

April Members of the Month!

Our April Members of the Month are a dynamic duo who love climbing, love their community, and love sharing their passion with others! Nate Beiler and Shawn Smucker have been highlighted as members of the month for bringing the most friends and first-time climbers to the Nook so far in 2019. Thanks for sharing your passion with others, staying motivated and inspiring us all to keep climbing and loving every bit of it! Make sure you say hello next time you see them!

Nate Beiler

Years you've been climbing?

Around 4 years.

Why did you start climbing?

I was looking for a challenge and something to do that I didn't know much about.

Best thing about climbing compared to other sports?

The beautiful views .

Places you've been climbing, Indoor and outdoor?

Indoor- About 5 or 6 different places.

Outdoor- Just Safe Harbor so far, hoping to go a lot more places over the next year (just started climbing outdoors last summer).

Favorite style of climbing?

Sport climbing (getting more into bouldering lately though) .

Why you've chosen Spooky Nook as your gym?

Great atmosphere and knowledgeable/helpful staff, plenty of diverse routes and boulder problems, located close to me.

Favorite part about Spooky Nook?

The other members and staff I meet there.

How many people have you introduced climbing to?

Around 20 or so, I've definitely lost count.



Best climbing trip?

A trip out to Safe Harbor last summer that ended up being way too hot for climbing and we ran out of water, but made for a good memory.

Future trips?

The Obed in Tennessee in March, perhaps Oregon in April, closer spots in PA and NY this spring/summer, and hopefully all over the world eventually!

Shawn Smucker

Years you've been climbing?

I have been climbing for about 3 years now. Started with 1 time per week and started to really enjoy it. We are now going around 3 times per week and 4 hours feels like 40 min... or even 20 min maybe...

Why did you start climbing?

Not sure...my friend Nate and I were talking about climbing one time (because he was semi looking for a partner) and I decided to give it a try.

Best thing about climbing compared to other sports?

It really teaches you how relax your mind and focus on moving forward (or "up" if you will). It can be relaxing and really intense all while climbing the same route. Plus, outside is beautiful climbing rocks. I hate basketball.

Places you've been climbing, Indoor and outdoor?

Outdoor, Safe Harbor with Nate. Indoor, Spooky Nook, Reading Rocks, Stone Summit - Kennesaw .

Favorite style of climbing?

Sport climbing with Nate

Why you've chosen spooky nook as your gym?

Closest gym to Lancaster City. And I have to support Sam Beiler or else hahahaha ;/

Favorite part about Spooky Nook?



The community. And, of course, Nate and I really appreciate the routes!

How many people have you introduced climbing to?

I think I am at 8 people now! Trying to get my other friend Nate to join me...but I think it is a lost cause...

Best climbing trip?

Haven't taken too many yet but had some good time at safe harbor with Nate. Weirdest experience was when I stuck my hand on a perfect handhold and it was a bee's nest. 10 bees flew out and Nate dropped me so fast. Luckily, I only got 16 stings and acne.

Future trips?

Going to Obed TN next week! Hoping to climb outside the US this year and take a motorcycle trip with Nate for a couple months around the US to climb.

