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TROOP 268 SCOUTS BRING “BURGER MADNESS” TO JACKSON ELKS LODGE NO. 1713

Jackson, WY – Elk members are accustomed to visiting Lodge No. 1713 in Jackson and having good times with friends, but on Friday May 5th, things got a little “crazy”. That’s because local Scouts from Pack and Troop 268 inflicted “Burger Madness” at the Lodge. Part fundraiser, part social event, both Elks and Scouts had some amazing burgers and helped to raise money for local Scouts.

Over 20 Scouters from the Jackson Rotary Club-sponsored Troop and Pack 268 descended upon the Jackson Elks Lodge kitchen on Friday afternoon and started to prepare fresh ingredients like lettuce, tomatoes, onions, avocados, bacon, and cheese for the make-your-own-burger bar that is the trademark of the “Burger Madness” event. All the fixings were graciously donated by local businesses Albertson’s and Creekside Market.

The star of the show, however, were the burgers. “These weren’t frozen pre-made burgers,” explained Troop 268 Scout Leader and Elk member Beth Carlson. She continued, “Hog Island Meats donated fresh ground beef, and they were amazing. I had several people ask me where we got them from.” Scouters were slinging burgers like pros out of the Elks Lodge kitchen for hungry Scouts, Elks, and friends. Carlson pointed out that everything for the Burger Madness fundraiser, from the food to the kitchen and dining area at the Lodge were donated, allowing all proceeds to go to Troop and Pack 268.

In total, over \$1,000 was raised at the 2-hour event. The proceeds will go towards summer activities for the Scouts, including the annual Yellowstone Memorial Day Fishing & Camping Trip. “We try to provide opportunities for kids that they otherwise wouldn’t have,” said Troop 268 Scoutmaster David Watson. Watson went on to say that fundraisers like this help them to deliver these activities to local Scouts regardless of their economic status.

“We love helping the Scouts and their programs,” said Elks Lodge No. 1713 Exalted Ruler Valerie Peterson. Peterson notes that both the Boy Scouts of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks share the values of supporting local youth, our community, and our country. “The Jackson Elks Lodge looks forward to more opportunities to work alongside and support our local Scouting organizations,” Peterson concluded.

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