

Mike Gurtler, Scoutmaster



Mike is a lifelong Scouter, having grown-up with Cubs, Webelos and Boy Scouts before becoming an adult leader. Mike has served on the District Training Committee, Pack Committee, Troop Committee, as Charter Organization Representative and Webelos Den Leader before becoming a Scoutmaster of Troop 89, Bar Harbor in 2010. This will be his second National Jamboree, having attended the 1973 event as a Scout. He is an avid outdoorsman; enjoying camping, hiking, fishing, kayaking and canoeing. Mike is Woodbadge trained (Antelope Patrol) and currently holds a number of first aid, aquatic and lifesaving

certifications.

Mike lives in Bar Harbor with his family; Michele, son Mason and their pets. Mike currently owns and operates a safety consulting firm based in Bar Harbor.

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Dave Burgess, 1st Assistant Scoutmaster



David currently serves as the Scoutmaster for Troop 102 in Orland. He has been involved in Scouting for the past 7 years. David has served as Assistant Cubmaster, Assistant Den Leader, Assistant Webelos Den Leader and Assistant Scoutmaster. He has been involved in the Hancock District Day Camp for the past 7 years as a Program Area volunteer, Program Director and currently overseeing the Webelos program. In 2008 he received the Hancock District Den Leader of the Year Award and was a President's Award recipient. David received the Hancock District Award of Merit in 2011. David completed Woodbadge training in

2007, a member of the Bobwhite patrol. In 2011 he served on Woodbadge staff as a Troop Guide. David was inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 2011.

David has been employed by Verso Paper for the past 26 years, working in production. He also serves as a member of RSU 25 School Board, holding the position of Vice Chair. David has been married to his wife Linda for 27 years. Their son Justin, 14, holds the rank of Star Scout.

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Brian Frederick is 2nd Assistant Scoutmaster



Brian spent summers “in” or “on” Moosehead Lake and winters in Pennsylvania, where Scouting got him involved in sailing, running whitewater, winter camping, cross country skiing, and other activities along the trail to Eagle. He worked on staff at the Maine National High Adventure Base at Grand Lake Mattagammon in the summer of 1981 and was an Assistant Scoutmaster in Huntingdon, PA, while earning a degree in chemistry at Juniata College. After completing his PhD at Cornell, he and his wife, Barbara, moved to Liverpool, England, where their two sons, David and Nathan, were born. He teaches physical chemistry and does biofuel research at the University of Maine.

After proper training in the high adventure traditions of Troop 478 by Mark Lena, and proving his ability to make coffee on the trail, Brian became Scoutmaster – so Mark could through-hike the AT in 2007. Since then, he has taken the troop to Camp Roosevelt every summer, completed Woodbadge, co-led trips to the Allagash, Double H High Adventure Base in the high mountain dessert of New Mexico in 2008, and Philmont Scout Ranch in 2011.

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David Frederick is 3rd Assistant Scoutmaster



David Frederick is an Eagle Scout from Troop 478 in Orono. He has worked at Camp Roosevelt for the past two years, first as a handicraft instructor, and then as a waterfront instructor. He has been on several high adventure trips, including canoeing the Allagash Wilderness waterway, a Philmont trek, and backpacking sections of the Appalachian Trail. He is also involved in the Order of the arrow, serving currently as Chief of the Penobscot Valley Chapter of OA.

He is currently enrolled in Orono High School, where he has been on the honor role for the past three years, pole vaults for the Track & Field team, and plays cello with the Orono and Bangor Symphony Youth Orchestras.

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Jim Rausch, Venture Crew Advisor



Dr. James Rausch is married with two children and one grandson who will undoubtedly be a Tiger cub class of 2018. Jim has been a Veterinarian in Ellsworth since 1986. He has been a member of Troop 86 Ellsworth since 1999, serving as ASM, Advancement coordinator, and Scoutmaster. He is currently Troop Committee Chair and Camping guru. Jim also is the Hancock District Committee Chair, a member of the Council Camping Committee, and the Executive Board.

Jim is also an Associate Advisor for Venture crew 189, Fort Kent. His passion in scouting is Camping, Hiking, and Backpacking. He is also a pretty fair camp cook. He has recipes appearing in 3 different Scouting cookbooks, and his photo of Katahdin appears in one. Autographs are available upon request.

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Erika Yates, Associate Venture Advisor



Erika Yates has been a registered Scouter for 7 years during which time she has been affiliated with Pack 139, Cherryfield, as a Den Leader and is currently a Committee Member with Troop 139 and Advisor for Crew 539.

Erika has been an associate since 2002 with DK Associates educational consultants and has housed and mentored dozens of suspended boarding school students guiding them with her insights into adolescent maturation. Erika has mentored many parents of these students with her skills as a parent coach. Erika earned an honors degree from University of Maine at Machias in pre-allied health professions. She is a combat flight medic with the Army National Guard with the eventual career goal of physician's assistant. An avid swimmer and outdoors person, Erika is trained in back country first response and takes suspended students on hikes and nature outings. She is the mother of two including Savage Bloomer who attended the 2010 Jamboree and will be attending the 2013 Summit.

Erika will be deployed during the next year as part of the Army's 15,000 man Rapid Response Force stationed in Kuwait. She will be attending Jamboree planning meetings via the internet and sharing her experiences with the scouts in the Venture Crew.

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