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**THE MC MORRIS MEMORIAL WALKATHON AND 5K RUN  
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> EVENT**

February 5, 2020.....The Andrew McMorris Memorial Walkathon and 5K Run will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020, starting at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp, 1774 Sound Avenue, Calverton, NY and ending at the McMorris Lodge within the Baiting Hollow Scout Camp. Reservations, registrations, and pledge forms are now being accepted and available at: <https://www.sccbsa.org/walk2020>.

The route of the McMorris Memorial Walkathon and 5K Run will be within the beautiful and picturesque Baiting Hollow Scout Camp trails and roads.

The McMorris Family, along with the Suffolk County Council of the Boy Scouts of America are hosting this Walkathon and 5K Run to raise the funds needed to complete the McMorris Lodge which is under construction at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp in memory of Andrew Mc Morris. This Walkathon and 5K Run is named after Boy Scout Andrew McMorris, who was killed by a drunk driver, while hiking the Greenbelt Trail with his Boy Scout Troop 161 in September, 2018. Several other Scouts were severely injured as a result of this tragic crash. The lives of his family, friends, community and fellow scouters were forever changed by Andrew’s loss.

The schedule for this rain or shine event is as follows:

- 7:30am to 8:45am Registration at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp
- 8:45am Warm up
- 9:00am Walkathon and 5K runners begin

All walkers and runners will enjoy a complementary BBQ at the Camp at the conclusion of the Walkathon and run, as donated by Applebee’s.

North Fork Trolley Company will be donating their services and providing complementary shuttle service from and back to the Camp from the designated parking area for the event.

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If you cannot walk or run at this event, we welcome you to be one of our many, many virtual walkers. Please join us in supporting this event and the McMorris Lodge by being a virtual walker at <https://www.sccbsa.org/walk2020>.

A statement from the McMorris Family included: "The McMorris family is honored and touched that the Boy Scouts of America - Suffolk County Council are paying tribute to our son, Andrew, in naming the new lodge at the Baiting Hollow Scout Camp after him. Andrew loved being a Boy Scout with his fellow scouts in Troop 161. He lived his life by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and one of his dreams was to become an Eagle Scout, so the naming of the lodge has a deep and special meaning to all of us who loved Andrew. We are incredibly grateful that the Suffolk County Council is paying homage to Andrew and his love for the scouts in this amazing way. The McMorris Lodge will be a place to honor his life and Scouting spirit along with serving scouts for decades to come with a space where they can grow, learn and have experiences that will enrich their lives. The McMorris family is thrilled to be a part of the Andrew McMorris Memorial Walkathon and 5K on Saturday March 28th. We look forward to helping raise funds to finish the lodge, for the Andrew McMorris Foundation and the Suffolk County Council Endowment Fund as well as honoring the life and memory of our beautiful son Andrew McMorris. Fly High Andrew!"

"There will be never enough opportunities to remember, honor and celebrate the memory of Andrew McMorris," said Suffolk County Council of the Boy Scouts President Dave Colford. "He represented the best that Scouting and humanity has to offer. We are privileged to help extend his legacy through the Andrew McMorris Memorial Walkathon/Run."

Donna Lillie, Chair of the McMorris Memorial Walkathon and 5K Run said, "I am proud to be coordinating this wonderful event to support the final construction of the beautiful McMorris Lodge and to honor the memory of Andrew."

There are sponsorship opportunities available and for additional information, please contact Michael Tretola at [mtretola@silvercrest.org](mailto:mtretola@silvercrest.org) or at 631-741-6409 or to the McMorris Memorial Walkathon and 5K Run Chair, Scouter Donna Lillie at [dmlillie.bsa@gmail](mailto:dmlillie.bsa@gmail) or at 631-774-8074.

Suffolk County Council of Boy Scouts of America serves over 14,000 youth in building leadership skills, highlighting American Patriotism, appreciation of the outdoors and enhancing outdoor skills, polishing moral character, and developing lifelong career aspirations and skills, through the work of over 4,000 adult volunteers. The Council has an extensive alumni network across Long Island.

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Scout Andrew McMorris with his Parents, Alisa and Assistant Scoutmaster John McMorris