

The Reconnaissance



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November Highlights

Month's Overview

Theme: Cooking

November 5: Scout Meeting

November 8-10: Campout

November 12: Scout Meeting

November 19: Rock Climbing recruiting event

November 26: Tree Lot training

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November was a little less busy than last month. We had a Cooking Campout at the beginning of the month. The secret ingredient for cooking was Tang.

The picture above is of the carnival we volunteered at. The volunteering was a blast. It was amusing to see the others challenge friends at a game and watching them try to make it in the toilet or hole, depending on the game. The carnival was a success.

Leadership Reports

Austin Groe, SPL

Hey Everyone,

This month was a very successful (and delicious) month. The month started out by learning about food preparation and safety. While learning about food, we also watched a couple episodes of Iron Chef America. At the campout, the troop held a cooking competition for every meal.

Breakfast was based on looks only, lunch was based on taste only, and dinner was based on looks and tastes.

Everyone got creative and made some amazing food for a campout! On the Tuesday after the campout the troop held it normal PLC. In the PLC we discussed how the campout went, and we started with annual planning. The annual planning is still in the very early stage and all we're doing right now is brainstorming ideas. After the PLC, Mr. Schwab held a meeting about Sea Base. This year, Sea Base will be during Spring Break. The big thing we talked about in the meeting was traveling and what our boat would be like. Mr. Sather has been in contact with some people trying to get us a fair rate down to Florida. One more thing that was discussed was how many open spots there still are. As of November 16, there is only one open spot left. For those of you who want to go and haven't signed up yet, I suggest you sign up ASAP.

Thanks for another great month everyone,
Austin, SPL

Kyle Weatherly

Hello, Troop 695! During the last month, there was a nice service project to do for all scouts. Assisting at the Eden Lake carnival was a blast! The players were fun to watch, sometimes laughing at the other for missing, then missing themselves. The carnival was quite successful by what I saw. It also counted for service hours for those First Class and above, a bonus! This month was a little less hectic than last month, but still just as enjoyable.

Announcements

Christmas Tree Lot Update

By: Dan Edlund, Tree lot
Coordinator

The tree lot is up and going!
Thanks to all who helped
with the set-up.

TEAR DOWN

Tear down of the lot will likely be on December 28th. This will be when any remaining stands are disassembled, and all materials are hauled to the church for storage until next year. Additional details will be sent as the date approaches.

Thank you to everyone that will assist in making the tree lot successful again this year!!

If you have any questions or concerns about the tree lot, feel free to contact me at Treelot695@hotmail.com

Varun Saini

Hi, Varun here from the Phoenix patrol! I'm going to talk about the cooking competition we had this month. Every patrol was supposed to compete in it. For breakfast, our meal had to look good. For lunch, our meal had to taste good, and for dinner, our meal had to look **and** taste good. Plus, for dinner we had to use our secret ingredient (Tang) which was revealed to us right before dinner. My patrol made waffles for breakfast, fried rice for lunch, and for dinner we had burgers wrapped with bacon. The big highlight of our November camping trip was the results for the cooking competition. The Phoenixes won! This month was a great experience for us all, and it brought us **that** much closer to getting the cooking merit badge.

Blake Heyman

I was unable to attend the last campout, but from what I heard, it went well. I hosted a patrol meeting to plan the campout for January, which is Winter Camping. Overall the past month has gone great.

Connor Pesheck

November Campout in Retrospect

We had a great time on the campout, and in case you didn't know, the results were

1st Place - *The Phoenixes*

2nd Place - *The Scorpions*

3rd Place - *The Raccoons*

Last place - *The Older Scouts*

And if you didn't already know or find out, the secret ingredient was ... TANG!

It is an orange drink mix if you don't know what Tang is.

I hope everyone had a fun time.

See ya!

Connor Weatherly

Hello Troop 695!

There was a recruiting event recently, and we went rock climbing! At this event, we ended up having two giant pillars of rocks to climb on. One was 35 feet tall, and the other 75 feet. For those who were not interested in climbing at all, there was a chess set in the corner where some scouts played, including me. Although there was chess, none of the visitors played. Shocker! All of the visitors ended up climbing, and I believe that that they really enjoyed their time at the recruiting event. At least 5+ hopefully new troop members attended. The climbing event was exceedingly fun!

Sincerely, your #1 Quarter Master,
Connor Weatherly

Troop Leadership – Elected Positions:

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Patrol Leader – Raccoons	Connor Peshek
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Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the December Reconnaissance will be due on Wednesday, December 18th. Please e-mail your articles to kwweatherly19@blakeschool.org. If your computer isn't working, you can hand your article handwritten and I'll type it up.

Reconnaissance on the Web

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Coming up In December...

Theme: Snow Sports

December 3: Scout Meeting and parent meeting

December 6-7: Lock-in

December 10: Scout Meeting

December 17: Court of Honor

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