of the Summit and a NPS Junior Park Ranger pin.

Thank you to all for a great experience!