



# THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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## November Highlights

**Theme: Music by the Thunder Cats**

- Nov 2 Troop Meeting/Parents Meeting  
Pizza Night by Aaron Halpin
- Nov 5-7 Troop Campout at Carver Park  
Family & Webelos Campfire
- Nov 9 PLC/JLT/ASM/Committee Meeting
- Nov 16 Troop Meeting
- Nov 20 Tree Lot Set Up & Opened
- Nov 23 Tree Lot Training
- Nov 30 Patrol Night

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## Scouting News

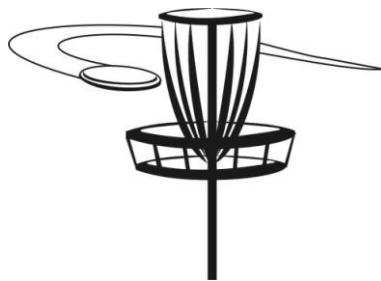
### ***Congratulations!***

To Aaron Halpin, who scored 21 out of 25 clay pigeons during a shotgun outing on October 31, 2010, to lead all Scouts at the event.

Aaron treated the Troop 695 to pizza with his winnings of \$100 for the Troop. Several of our Scouts participated this event.

To Cody Humfeld for his Eagle project on November 6, 2010 to renovate Staring Lake Disc Golf Course.

To Brian Madsen for his Eagle project on November 14, 2010 to build bee hives.



# Leadership Reports

*From Paul Henderson (Senior Patrol Leader):*

Hello everybody. I'm going to sum up the month of November in just a few sentences for those who may have missed something.

Just in the first week of the month we had a campout and an Eagles project. The campout went well in the famed "Africa" with everyone that could attend the complete campout earning a chunk of their music merit badge. I am proud to say that to my knowledge everyone that went for the music merit badge achieved it, including me! Next year's troop plan has been put together at the PLC.

Then the week after the campout another successful Eagle project went down building bee hives, and in the same week I feel confident we may have acquired the interest of several webelos to join our troop.

This month was rounded off with tree lot being set up and now everybody knows what to do while at tree lot and if not then they need to speak to any of the following: me, any of the more senior Scouts, Mr. Toay, or Mr. Schwab. Thank you Thunder Cats for organizing such a fun filled month.



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*From Benjamin Nichols (Scribe):*

This month we made final decisions about annual planning at the PLC. I wrote down some cool stuff. Mr. Schwab and the SPL will finalize the plans soon. I am personally excited about the lock-in.



*From Mr. Erich Schwab (Scoutmaster):*

## Scoutmaster's Corner

We are deep into the recruiting season, and I've had the chance to see our troop at its finest! We've participated in several local recruiting events, and hosted quite a few Webelos Scouts at our troop meetings and November campout. I've talked to many parents of potential scouts, and they are universally impressed by how well Troop 695 runs, and particularly how well it's run by the BOYS.

A few weeks ago I found myself double-scout-booked once again, with a recruiting open house and a Summit Award presentation (congratulations Stefan!) both commanding my presence. After attending the Pack 422 meeting, I scampered over to the recruiting fair at St. Andrew, only to find Aaron Halpin talking to Webelos and parents and doing a better sell job than I ever could. This is what it's all about: adult leaders there to back up young men as they learn to lead. I've never been happier to stand back and watch!

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Schwab



# Leadership Reports

*From Lars Henderson (Thunder Cats Patrol Leader):*

Overall I think the November campout went great.

We made pan flutes, played capture the flag and football, and were able to relax in a big grassy field which is nicknamed "Africa".

At the end of the day we made a big dinner of chili and cornbread, pizza, hamburgers, and cobbler for the guests or family members who came to visit, while Michael Watras and Will Johnson led the schedule for skits around the campfire.



*From John Kronlokken (Timber Cobra Patrol Leader):*

Hello Troop 695!!

I'm John Kronlokken, the patrol leader of the Timber-Cobras. We have been quite busy working on our plan for the month of December and other future months!

In the month of December we are going to have a rock climbing recruiting event, a movie night featuring Karate Kid (don't worry it's the original one), and we are having the Court of Honor on the 21st. I apologize for all the confusion... We are going to have some live holiday music at the COH and Mr. Schwab has said it's OK to wear a Class B to the COH, as long as you wear a holiday themed hat!! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

*From Turner Gunderson (Historian):*



*Cooking during Campout*



*Tree Lot Was Set Up*



*Happy Tree Lot Customers*

# Leadership Reports

# Announcements

*From Ben Stone (Cooking Instructor):*

## Peppermint Bark



### Ingredients:

- Crushed candy canes, 1 cup
- 2 pounds white chocolate
- Peppermint flavoring
- Almond slices

### Directions:

1. Place candy canes in a plastic bag and hammer into 1/4-inch chunks or smaller.
2. Melt the chocolate in a pot or pan.
3. Combine candy cane chunks with chocolate (add peppermint flavoring and sliced almonds at this point if desired.)
4. Pour mixture onto a cookie sheet layered with parchment or waxed paper and place in the refrigerator for 45 minutes or until firm.
5. Remove from cookie sheet and break into pieces to desired size.

Enjoy!



*From Mr. Michael Wiig (Camping & OA):*

### Dog Sledding

Greetings. We still have room for one more Scout for the dog sledding expedition February 18th to 21st. We leave between 12noon-1PM. Please let me know if you are interested.

The trip alone is \$375.00. Other costs: food on the way to Ely and back, the optional wicking t-shirt (\$20), trading post at Okpik.

### Merit Badge Night

Remember: Merit Badge night, Monday, December 6th from 6:30-8:00PM. We will meet in the large meeting room this time.

Let me know what you want to work on so I can review the requirements. Please come with blue cards, merit badge pamphlets, prior knowledge, etc..

See you then.

Mr. Wiig

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*From Mr. Erich Schwab (Scoutmaster):*

Troop 695 has secured two Philmont crews for July 23 to August 4 next summer for up to 20 scouts plus at least 4 adult leaders. Scouts must be 14 years old by the start of the trip. Go – you won't regret it!

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Editor's Note:

The October issue of *The Reconnaissance* contains a special Message from the Scoutmaster about the Philmont High Adventure.



# Announcements

*From Mike Hoerle (Committee Chair):*

## It's Recharter Time!

Look for an e-mail in the near future that will include important information regarding the recharter process for scouts and adults. The e-mail will include an attachment that will ask for important scout and adult information and also provide information as to how to access our record keeping software, Troopmaster Web. This attachment recharter form is due back to Mike Hoerle by December 21, 2010.

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*From Ellen Hoerle (Information & Communications Chair):*

## Adult Recharterers & Youth Protection Training

As of June 1, 2010, all adults chartered with the troop must take Youth Protection Training (it is offered online through the council website <http://olc.scouting.org/info/ypt.html>). There are some adults that are currently chartered but have not taken YPT. Those adults will not be allowed to recharter next January unless they take YPT. This applies to adults who are registered as merit badge instructors as well. Later in the fall, I will be gathering dates for adult training courses to input into Troopmaster, so if you take YPT or any other training course, please e-mail me ([ellen\\_hoerle@mac.com](mailto:ellen_hoerle@mac.com) or [hoerle@q.com](mailto:hoerle@q.com)) the with the completion date and name of the course.

Thank you.

*From Ellen Hoerle (Information & Communications Chair):*

## Web Troopmaster

User IDs and passwords for Web Troopmaster are now available.

Please e-mail Ellen Hoerle at [ellen\\_hoerle@mac.com](mailto:ellen_hoerle@mac.com) to get the user ID and password for your scout, so you can check the information we have in Troopmaster, and provide any necessary changes on your recharter form. The website is <https://www.troopmasterweb1.com/020098T>.

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*From Ellen Hoerle (Information & Communications Chair):*

## Troop Website

I would like to update the website and make it more user friendly. In talking with Doug McKenney, I learned that it is very easy to make changes to the troop calendar on the website. So I would like feedback as to how we can update the website and make the calendar more helpful to everyone while at the same time consider any security issues we need to take into consideration. Please e-mail me at [ellen\\_hoerle@mac.com](mailto:ellen_hoerle@mac.com) with comments or concerns and changes you would like to see made to the website.

## 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<br>Dan Edlund<br>Steve Rorem          |                 |
|                        | Flaming Arrows                  | Tom Gunderson<br>Paul Kronlokken                   |                 |
|                        | Thunder Cats                    | Doug McKenney<br>Derrick Poirier<br>John Beauchamp |                 |
|                        | Panthers                        | Mike Madsen                                        |                 |
|                        | Timber Cobras                   | Burt Boudreaux<br>Erich Schwab<br>Mark Kronlokken  |                 |
|                        | Thunder Dragon/Scorpions        | Bill Brown<br>Mike Toay                            |                 |
|                        | Senior Patrol Leader            | Paul Henderson                                     |                 |
|                        | Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders | Aaron Halpin<br>Tom Polta<br>Ben Schliess          |                 |
| <b>Troop Positions</b> | Junior Assistant Scoutmasters   | <i>Open</i>                                        |                 |
|                        | Webmaster                       | Tyler Schwab                                       |                 |
|                        | Quartermaster                   | Will Johnson                                       |                 |
|                        | Scribe                          | Benjamin Nichols                                   |                 |
|                        | Historian                       | Turner Gunderson                                   |                 |
|                        | Librarian                       | Brian Madsen                                       |                 |
|                        | Bugler                          | <i>Open</i>                                        |                 |
|                        | Troop Guides                    | <i>Open</i>                                        |                 |
|                        | <b>Patrol Leaders</b>           | Thundering Scorpion Dragons                        | <i>Open</i>     |
|                        |                                 | Timber Cobras                                      | John Kronlokken |
| Panthers               |                                 | <i>Open</i>                                        |                 |
| Thunder Cats           |                                 | Lars Henderson                                     |                 |
| Flaming Arrows         |                                 | Brian Ness                                         |                 |
| <b>Instructors</b>     | Wolverines                      | Wyatt Edlund<br>Benjamin Nichols                   |                 |
|                        | Camping                         | <i>Open</i>                                        |                 |
|                        | Cooking                         | Ben Stone                                          |                 |
|                        | Fire Safety                     | <i>Open</i>                                        |                 |
|                        | First Aid                       | Michael Watras                                     |                 |
|                        | Knife/Axe Safety                | <i>Open</i>                                        |                 |
|                        | Knots                           | <i>Open</i>                                        |                 |

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Troop Committee Chair</b>            |                               | Mike Hoerle                   |
| <b>Finance</b>                          | Finance Chair                 | Collette Schleiss             |
|                                         | Treasurer                     | Tong Stone                    |
|                                         | Check Writers                 | Jessica Poirier<br>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            | Mike Toay                     |
|                                         | 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<br>John Lewis  |
|                                         | EP Foundation Liaison         | <i>Open</i>                   |
|                                         | Recruiting Coordinators       | Burt Boudreaux<br>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                    | Kim Teaver                    |
|                                         | 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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## December Events at a Glance

|             |                                                                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 2  | Mustang District Roundtable                                                        |
| December 6  | Merit Badge Night                                                                  |
| December 7  | Climbing at REI: Troop Recruiting Event                                            |
| December 14 | Movie Night                                                                        |
| December 21 | Troop Court of Honor                                                               |
| December 25 |  |
| December 26 | Tree Lot Tear Down<br><i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due                           |

## Bulletin Board

### **Reconnaissance Articles**

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tong Stone no later than Sunday, December 26th. Please email your articles to [tongshilijinshu@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.troop695.org) and click on the "Newsletter" link in the left side column.

### **Advancement Contacts**

- Advancement – Cindy Henderson
- Boards of Review – 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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