



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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January Highlights

Theme: Winter Camping by the Bobcats

- Jan 1 Troop meeting and parents meeting
- Jan 7 Mustang District Roundtable
- Jan 10 Christmas tree lot cleanup (**Great Job!**)
- Jan 12 Sledding at Staring Lake with Webelos (**Great Fun!**)
- Jan 15-17 Troop campout: North Wind
- Jan 19 PLC/Committee meeting/ASM meeting
- Jan 23 Woodbadge breakfast
- Jan 26 Troop meeting/Merit Badge Madness commencement

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Xmas Tree Lot

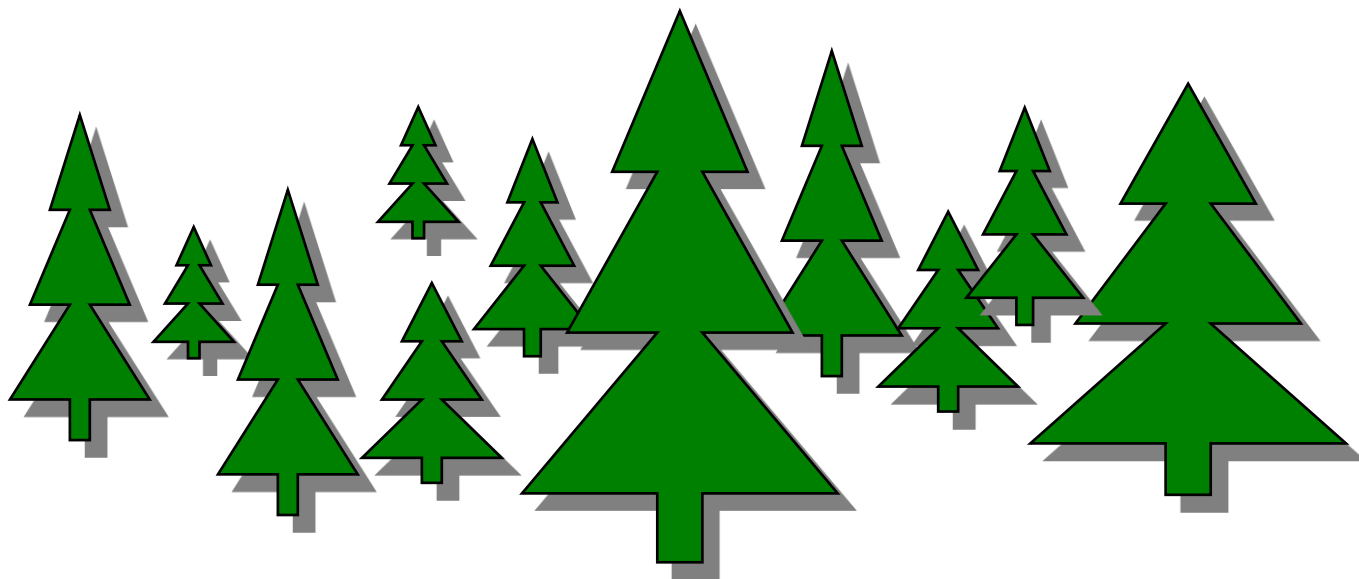
– Mike Toay

Greetings everyone!

I want to once again thank everyone for helping out. We had a very successful year, and our scouts earned approximately \$10 per hour for their scout accounts.

I am looking forward to working on the tree lot again next year. Please let me know if you can help me out with the planning and organizing.

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Merit Badge Madness – Marshall “Mad” Ness

The winter of 2010 has been interrupted by sheer madness!

Yes indeed, Merit Badge Madness 2010 is underway with scouts striving to complete three merit badges among a dozen offered.

There will be four merit badge class sessions on Tuesdays starting January 26, and Merit Badge Madness culminates with a weekend retreat at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI February 19-21.

The weekend will include 3-4 merit badge sessions and two “study hall” blocks in which scouts can work on their merit badges and get help from their counselors.

The weekend will also include Olympic events to coincide with the 21st Winter games in Vancouver, with competitions like Snoccer (snow soccer) and The Fantastic Plastic Playoff (sliding).

There will also be a skiing and snowboarding outing at Afton Alps for those interested in a vertical venture.

Those with questions about the month long festivities should contact Marshall “Mad” Ness at 651-485-6598.

Leadership Reports

ASPL – Reece H.

Hello! The camping trip to North Winds this month was great. We had ten scouts go on the trip and I feel they all enjoyed it.

We left for North Winds Friday night and began preparing to leave the cabin. In the morning, we finished packing our equipment and put on the gear they provided us. We then packed up two sleds and headed out. We walked about a mile, walked off the beaten path a little bit, and finally made it to our campsite. Next we set up a parachute, then ate lunch. When we were done we made quinzhees and ate dinner. After dinner we dug out the quinzhees, went on a night hike and then hit the hay. We then got up the next morning, packed up, hiked back to the cabins, unloaded, had a feast, and then came home. Overall I thought it was a great trip and that the crew we had was great!

Scribe – Ben P.

These are the attendance records for January:

1/5/2010	Meeting at church	32 Scouts
1/12/2010	Sledding hill	20 Scouts
1/16/2010	North Winds	10 (Adventure) 8 (Experience)
1/26/2010	Merit Badge Madness	29 Scouts



Leadership Reports

Historian – *Brian M.*

Congratulations to all scouts who survived the January camp out. We had fun sleeping in the snow caves and parachute. Maybe next year we can earn the Zero Hero Award. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at MBM.

First Aid Instructor – *Aaron H.*

Aaron's First Aid Tip of the Month:
Make sure to stay fit during the winter months by getting outdoors and exercising. Indoor tracks and fitness clubs work too.



Chaplain's Aide – *Lars H.*

As Chaplain's Aide, I decided to submit a prayer for the people in Haiti.

Dear Lord,
Please bless the people of Haiti. Help them to be reunited with their families and friends safely. Supply them with food, water, medical supplies/assistance, and hope to meet both their physical and spiritual needs. Amen.



New Merit Badges & Tour Permits

– *Michael Wiig*

There will be 4 new merit badges by the end of the year. They will be:

- Inventing (First quarter 2010)
- Geocaching (Second quarter 2010)
- Scouting Heritage (Second quarter 2010)
- Robotics (Fourth quarter 2010)

There are also some retro/old school merit badges ONLY available for 2010. They are:

- Signaling
- Tracking
- Pathfinding
- Carpentry

Remember you need to have tour permits to be covered by Northern Star Council insurance. This is for travel to anywhere except council camps (Stearns, Rum, Phillip, etc.). There are local tour permits (under 500 miles from EP) and national tour permits (more than 500 miles from EP). Let me know if you need help with tour permits and ideas about where to camp.

Please be alert that in the past there was a white 3-ringed binder full of camping literature. If anyone finds it please return it to the troop library.

Scouting News

District Scouting: 100th Anniversary Mustang Style

– A Message from Thomas W. Pahl, Forwarded by Jeff Shawd

On February 4, 2010, the Mustang District will be celebrating with our own district-wide 100th Anniversary of Scouting celebration at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Main Street, Hopkins, Minnesota. See this URL link for directions and parking: <http://www.hopkinsmn.com/hca/directions.html>. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature displays from the North Star Museum of Scouting, special guest speakers (including Eagle Scout and prominent weather personality and inventor, Paul Douglas and rumor has it that there may be a special appearance from The 26th President of *these* United States) and many other Scouting stories and awards to share in honor of this **Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference**. We will also have several other agenda items and guests to help honor the BSA's Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference.

The Mustang District Committee would like to invite Scouts from each Unit, Troops, Packs, and Crews, and we would love to have representation from each Unit in the District for this event. Each Unit that attends should bring its Unit Flag and attending Units will receive a Unit recognition/participation banner to add to the Unit Flag. Please be sure to have someone bring your Unit's Flag and a stand to display the Unit flag. Every Scout and Scouter who attends will also receive a Special 100th Anniversary Mustang District Celebration patch. Of course, as with any fun birthday celebration, there must be CAKE and ICE CREAM to round out the night (for those who might normally attend the District Dinner, this year, we will be conducting the District awards at this event (but will not be serving our usual dinner)). The event should end approximately 8:00 p.m. for your planning purposes.

We extend this invitation to all of your Leaders, parents, families and Friends of Scouting. This event is also a great opportunity for you to reconnect with some of the Scouts and Scouters of the past who have helped make the Mustang District and BSA a great organization for 100 years. Please forward this invitation to your Unit and to anyone else that you believe should be invited. If you have any questions or need further information, contact Tom Pahl, Mustang District Committee Chair, at tpahl@foleymansfield.com or (612) 964-1879.

Northern Tier Canoe High Adventure

– Bill Brown

This summer we will have two crews traveling to the Charles Sommers Canoe Base in Ely. This is one of the three national BSA high adventure camps. (The other two are Philmont and Sea Base.)

We will canoe for a week in the BWCA and Quetico Wilderness. Two Troop 695 troops went two years ago and had fabulous adventures. Each crew consists of 6 scouts, 2 adults and an "interpreter" from the base camp. The crews set their own itinerary and are able to get far into the wilderness to truly enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the region. There's still plenty of time for fishing, swimming and just having fun.

We'll prepare before the trip by having a few canoe skill sessions on water in EP and then a later "shake down" overnight trip on a local river. Each boy will be able to complete the canoeing merit badge. The trips are scheduled for July 30 – August 7 and August 7 – 15.

There are still a couple of spots open. Please see the permission form on the web site and feel free to contact Bill Brown.

Troop Leadership

Scoutmaster		Joe Polta
Patrol Coaches	Flaming Arrows	Paul Kronlokken Tom Gunderson
	Siberian Tigers	Erich Schwab Doug McKenney
	Bobcats	Derrick Poirier John Beauchamp
	Panthers	Mike Madsen
	Cobras	Burt Boudreaux Erich Schwab
	Timberwolves	Paul Rosol Mark Kronlokken
	Scorpions	Bill Brown Mike Toay
	Falcons	Craig Beveroth Boon Tan
	Bald Eagles	Mark Fairbrother Don Qually
	Troop Positions	Senior Patrol Leader
Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders		Luke B. Niko B. Reece H.
Junior Assistant Scoutmaster		Reed Q.
Quartermaster		Tyler S.
Scribe		Ben P.
Historian		Brian M.
Librarian		Tom P.
Chaplain's Aide		Lars H.
Bugler		<i>Open</i>
OA Representative		<i>Open</i>
Troop Guide	Desmond M.	
Patrol Leaders	Flaming Arrows	Ben G./Isaac A.
	Pirates (Bald Eagles/Falcons)	Terrance T.
	Thundering Dragons/Scorpions	<i>Open</i>
	Timber Cobras	Brandon S.
	Panthers	Ben S.
	Bobcats	Lars H.
	Tigers	Michael W.
Instructors	Camping	Cory K.
	Cooking	Will J.
	Fire Safety	<i>Open</i>
	First Aid	Aaron H.
	Knife/Axe Safety	<i>Open</i>
	Knots	<i>Open</i>

Troop Committee Chair		Jeff Shawd
Finance	Finance Chair	Mike Hoerle
	Treasurer	Bob Olson
	Check Writers	Jessica Poirier John Lewis
	Friends of Scouting	Jessica Poirier
	Fundraising	Annette Anderson
	Flying Cloud	Kurt Humfeld
	Fall Wreath Sales	Mary Jean Watras
	Popcorn Sales	Dixie Rairamo
	Christmas Tree Lot	Mike Toay
	Special Events	Annette Anderson
	Aluminum Cans	<i>Open</i>
Advancement	Advancement Chair	Cindy Henderson
	Merit Badge Coordinator	<i>Open</i>
	BOR Coordinator	Mike Toay
	COH Coordinator	Christy Johnson
	Recruiting Coordinators	Burt Boudreaux Don Qually
	Leadership Coordinators	Burt Boudreaux John Lewis
Records	Eagle BOR Coordinator	Nancy Madsen
	EP Foundation Liaison	<i>Open</i>
	Records Chair	<i>Open</i>
	Medical Forms	Karen Polta
	Troopmaster	Karen Zemlin
Activities	Newsletter	Tong Stone
	Webmaster	Doug McKenney
	Activities Chair	John Lewis
	Many Point	Kim Teaver
	High Adventure	John Beauchamp
	Quartermaster	Aarne Rairamo Boon Tan Mike Hoerle
	Camping	Mike Wiig
	Fire Arm Safety	John Beauchamp
	Order of the Arrow	Mike Wiig
	Adult Leader Training	Mike Wiig
Chaplain	Doug McKenney	
Service Projects	Trudy Gunderson	

Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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February Events at a Glance

Feb 2	Troop/parents meeting
Feb 4	Mustang district 100th anniversary of scouting celebration at Hopkins
Feb 5-7	Woodbadge training weekend
Feb 8	100th Anniversary of Scouting
Feb 9	Troop meeting/Merit Badge Madness continued
Feb 12-15	Dog Sled Expedition
Feb 16	Troop meeting/Merit Badge Madness continued
Feb 19-21	Troop campout: Merit Badge Madness weekend at Camp St. Croix
Feb 21	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due
Feb 23	PLC/Committee meeting/ASM meeting
Feb 27	Klondike Derby at Murphy's Landing

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.

Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tong Stone no later than Sunday, February 21th. Please email your articles to tongshilijinshu@yahoo.com.

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

- Boards of Review or Advancement – Mike Toay
- Eagle Boards of Review – Nancy Madsen

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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