

The Reconnaissance

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November Highlights

Theme: Music

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| Nov. 2-4 | <i>Campout</i> |
| Nov. 6 | <i>PLC</i> |
| Nov. 13 | <i>Scouts, Committee,
and Parent Meeting</i> |
| Nov. 17 | <i>Tree Lot Set-up</i> |
| Nov 17-30 | <i>Tree Lot</i> |
| Nov 20 | <i>Tree Lot Training</i> |
| Nov. 27 | <i>REI Recruiting Event</i> |

DECEMBER LOCK-IN

This month the troop had a lock-in. We went bowling, watched movies, ate pizza, and had a lot of fun. We were also very lucky to be at Brunswick the same time Adrian Peterson was. We didn't go over to him and get autographs or anything but it was pretty cool seeing him and a couple other Vikings. Also, there was an opportunity to gain service hours by doing Adopt a Highway Cleanup. I was unable to attend but from what I heard it went great!

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Scoutmaster's Corner

By Scoutmaster Tom Gunderson

December will mark my one year anniversary as your Scoutmaster! It has been fun, sometimes challenging, but always rewarding. I feel now is a good time to share some of what I have learned about scouts and scouting during this past year:



A Scout is....	And I have learned...
Trustworthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most scouts quickly return items after borrowing them. • But then again... I seem to have misplaced my flashlight, cup from my mess kit, spare gloves, pocket knife...
Loyal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our scouts support each other, and proudly wear 695 on the sleeve of their uniform or their new maroon colored "Troop 695 T-Shirts". • But please... No "695 for Life" neck tattoos until you're at least 21.
Helpful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouts almost always jump to help when you ask them. • Some scouts like to be so helpful that they actually find lots of work for other scouts to do!
Friendly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our scouts are friendly and welcoming to cub scouts visiting our troop. • Sometimes it's better if friends do NOT share a tent.
Courteous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Please" and "Thank You" are easy to say, but sometimes hard to remember. • Scouts occasionally are so courteous that they insist another scout should go first when volunteers are needed.
Kind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's easy to be kind if we remember to treat others how we want to be treated. • Kindness is shown in many ways; a smile, working with someone on advancement, sharing bacon on a campout...
Obedient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most scouts understand and follow the rules. • Repeating a statement/rule over and over again, and saying it louder and louder each time, does NOT necessarily help scouts remember something!
Cheerful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being around cheerful scouts makes for a great campout. • Being around cheerful scouts laughing and joking in their tent at 2 am on a campout makes for a crabby Scoutmaster.
Thrifty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being thrifty is not just about money, but also about managing all of your resources in a smart way. • Scouts are very thrifty with soap and water on campouts; they preserve those resources for a longer than expected (and desired) time period... But we're working on it!
Brave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bravery isn't just about "heroic acts", it's also about standing up to bullies or trying something even though you may be afraid. • Asking your Scoutmaster for a "Scoutmaster Conference" should not be an act of bravery... It's just talking to your scoutmaster about 'stuff'.
Clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanliness isn't just about soap and water, it is about a mind that is "morally straight" as well. • In order to clean a dish (plate, bowl, etc.) you must actually put it in soapy water AND scrub it with a sponge... dipping it in soapy water does NOT clean it!
Reverent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When it comes to God, our similarities greatly outnumber our differences. • At least 50% of our scouts sang "out loud" during our November campout Interfaith Worship Service. It's getting better!

Leadership Reports

Turner Gunderson, SPL

Hello Troop 695

We are now moving along into winter, and this month we go indoors to the lock-in. The lock-in will have bowling, games, movies, food, and lots of other stuff. Go there to support the troop. The meetings this month are games and we also have a PLC on the 11th and a COH on the 18th. For the PLC, we will be discussing annual planning, so if you have an idea for a month, go to the PLC with a rough plan for it, and it will likely be picked. The tree lot is also up and running now. So, scouts, go there to work those hours to get money in your scout account. Well, see you at the lock-in and at all the other events this month.

Joe Lindquist

Hi I'm Joe Lindquist and I'm a 2nd year boy scout and doing the tree lot for those 2 years has been really fun. This year I helped the adults set up the lot. There were about ten kids and ten adults and it was a lot of work. We had to pull all the trees that get sold off the back of a tree truck. Then we had to place them in the tree stands and mark the prices on all the trees. I'd guess there were more than 200 trees that we got to sell as the troop. When you work at the lot, you get paid for it with money in your scout account. I like working the tree lot because you are always with one of your friends helping out and you get a free 12oz hot chocolate from the Super America.

From Austin Groe, Troop Historian

Last month the troop held a recruiting event at REI. There was an amazing turnout!

Many Webelos came and had a blast. I saw

every one of them had a beaming smile on their faces that night. I want to thank all of you for talking with them and making them feel welcome. I, as many others do, hope many Webelos join our troop this year!



Benjamin Nichols

It pays off to work hard for something. I know this from personal experience. I have to get up at 5:50 every morning to walk Tracy for almost thirty minutes. I am tired every morning and I have a hard time getting out of bed, but it pays off because Tracy works better at school if I walk her. In science, I was sitting at my desk and then I smelled peanuts. I asked Tracy to check the air and she alerted, so I left the room and did not have an airborne reaction. If I had stayed in class, I would have had a reaction. I got up early that morning and did something that I did not want to for my dog, but later that day, she saved me from a reaction

Lucas Dornan and Nico DiGiovanni

Hi, this is Lucas Dornan the Patrol Leader and Nico DiGiovanni the Assistant Patrol Leader for the Cobras. This month's highlight was the R.E.I. climbing event. This was a recruiting event where the Webelos were invited to come and climb with the Boy Scouts. Many, many Webelos came and had a lot of fun climbing with their friends and the older Scouts.

Wyatt Edlund

The Wolverines have been planning an exciting January, themed ice fishing.

Ben Giles

Hello everyone,
This month the Cobras had a great time learning how to set up and work the tree lot and rock climb. It is a great thing to be able to give back to the troop by either helping set up or by helping get more scouts involved. We are looking forward to the month of December and for the lock in to happen. It sounds like a great month and it will be a lot of fun! We hope to see everyone there at the December activities!

Announcements

2012 Tree Lot Update

By Dan Edlund: Tree Lot Coordinator

Thank you to all who assisted in the setup of the tree lot!! We made quick work of the setup and are having another successful season.

The troop Christmas tree lot is running well. We are out of the red, but are a bit shy of last year's sales pace. Please keep up the good work and continue to service the customers with a smile. This coming weekend should be busy, so make sure that you are dressed for the weather and wearing a smile.

Couple of things to remember:

- Make sure that you sign in for your shift.
- Make sure you are updating the tally sheet with the sales
- Sweep the trailer and shake the rugs at the end of the night.

Tree lot tear down will be on December 29th at 9:00 AM. We need help getting all the sandbags and materials back to the church. If we have snow by then we will need help in getting the trailer off the lot. Additional details will be sent later in the month.

Thanks for all of the help in making the tree lot successful again this year!!!

Tree Bags are still just \$2

Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the January *Reconnaissance* will be due on Tuesday, January 15. Please e-mail your articles to groe@usfamily.net. If your computer isn't working, you can hand me your article handwritten and I'll type it up.

Reconnaissance on the Web

The latest issue of *The Reconnaissance* is always available online on our Troop 695 website. Visit www.troop695.org and click on the "Newsletter" link in the left side column.

Advancement Contacts

- Advancement – Jim Horn
 - Board of Review – Marshall Ness
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- Contact information can be found in your Roster. The Merit Badge sign-up book can be found by the ships at each meeting.

Pic of the Month



Mr. Sather

Coming up in January...

Theme: Ice Fishing

***Jan. 8:* Scout, Committee
and Parents Meeting**

***Jan 12-13:* Campout**

***Jan 15:* PLC**

***Jan. 22:* Meeting**

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Available

Class B scout shirts are in stock and available for \$10.00 each. Shirts can be ordered in Small, Med, Large or XL. Payment can be made by cash, check made out to Troop 695 or your payment can be deducted from your scout account. If you are interested in ordering a class B shirt, please email Sally Weatherly at:

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Please indicate size and type of payment.