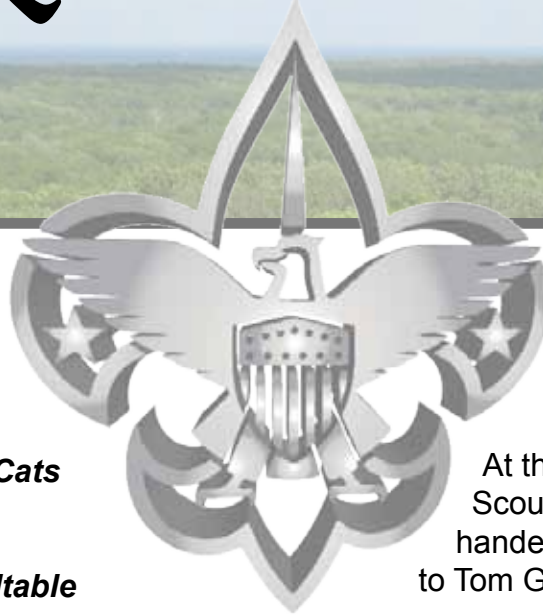


# The Reconnaissance

Boy Scout Troop 695  
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## December Highlights

*Theme: Lock-in - Thunder Cats*

- Dec 1**      ***Mustang District Roundtable***
- Dec 6**      ***Troop Meeting***
- Dec 13**     ***John Kronlokken Eagle COH***
- Dec 16**     ***Lock-in at Prairie Lutheran***
- Dec 20**     ***Court of Honor***

## Scoutmaster change

At the December Court of Honor, Scoutmaster Erich Schwab handed over the reins of Troop 695 to Tom Gunderson.

While we will all miss Scoutmaster Schwab, he has left Troop 695 in capable hands. After all, we all know this isn't Scoutmaster Gunderson's first rodeo.

Thank you Mr. Schwab for your dedication and guidance. And most importantly, thanks for teaching our young men about leadership.

Thanks to Mr. Gunderson for stepping up to drive the bus. We are looking forward to a good ride!



Scoutmaster Schwab passes on the keys to the scoutmaster tent to Tom Gunderson.

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# Scoutmaster's Corner

By Scoutmaster Tom Gunderson



First, I have to say I am very proud, excited, and just a little bit nervous about my new role as Scoutmaster. Following in the footsteps of Mr. Schwab, and Mr. Polta before him, I know I have

big shoes to fill. As I reflect upon the role however, I realize that while a Scoutmaster can, and should, leave an imprint upon the troop through their leadership, it is not, in fact, his troop. This was not Mr. Schwab's troop, and before him it was not Mr. Polta's troop. And now, it is NOT Mr. Gunderson's troop.

Scouts, this is YOUR troop. Myself and all the other adult leaders are here to support you, keep you safe, encourage you, guide you, etc. But it is still YOUR troop.

The #1 job of a Scoutmaster is not to go on every campout, tie the best knots or memorize the Scout Handbook. The #1 job of a Scoutmaster is to 'train youth leadership'. And why would this be so important? Because it is YOUR troop, YOU are the leaders of YOUR troop!

As we enter the new year, I'd like each of you to consider that this is YOUR troop. What do you want your troop to be like? What do you want to get out of it? And perhaps most importantly, what are you willing to put into it?

I am very proud to be your new Scoutmaster, but remember, it is still YOUR troop!

# Leadership Reports

## *From Benjamin Nichols Troop Historian*



We have had a very active month in scouting. Many of you helped the troop fund raiser and worked shifts at the tree lot. I know I did. We did a great job recruiting at the REI climbing wall and Court of Honor, and we have even had some scouts commit already.

I had fun recruiting at a cub scout pack meeting with Josh Boudreaux and Michael Watras (and the midget scout Jimmy). I know we had some eagle projects this month. I went to help my friend from another troop.

We also had a lock in. Sadly, I wasn't able to attend, but I'm sure that it was lots of fun and the Thundercats did a great job putting that together. I can't wait to see what the new year holds.

## *From Nic McKenney Thunder Cats Patrol Leader*

On Dec. 16 the Thundercats led the lock-in. It was a blast and everyone had a ton of fun. We went to Skyzone for part of the night, which was one of my favorite activities. Then, we partied until about 3:00 when we had "lights out." Some scouts went to sleep then, but a lot stayed up all night. It was a lot of fun, and I hope we can do something similar again next December.



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## ***Leadership Reports cont.***

On Dec. 6 we led a chess night. We had a chess night instead of a movie night because we were having the lock-in. That meeting was a lot of fun and we played several games of human chess. In human chess, the scouts were the pieces and played the game in a giant chess board. Overall, the month of December was really fun, and I cant wait for next year.

### ***From Ben Stone Raccoon Troop Guide***

Hi, Troop 695!  
It's been a nice month. The Thundercat Patrol did a good job organizing the chess events. The lock in was a blast and I hope to go to Sky Zone again sometime soon. The Raccoon Patrol has been working hard on their ranks and merit badges, and have been progressing rapidly. I hope you all will have a great new year!



### ***From Brian Ness Troop Librarian***



I have placed a merit badge book sign-out sheet with a pen and clipboard in the troop library at church. Please use this to sign out merit badge books when you use them. This goes for both scouts and adults.

I'm at most meetings so you can ask me questions about this if you have any.

Thank you.

## **Announcements**

### ***Merit Badge Madness 2012 begins on January 31***

by Marshall "Mad" Ness, Merit Badge Madness Coordinator

Merit Badge Madness 2012 begins on Tuesday, January 31. I will be at the January 3rd parents meeting to explain the event and answer any questions, but here are some major details:

1. The six Eagle required merit badges are as follows, with their instructor in parenthesis: Citizenship in the Community (Mr. Boudreaux), Citizenship in the World (Mr. McKenney), Citizenship in the Nation (Mr. Nichols), Family Life (Mrs. Gunderson), Personal Management (Mr. Kronlokken) and Communications (Mr. Straight).
2. The six non-Eagle required merit badges are: Cinematography (Mr. Pratt), Geocaching (Mr. Wiig), Cooking (Mrs. Nichols), Railroading (Mr. Schwab), Home Repairs (Mr. Edlund), and Snow Sports (Mr. Giles).
3. The merit badge classes will take place the following Tuesdays: January 31, February 7, 14 & 21.
4. Merit Badge Madness wraps up with a two day retreat at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI .
5. A group outing at Afton Alps for those interested will take place Sunday after the retreat.

Scouts will have a class schedule and sign-up sheet available to them in January prior to the start of the madness!

It's going to be awesome!

=Marshall "Mad" Ness

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# Troop Leadership

<b>Scoutmaster</b>		<b>Tom Gunderson</b>
<b>Patrol Coaches</b>	<b>Lightning Sharks</b>	<b>Paul Anderson Jim Lovekin</b>
	<b>Raccoons</b>	<b>Dean Sather Justin Pratt</b>
	<b>Wolverines</b>	<b>Joel Nichols Dan Edlund</b>
	<b>Flaming Arrows</b>	<b>Tom Gunderson Paul Kronlokken</b>
	<b>Thunder Cats</b>	<b>Doug McKenney</b>
	<b>Panthers</b>	<b>Mike Madsen</b>
	<b>Timber Cobras</b>	<b>Burt Boudreaux Mark Kronlokken</b>
<b>Troop Positions</b>	<b>Senior Patrol Leader</b>	<b>Michael Watras</b>
	<b>Assistant Senior Patrol Leader</b>	<b>Turner Gunderson Matthew Kronlokken</b>
	<b>Troop Guides</b>	<b>Ben Stone (Raccoons) Isaac Anderson (Lightning Sharks)</b>
	<b>Scribe</b>	<b>Ben Empric</b>
	<b>Historian</b>	<b>Benjamin Nichols</b>
	<b>Quartermaster</b>	<b>Cameron Lovekin</b>
	<b>Librarian</b>	<b>Brian Ness</b>
	<b>Chaplain Aide</b>	<b>David Chadwick</b>
	<b>Bugler</b>	<b>William O'Malley</b>
<b>Patrol Leaders</b>	<b>Timber Cobras</b>	<b>Josh Boudreaux</b>
	<b>Panthers</b>	<b>Aaron Halpin</b>
	<b>Thunder Cats</b>	<b>Nic McKenney</b>
	<b>Flaming Arrows</b>	<b>Ben Giles Isaac Welsch (APL)</b>
	<b>Wolverines</b>	<b>Logan Sperr Wyatt Edlund (APL)</b>
	<b>Raccoons</b>	<b>Duncan Sather</b>
	<b>Lightning Sharks</b>	<b>Noah Otis</b>
<b>Instructors</b>	<b>Camping</b>	<b>Open</b>
	<b>Cooking</b>	<b>Isaac Welsch</b>
	<b>Fire Safety</b>	<b>Open</b>
	<b>First Aid</b>	<b>Ben Schleiss</b>
	<b>Knife/Axe Safety</b>	<b>Open</b>
	<b>Knots</b>	<b>Open</b>

## Troop Leadership cont.

<b>Troop Committee Chair</b>		<b>Mike Hoerle</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>John Lewis</b>
	<b>Camping</b>	<b>Michael Wiig</b>
	<b>Fire Arm Safety</b>	<b>Paul Anderson</b>
		<b>Win Giles</b>
	<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Doug McKenney</b>
	<b>Service Projects</b>	<b>Trudy Gunderson</b>
	<b>Philmont</b>	<b>Don Qually</b>
	<b>Many Point</b>	<b>Tom &amp; Trudy Gunderson</b>
	<b>Order of the Arrow</b>	<b>Michael Wiig</b>
	<b>Quartermaster</b>	<b>David Straight</b>
	<b>COH Coordinator</b>	<b>Jennifer Nichols</b>
	<b>Adult Leader Training</b>	<b>Michael Wiig</b>
<b>Advancement</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Jim Horn</b>
	<b>Merit Badge Coordinator</b>	<b>Jim Horn</b>
	<b>BOR Coordinator</b>	<b>Marshall Ness</b>
	<b>Eagle BOR Coordinator</b>	<b>Nancy Madsen</b>
	<b>Leadership Goals Coordinators</b>	<b>Burt Boudreaux</b>
		<b>John Lewis</b>
		<b>Anne Kollmeyer</b>
	<b>Recruiting Coordinators</b>	<b>Burt Boudreaux</b>
		<b>Don Qually</b>
		<b>Jennifer Nichols</b>
	<b>Merit Badge Madness</b>	<b>Marshall Ness</b>
<b>Records &amp; Communications</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Ellen Hoerle</b>
	<b>Medical Forms</b>	<b>Annette Anderson</b>
	<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Tony Compton</b>
	<b>Troop Directory/Troopmaster</b>	<b>Shenglan Long</b>
	<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Doug McKenney</b>
	<b>New Scout Welcome Binder</b>	<b>Ellen Hoerle</b>
	<b>COH Program Handout</b>	<b>Ellen Hoerle</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Collette Schleiss</b>
	<b>Treasurer/Scout Accounts</b>	<b>Tong Stone</b>
	<b>Check Writer</b>	<b>Doug McKenney</b>
		<b>John Lewis</b>
	<b>Christmas Tree Lot</b>	<b>Dan Edlund</b>
	<b>Fall Wreath Sales</b>	<b>John &amp; Mary Jean Watras</b>
	<b>Flying Cloud Snack Shack</b>	<b>Kelly Lindquist</b>
		<b>Connie &amp; Paul Groe</b>
	<b>Popcorn Sales</b>	<b>Julie McKenney</b>
	<b>Special Events</b>	<b>Connie &amp; Paul Groe</b>
	<b>T-Shirt Sales</b>	<b>David Straight</b>

# Bulletin Board

## Reconnaissance Articles



Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tony Compton no later than Friday, January 27th. Please email your articles to [tonycompton@comcast.net](mailto:tonycompton@comcast.net)

## 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.

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# Coming up in January...

**Theme: Winter Activities - Flaming Arrows**

**Jan 3 Parent/Troop Meeting**

**Jan 5 Mustang District Roundtable**

**Jan 10 Troop Meeting**

**Jan 17 Troop Meeting**

**Jan 21-22 North Winds Campout**

**Jan 24 PLC, Committee, ASMs Meeting**

**Jan 31 Merit Badge Madness!**

## 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 cash, 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 David Straight at [straight\\_david@yahoo.com](mailto:straight_david@yahoo.com). Please indicate size and type of payment.

