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# Pack 316 Cub Scouts Earn Religious Patch

DOUGLAS — On Saturday, Nov. 15, Pack 316 Cub Scouts Luke Lightbown and Samuel Lyford earned their "Blessed are the Merciful" patch. In celebration of 100 years of Catholics in Scouting, the International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) established the "Blessed are the Merciful" patch to encourage mercy toward all people through Corporal and Spiritual Acts of Mercy. Prior to attending the workshop, Luke & Samuel each had to do a corporal act of mercy and reg-



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ister those acts on the Boy Scouts of America's Messengers of Peace Website. Both participated in the pack's Scouting for Food initiative and walked in the 2014 CROP Walk for Hunger. While at the workshop, the scouts learned about Acts of Mercy, the Venerable Father Jacques Sevin, and how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet before the Blessed Sacrament. The workshop was open to all youth and adults - Catholic or non-Catholic. Luke and Samuel are the first scouts from Pack 316 to earn this special patch. The "Blessed are the Merciful" patch is not a scout rank requirement, but a supplemental program that all scouts, and non-scouts are welcome to pursue. Congratulations Luke & Samuel!

To find out more about Cub Scout Pack 316 email [info@douglaspack316.com](mailto:info@douglaspack316.com).

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A den chief is a scouting "position of responsibility." A den chief's role is to assist a Cub Scout den leader with weekly meetings, help Cub Scouts advance through their ranks, and encourage them to join a Boy Scout troop upon graduation. In addition to living by the Scout Oath & Law, and showing scout spirit, other responsibilities include setting a good example through their attitude and uniform, being a friend to the boys in their Cub Scout den, and helping the Cub Scouts develop their leadership skills. Congratulations Scouts!

If you're a boy between the ages of eleven and seventeen and would like to find out more about Boy Scout Troop 316, contact [info@douglastroop316.com](mailto:info@douglastroop316.com). There are great outdoor experiences, as well as leadership opportunities, waiting for you!

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