



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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June Activities

Theme: NASCAR by the Thundering Dragons

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Troop Communication Survey

In the spirit of continuous improvement, we are asking our readers for feedback on their preferences for troop communications. Please provide answers to the following 3 questions to Jeff Shawd. You may either email your feedback to Jeff at jeffshawd@msn.com or record your feedback on this page and place a copy in Andrew Shawd's ship.

- I get the information I need about the troop activities from:
 - attending the monthly parent meeting
 - troop website
 - troop newsletter
 - other (please explain)
- Regarding the troop newsletter, do you think it would be beneficial for the troop to mail the newsletter to each troop family? Yes or No
- I would read the newsletter:
 - in addition to the information that is on the troop website;
 - instead of the online version of the newsletter; or
 - I would not read the newsletter

Seeking Newsletter Editor

I plan to step down from the Reconnaissance editor role after this last issue of the year. If you are interested in becoming our new Editor, starting in September, please contact Jeff Shawd (jeffshawd@msn.com).

Thanks,
Kelly



OA News

To all OA members please remember the the Mustang District Conclave is Sept. 18-20, 2009 at Stearns. The Section C-1A Conclave is the weekend of Sept. 11-13. The registration form was sent out this past week to members. It will hopefully be available soon at the lodge website.

Leadership Reports

SPL Scratch – *Dan P.*

This month, we finally completed JLT for the incoming leadership. Although it could have gone better, I am optimistic that we can accomplish much. I was not able to attend May's campout, but I heard that it was a lot of fun for everyone. We still have not had any auditions for the position of bugler, so approach me if you can play trumpet and want this position. As we enter the summer months, I ask all scouts to not severely injure themselves or others with raucous end-of-school antics. A scout is courteous.



Scoutmaster's Corner – *Joe Polta*

We're fortunate to have a troop that plans a lot of outdoor events, has traditions, and is willing to try new things. Just this month alone, you'll get a dose of tradition at our Court of Honor, a night at Raceway Park (something new for our troop), and a mix of the two -- our third biennial Black Hills trip, with some changes from previous years, including a very special event: the flag-lowering at Mount Rushmore. Next month, another tradition -- Many Point Scout Camp.

While all that is going on, a number of Scouts and Scouters are going on other adventures: Grey Wolf, NAYLE, bike tours, Philmont Training Center, and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. And those are only the things I know about today.

All of this is a long way of saying that in this organization, you can write your own ticket for outdoor adventure. If you don't know how to do that, ask your patrol leader, senior patrol leader, patrol coach, or me for help. You're not in this alone. Help is always available. It's your program to use.



I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.

ASPL – *Brandon S*

It's the last month for meetings of the year. Even though I could not make it to the campout, I've heard it was a big success. All together I think this month went pretty well, and JLT went well too. Over the summer, I bet you're all excited for Many Point, especially the new scouts. I myself am looking forward to Grey Wolf, which will give me new skills to be a leader in the troop next fall.

Librarian – *Brian M*

Hi this is Brian the troop librarian. Please bring in all the old merit badge books you are not using. Every book we reuse saves the troop money. please bring in the books asap because I will be reorganizing the library soon. Either drop the books off on the library or in my ship.

Den Chief – *Cody M*

This month the Cub Scouts at Pack 422 held an egg drop at Chapel Hill Academy. Each Cub Scout provided a fresh egg and put it in a box filled with various materials to try to keep the egg from breaking. The Pack brought in a fire truck and dropped each egg from 80 feet. I was surprised to see how many of the Cub Scouts egg actually survived the drop. The kids had a great time and so did I.

Pirates – *Jake B*

In the past month the Pirates have been somewhat active. The month was highlighted by the Eagle Court of Honor of Kyle K, which the majority of the Pirates attended. This summer brings a lot of opportunities for our patrol. Though some are fading out of the troop, others will be traveling all over the place with scouting. I know I am not the only one of us that hasn't completed the rank of eagle, so I would like to encourage those of you who are close to finish soon.

Troop News

Parent Meeting Highlights May 2009 Meeting

2009 Budget

Troop Committee decision: budget approved. Mr. Polta & Mr. Shawd to meet May 8 to start Fall program planning.

Bank/Scout Account Balances

Troop Committee decision: 1st year scouts to receive estimate for fundraising balance – to help with expenses for summer activities.

Flying Cloud Update

Shack is open! Sign up on Troop 695 website for shifts.

New Business

Open Volunteer Positions:

- Finance Chairman (contact Jeff Shawd)
- Newsletter Editor (contact Jeff Shawd)
- Various Merit Badge Counselor positions (contact Nancy Madsen)

Northern Tier

Information to be provided next month regarding high adventure trip in 2010.

Scouting News

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.

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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 –Summer

June 2	Troop Court of Honor (6:30pm)
June 11	Mustang District Roundtable – District Steak Fry
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Bulletin Board

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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