



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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April Activities

Theme: Ballistics by the Timberwolves



- Apr 7 Troop & Parents Meetings (6:30p)
- Apr 14 Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
- Apr 17-19 Troop Campout
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Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
- Apr 28 Troop Meeting or Patrol Night (6:30pm)

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Training Update – by Mr. Wiig

Youth Leader College (YLC) is back in 2009!
Osseo High School, April 18th 2009

2009 Spring Service Weekends and Camp Openers:
Kiwanis Service Weekend
April 17 – 19, 2009

A special invitation and registration form will be sent to Ordeal and
Brotherhood Candidates.

Phillippo Service Weekend
May 1 - 3 2009

FC Andersen Service Weekend
May 29 - 31 2009

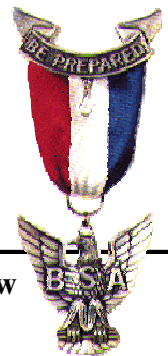
Rum River Service Weekend
May 9 2009

Information for the Youth Leader College, Kiwanis and Phillippo Service
weekends is available a the lodge website. Information for the Andersen and
Kiwanis weekends will be posted on the website soon.

May 16-17, 2009 STAR fun 2009 is Northern Star Council’s Scouting
Super Event at Valleyfair. The May 16th and 17th event is a celebration of
the fun and excitement of Scouting. All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers,
Girl Scouts and their moms, dads, sisters, and brothers are invited!
More information is available at the council website.

Eagle Court of Honor For Kevin Thomsen

Kevin Thomsen’s Eagle
Court of Honor will be
held at 1:00pm on
Saturday,
May 2nd, at Prairie
Lutheran
Church.



Eagle Preview

Tue, 04/14/09, at 7PM
at Immanuel Lutheran Church of
Eden Prairie, 16515 Luther Way,
Eden Prairie MN 55346

All Life scouts, especially Life
scouts and their parents, are strongly
recommended to attend the Preview,
for this will paint you a complete
picture of what is needed, including
the Eagle Project, in order to
complete the Eagle rank
requirements.

Info: Paul Skoog 952-944-3377

Leadership Reports

SPL Scratch – *Paul R.*

I'm not leaving the Troop but have completed my 6 month tenure as Senior Patrol Leader. Thank you to everyone for helping to make it a positive experience. Reed Q and Cody H did a great job as ASPL's. The next six months you will be under the leadership of Dan P. as Senior Patrol Leader. Dan still has some leadership positions to fill and we all need to take a turn helping out. I may have to track you down at an upcoming meeting and do some convincing...

Paul R.
Outgoing SPL



ASPL – *Reed Q*

Merit Badge Madness was a big success. I hope you completed many of your merit badges. It was fun playing basketball and wiffle ball with everyone at Lifetime Fitness. Thank you to all of the leaders and parents who worked very hard to help us achieve our goals. You are awesome!



Den Chief – *Cody M*

This month the Cub Scouts at Pack 422 held a gym night at the Excelsior Covenant Church. The scouts played a variety of games and the parents watched, took pictures and some play too. Next months plans are the Minnetonka District Pinewood Derby and Scouting for food.



Scoutmaster's Corner – *Joe Polta*

We've had the good fortune to recognize new Eagle Scouts at every Court of Honor for a year now. That's quite a testament to our troop!

When the Eagle rank is awarded, there is often talk about the "Eagle Trail." But is the Eagle rank the *end* of the trail? You know the answer -- of course it isn't! Like every other rank, every other badge, it's a marker -- a milepost -- of how far a young man has come. You might come to the last marker on the trail, but the trail keeps going. You might climb the mountain, but there are other mountains to climb, many of them bigger than the one you're on. Even if the trail ends with a roadblock, there is always another way. Keep climbing.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster



Quartermaster – *Josh B*

Things have been pretty slow for the Quartermaster the last few months, due to no campouts. Starting in April, camping begins.

The check out/in system has worked very well. The end of April we will have a shed cleanout. Help would be greatly appreciated.

A date will be sent out once things start warming up with a time. We may be setting up two more low impact patrol boxes.

Let's hope things continue to run smoothly with the start of the new leadership!



Many Point

Scouting News

Get Ready For Many Point - by *Kim Teaver*
7/12 - 18, 2009

Preparations for Many Point Scout Camp are underway and it should be another great week of camping, cooking, merit badge achievements and just plain fun! The dates are July 12 to the 18th and the same cost for scouts as last year, \$300.00. A deposit of \$150.00 is requested at the April 14th Troop Meeting with the remainder due on May 26th. Check the website for more information and maybe a link to a video of the '08 camp out! A permission slip will be in the ship this Tuesday. Just like every year, we'll need to get those swim qualifications taken care of in April for scouts and adults alike. We also need *two* copies of completed medical forms for scouts and adults as well.

Get ready for Many - it's gonna be camptastic!

Many Point Swim Qualifications

Oak Point

6:30 – 7:30 April 15th
6:30 – 7:30 April 29th

Completing the requirement **before** you get to camp will save you time at Many Point and make your camping a whole lot easier. Every scout and adult going to Many Point camp this summer must pass a swim qualification before you can get near the water. Swim qualifications are an annual requirement whether you have the swimming merit badge or not. Two dates have been reserved at the Oak Point Pool to accomplish this task prior to your departure in July.

Cost

Troop 695 will pick up the cost of admission to the Oak Point pool. Simply sign in at the desk when you arrive. If you have an Eden Prairie Community Center membership, you will not be charged. Please show your card when you arrive so the Troop will not be charged.

Questions? Give Kim Teaver a call at 612/986-0303 or email, kteaver@aol.com

See you at the pool!

National Jamboree – by *Erich Schwab*

The National Jamboree is a gathering of scouts from all over the country held every 4 years, and the 2010 Jamboree will be extra special as it marks the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Northern Star Council is planning to take at least 10 “troops” of 36 Scouts and 4 Scouters to this Jamboree, and I will be going as one of the volunteer troop leaders. The location will be Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, south of Washington D.C., and several Troop 695 scouts have already expressed interest in going.

The Jamboree will be July 26th through August 4th 2010. The Northern Star Contingent will plan to do some sightseeing on the way there and back again, which usually extends the trip by three to four days on both ends of the actual Jamboree. The all-expenses included trip cost is estimated at \$2250.

If you are interested in going, visit the Northern Star Council’s 2010 Jamboree link at <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/ActivitiesCivicService/National/Jamboree.aspx> for more information and how to register, or feel free to contact me.

Erich Schwab, Troop 695 ASM
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Troop Leaders

Adult Leaders	
Scoutmaster	Joe Polta
Patrol Coaches	
Flaming Arrows	Paul Kronlokken
Tigers	Doug McKenney Erich Schwab
Bobcats	John Beauchamp Derrick Poirier
Panthers	Mike Madsen
TimberCobras	Burt Boudreaux Erich Schwab Mark Kronlokken Paul Rosol
Thunder Dragons	Mark Jennen Derrick Poirier Mark Donahoe
Scorpions	Bill Brown Mike Toay
Pirates	Craig Beveroth Boon Tan Mark Fairbrother Don Qually
Troop Committee	
Committee Chair	Jeff Shawd
Finance Chair	Jeff Shawd
Fundraising	Carina Smith
Treasurer/Scout Acct	Bob Olson
Check Writer	John Lewis
Advancement Chair	Nancy Madsen
Merit Badge Counselor Coord.	Diane Grunewald
BOR Scheduling	Mike Toay
COH Scheduling	Christy Johnson
Goals	Anne Kollmeyer
Records Chair	
COH Programs	Ellen Hoerle
Medical Forms	Karen Polta
Troopmaster/Roster	Karen Zemlin
Newsletter	Kelly Schwab
Webmaster	Doug McKenney
Activities Chair	John Lewis
Camping	Mike Wiig
Order of the Arrow	Mike Wiig
Quartermaster	Aarne Rairamo Boon Tan Mike Hoerle

Troop Positions <i>(new leaders as of March 24)</i>	
Senior Patrol Leader	Dan P
Asst Sr. Patrol Leaders	Ryan H Brandon S Spencer T
Junior Asst Scoutmaster	Evan F Andrew S
Quartermaster	Luke B
Scribe	Tyler S
Historian	Henry T
Librarian	Brian M
Chaplain's Aide	Michael W
Bugler	Dan J
OA Representative	Open
Troop Guides	
Flaming Arrows	Reece H Cory K
Patrol Leaders	
Pirates (Bald Eagles/Falcons)	Jake B
Thundering Dragons	Cody H
Scorpions	Nate B
TimberCobras	Mitch B
Panthers	Paul H
Bobcats	Will J
Tigers	Josiah J
Instructors	
Camping	Cody H
Cooking	Open
Fire Safety	Jared Z
First Aid	Ben P
Knife/Axe Safety	Open
Knots	Open

Class B Shirts Available

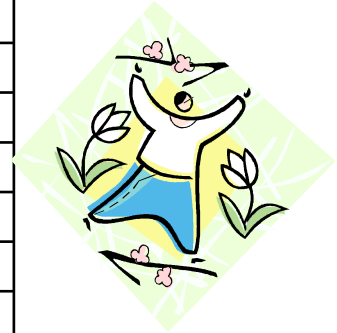
Class B scout shirts are in stock and available for \$10.00 each. Shirts can be ordered in Small, Med, Large or XL. Payment can be made by check made out to Troop 695 or your payment can be deducted from your scout account. If you are interested in ordering a class B shirt. Please email Mary Munkvold at Munkvold1@hotmail.com. Please indicate size and type of payment.

Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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Upcoming Events – April/May

Apr 2	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
Apr 7	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
Apr 14	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
Apr 17-19	Troop Campout
Apr 21	No Troop Meeting; PLC Meeting (6:30pm); Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
Apr 25	Spring 2009 – Leader Specific Training
Apr 26	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due to Kelly Schwab
Apr 28	Troop Meeting or Patrol Night (6:30p)
May 2	Kevin Thomsen Eagle Court of Honor
May 5	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
May 7	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
May 12	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
May 15-17	Troop Campout – Star Fun (Northern Star Council)
May 19	No Troop Meeting; PLC Meeting (6:30pm); Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
May 24	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due to Kelly Schwab
May 26	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)



Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, April 26! Please e-mail your articles to her at kelly.schwab@comcast.net.

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.

Contact information can be found in your Roster.

The Merit Badge Sign-Up book can be found by the "Ships" at each meeting.

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