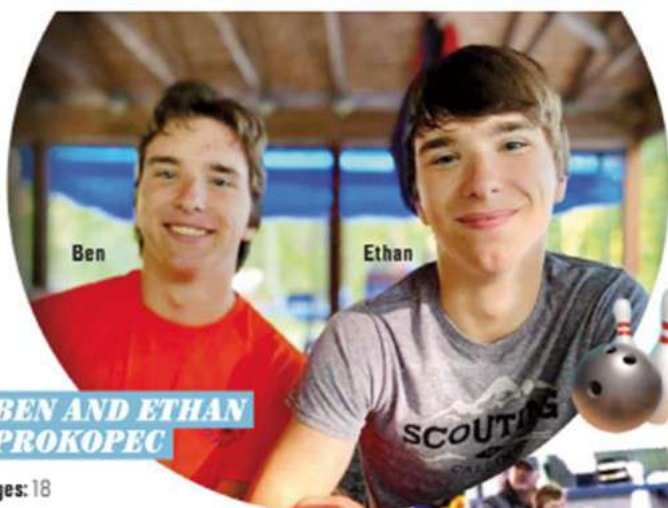


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BEN AND ETHAN PROKOPEC

Ages: 18

Hometown: Spring Lake, Michigan

Scout Rank: Eagle Scouts (Troop 37, Spring Lake)

Made Headlines: At the 2024 Michigan State U.S. Bowling Congress Youth Championship, where brothers Ben and Ethan teamed up to take first in Doubles in Division A. Ben went on to take first in Singles and All-Events. Bowling for Grand Haven High School, he was named to First Team All-Conference and First Team All-State for the 2023-24 season. He also was runner-up in Division 1 Boys Singles at the 2024 Michigan High School Athletic Association Bowling State Finals.



CYRUS BAHRAMBEGI

Age: 18

Hometown: Arlington, Virginia

Scout Rank: Eagle Scout (Troop 164, Arlington)

Made Headlines: By developing a modified microbial fuel system that generated sustainable energy and electric power using anaerobic cellular respiration from select microorganisms. Cyrus received numerous awards, including the 2024 American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Washington, D.C., Section for Excellence in Engineering; the Yale Science & Engineering Association Award; and the MIT Club of Washington, D.C., Excellence in STEM Research Award. Cyrus was a finalist for the Stockholm Junior Water Prize at the state level for water-related and environmental science research. He also designed a new fungicide to protect crops from fungal pathogens in the biochemical labs at Purdue University.



NIRBHUY ARUN, CHASE HARTMAN AND EKANSH MITTAL

Ages: Nirbhuy: 10, Chase: 19, Ekansh: 18

Hometowns: Nirbhuy: Richland, Washington; Chase: Tampa, Florida; Ekansh: Portland, Oregon

Scout Ranks: Nirbhuy: Webelos Scout (Pack 231, Richland), Chase: Eagle Scout (Troop 46, Citrus Park, Fla.), Ekansh: Eagle Scout (Troop 728, Beaverton, Ore.)

Made Headlines: For being awarded the 2024 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes. Nirbhuy cofounded Kids for Urban Trees and has planted more than 300 trees at local schools, parks and public housing to counter the urban heat effect. Chase cofounded Eco Brothers, a nonprofit that promotes literacy, education equity and conservation. Ekansh has focused research efforts on improving early detection of cancer, discovering new personalized treatments and enhancing success rates of clinical trials and medicines.

