



# THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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## March Highlights

**Theme: Marchery by the Flaming Arrows**

- Mar 1 Troop Meeting/Parents Meeting  
**Welcome New Scouts & Parents!**
- Mar 3 Mustang District Roundtable
- Mar 8 Nate Brown Eagle Court of Honor
- Mar 15 Archery & Troop Meeting, Fort Snelling Base Camp
- Mar 22 Committee Meeting/JLT/ASM
- Mar 25-27 Troop Campout at Phillipo
- Mar 29 Troop Court of Honor

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## Eagle News

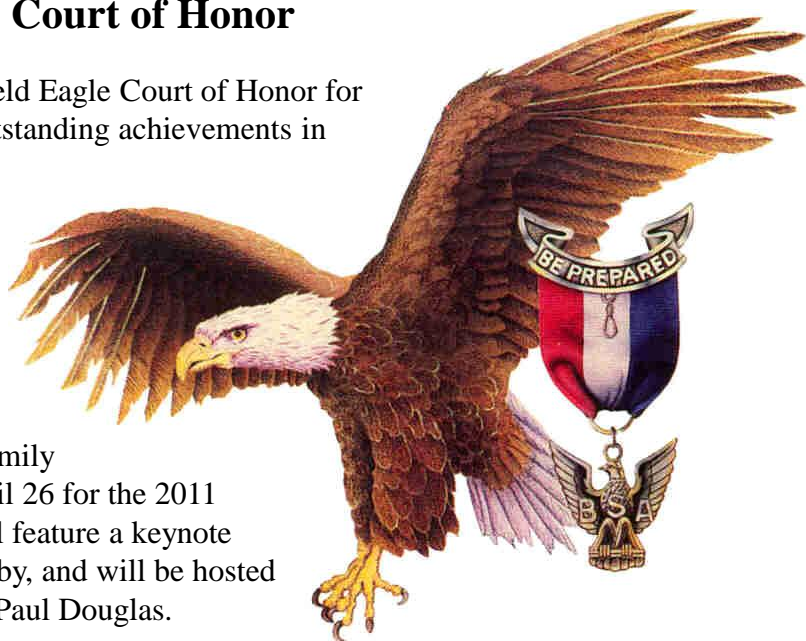
### Eagle Court of Honor

On Tuesday, March 8, 2011, Troop 695 held Eagle Court of Honor for our new Eagle Scout, Nate Brown, for his outstanding achievements in advancing to the highest rank of Boy Scouts.

Congratulations to Nate, and his family!

### Gathering of Eagles 2011

All Eagle Scouts, Scouters, friends and family are invited to come out to Base Camp on April 26 for the 2011 Gathering of Eagles. The annual reunion will feature a keynote speech from former WCCO anchor Don Shelby, and will be hosted by Distinguished Eagle Scout/Meteorologist Paul Douglas.

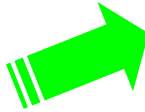


For details, visit <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/News.aspx?articleID=910>.

# Eagle News

*From Mrs. Nancy Madsen (Eagle BOR Coordinator):*

**Tue, Apr 12, 2011**



**Northern Star Council  
Mustang District**

# Eagle Preview

**For LIFE scouts & their parents**

**Tue, 04/12/2011, at 7PM**

**at**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

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 provide you with 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

*From Mr. Erich Schwab (Scoutmaster):*

## Scoutmaster's Corner

Earlier this month Troop 695 held elections to choose the scouts who will lead our troop for the next six months. Holding a leadership position is a requirement for advancement, but Scouts are encouraged and expected to serve regardless to help run the troop. To fulfill your leadership requirement, you must do the following:

- **Show up, in uniform, ready and willing to perform your duties** (or when unable, designate a qualified replacement)
- **Participate in Junior Leadership Training** (held Tuesday, March 22 – if you missed JLT you will need to meet with the SPL to discuss your leadership role)
- **Meet with a Leadership Goals Coordinator** (Mr. Boudreaux or Mr. Lewis) at the beginning of your term to set goals, and again at the end to review how your goals were met and get your book signed-off
- **Attend and participate in the monthly Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)**
- **Submit a monthly article for the Troop Newsletter, *The Reconnaissance***

For those of you seeking advanced leadership training, consider attending Grey Wolf, Northern Star Council's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). This week long program will have you learning leadership skills in a Patrol and Troop setting with the best youth leaders in Minnesota, and will prepare you to deliver "Scouting at its best". Participants must be nominated by their Scoutmaster, so meet with me if you are interested.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Schwab



*From Paul Henderson (Senior Patrol Leader):*

## SPL Scratch

I couldn't have asked the Flaming Arrows for anything better. They did a great job planning their meetings and most importantly their campout. I was especially impressed by the Wolverine's cooking. Kudos to all the scouts that stepped up and decided to take a leadership position!

So, the handing of the torch to our new leaders is going well. Thank you scouts again for electing me as your SPL, and next time you see Matt Boudreaux tell him thanks again for coming out on last week's campout.





# Marchery

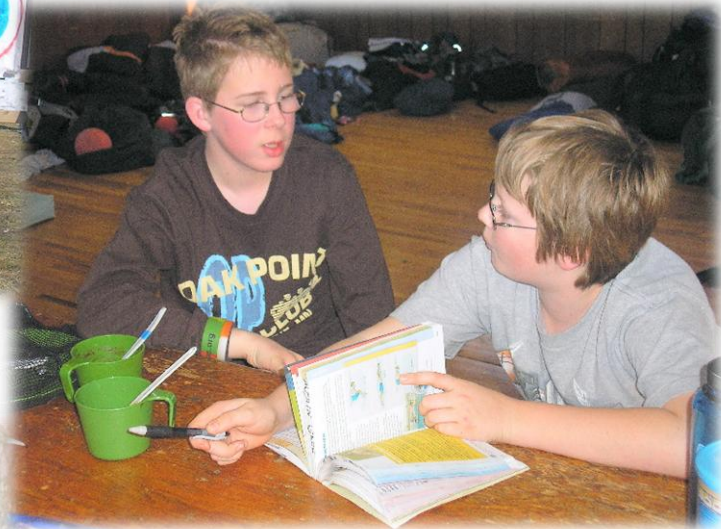
*From Turner Gunderson (Historian):*

This month for 'Marchery' on the campout we had a great time. We played baseball and had an archery contest, which I (Turner) won. We had to shoot balloons, and if nobody hit a balloon you played rock/paper/scissors to see who would win. Both Turner and Benjamin N. got to the "Final Four" on rock/paper/scissors! From then on you had to pop a balloon to advance.

Thanks to Matt Beaudreaux (a Troop 695 Eagle Scout now in college) for taking time out of his own life to come and let us do archery by being the rangemaster for us.



*Lars prepares to pop a balloon and advance in the tournament*



*Austin and Turner review some rank requirements in the BSA Handbook*



*Benjamin has the taco meat steaming!*



*Ben, Lars, Corey, Logan and Paul participate in the tournament*

# Announcements

From Mrs. Jessica Poirier (Friends of Scouting Coordinator):

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2011



Fellow Scouters ...

As the Friends of Scouting campaign comes to an end, I would like to make one more plea for donations to help our troop meet it's 2011 goal of \$8700.

The Northern Star Council currently support of 23,000 volunteers who develop and enrich the lives of more than 77,000 boys and girls from 25 counties. The council provides numerous benefits to all of our youth and adult volunteers. A few of these benefits include:

- The best camps, activities and programs in the country.
- Professional guidance and support that mobilizes several hundred volunteers in our area who work with the kids from our community.
- Free supplemental accident insurance for all registered youth and adults.
- Free primary liability insurance for all registered volunteers.

Friends of Scouting provide these benefits and many more to our children, as well as numerous at-risk youth throughout our 25-county area. The Scouting organization annually spends in excess of \$171 per boy while the registration fee is only \$15.

If we achieve our goal of \$8700 through donations from parents, grandparents & employer matching gifts, our Scouts will receive free rank advancement for the next 12 months.

If you are interested in contributing to this campaign, please contact me as soon as possible. Please remember that *any gift* will be greatly appreciated!

Thanks for your support.

Yours in Scouting,

Jessica Poirier

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# Announcements

*From Mr. John Lewis (Activities Chair):*

## Wood Badge for the 21st Century



Wood Badge is Scouting's premier leadership training course. Six days in duration over two weekends, the course is a multi-faceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team development theory. Its focus is on leadership, not out-of-door skills. In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning beside many other volunteers and professional Scouters, and along the way, will have a great deal of fun. At Wood Badge, you will develop leadership skills that will be applicable to your leadership role(s) in scouting and applicable to your family, job and everyday situations. Wood Badge is for every leader in scouting, i.e. cub scout leaders, boy scout leaders, crew leaders, varsity leaders and district and council volunteers.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be the peak experience of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands. In return, Wood Badge participants have positively affected the lives of millions of America's youth.

If you are interested in attending the Spring 2011 Wood Badge course, the dates of the course are: April 15-17, 2011 and May 13-15, 2011.

Please contact John Lewis or Joe Polta Assistant Scoutmasters for Troop 695 for additional information. Joe and I will also be on staff for the Spring 2011 Wood Badge course so you will see a familiar face during your training.

Course fees are \$225 with a \$100 deposit to hold your space. The troop will provide the full cost of this course. Joe and I look to hear from you soon.



# Announcements

*From Mrs. Cindy Blomgren:*

## Scout Moms

### CANOEING & HIKING TRIP

Current scout moms, as well as moms of past 695-ers are invited to a Women's Canoe & Hiking Trip, May 20 – 22, 2011.

Sleep in a rustic cabin; good hot food served family style in the main lodge! Near the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area at Adventurous Christians Wilderness Center, on the Gunflint Trail, Grand Marais. Hike portions of The Superior Trail overlooking Lake Superior.

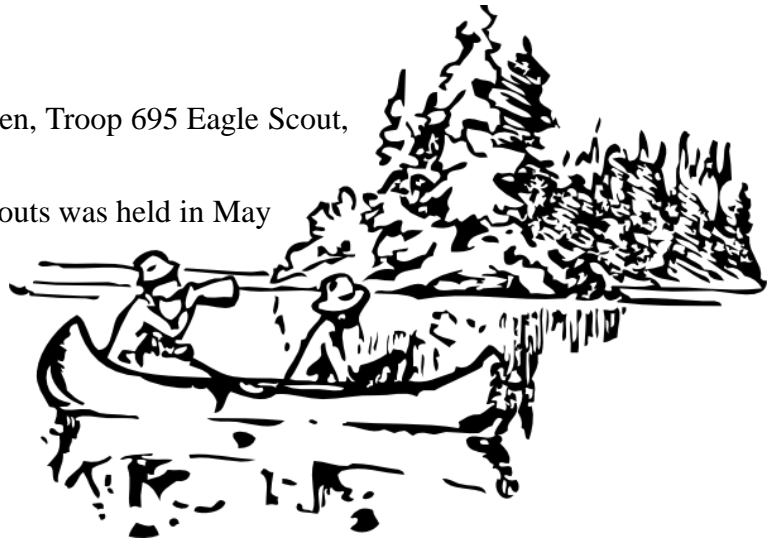
Leaving Friday, May 20 from Prairie Lutheran Church parking lot at 10:00 am. Returning Sunday, May 22nd by 8:00 pm.

For itinerary, registration form and more information contact Cindy Blomgren at [blomgren1@aol.com](mailto:blomgren1@aol.com) or call 952-934-1777.

#### *Note:*

Mrs. Cindy Blomgren is the mom of Eric Blomgren, Troop 695 Eagle Scout, April 2008.

This same Boundary Waters Trip for Moms of Scouts was held in May 2010. Both Mrs. Paula Boudreaux and Mrs. Betty Jo Haggerty (Mom of Nathan, Troop 695 Eagle Scout) attended the trip.



#### **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](mailto:Munkvold1@hotmail.com). Please indicate size and type of payment.

# Troop Leadership

<b>Scoutmaster</b>		Erich Schwab
<b>Patrol Coaches</b>	Wolverines	Joel Nichols Dan Edlund Steve Rorem
	Flaming Arrows	Tom Gunderson Paul Kronlokken
	Thunder Cats	Doug McKenney Derrick Poirier John Beauchamp
	Panthers	Mike Madsen
	Timber Cobras	Burt Boudreaux Erich Schwab Mark Kronlokken
	Thunder Dragon/Scorpions	Bill Brown Mike Toay
<b>Troop Positions</b>	Senior Patrol Leader	Brandon Schwab
	Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders	Ben Schliess
	Junior Assistant Scoutmasters	Reece Hoerle
	Scribe	Ben Stone
	Quartermaster	Corey Prell
	Librarian	Michael Rorem
	Historian	Wyatt Edlund
	Webmaster	<i>Open</i>
	Chaplin's Aid	Ben Giles
	Den Chief	Isaac Anderson
<b>Patrol Leaders</b>	Timber Cobras	John Kronlokken
	Panthers	<i>Open</i>
	Thunder Cats	Lars Henderson
	Flaming Arrows	Brian Ness
	Wolverines	Wyatt Edlund Benjamin Nichols
<b>Instructors</b>	Camping	<i>Open</i>
	Cooking	Logan Sperr
	Fire Safety	<i>Open</i>
	First Aid	Tom Polta
	Knife/Axe Safety	<i>Open</i>
	Knots	<i>Open</i>

<b>Troop Committee Chair</b>		Mike Hoerle
<b>Finance</b>	Finance Chair	Collette Schleiss
	Treasurer	Tong Stone
	Check Writer	John Lewis
	Friends of Scouting	Jessica Poirier
	Fundraising	Annette Anderson
	Fall Wreath Sales	Mary Jean Watras
	Flying Cloud	Annette Anderson
	Special Events	Annette Anderson
	Christmas Tree Lot	Dan Edlund
	Popcorn Sales	Julie McKenney
Aluminum Cans	<i>Open</i>	
<b>Advancement</b>	Advancement Chair	Cindy Henderson
	Merit Badge Coordinator	Cindy Henderson
	BOR Coordinator	Marshall Ness
	Eagle BOR Coordinator	Nancy Madsen
	Merit Badge Madness	Marshall Ness
	Leadership Goals Coordinators	Burt Boudreaux John Lewis
	EP Foundation Liaison	<i>Open</i>
	Recruiting Coordinators	Burt Boudreaux Don Qually
<b>Information &amp; Communications</b>	Information & Comm. Chair	Ellen Hoerle
	Medical Forms	Karen Polta
	Troop Directory	Karen Zemlin
	Troopmaster	Karen Zemlin
	Newsletter	Tong Stone
	Webmaster	Doug McKenney
	New Scout Handbook	Ellen Hoerle
	COH Program Handout	Ellen Hoerle
<b>Activities</b>	Activities Chair	John Lewis
	Many Point	Trudy Gunderson Tom Gunderson
	High Adventure	John Beauchamp
	Quartermaster	David Straight
	Service Projects	Trudy Gunderson
	COH Coordinator	Christy Johnson
	Camping	Michael Wiig
	Fire Arm Safety	John Beauchamp
	Order of the Arrow	Michael Wiig
	Adult Leader Training	Michael Wiig
	Chaplain	Doug McKenney



# Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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## April Events at a Glance

April 7	Mustang District Roundtable
April 9	University of Scouting
April 12	Troop Meeting/Parents Meeting
April 12	Eagle Preview for Life Scouts at Immanuel Lutheran Church
April 15-17	Troop Campout at Webster American Legion
April 16	Science & Engineering Merit Badge Day at University of Minnesota
April 19	Friend of Scouting Forms Due
April 19	Committee Meeting Patrol Leaders Council Assistant Scoutmasters Meeting
April 24	<i>Reconnaissance</i> Articles Due
April 26	Feed My Starving Children
April 26	Gathering of Eagles 2011 at Base Camp

## Bulletin Board

### **Reconnaissance Articles**

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tong Stone no later than Sunday, April 24th. Please email your articles to [tss.ljs@gmail.com](mailto:tss.ljs@gmail.com).

### **Reconnaissance on the Web**

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

### **Advancement Contacts**

- Advancement – Cindy Henderson
- Board of Review – Marshall Ness
- Eagle Board 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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