

# The Reconnaissance



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## January and February Highlights

## Month's Overview

January 10: Sports (Organized by The  
Lightning Sharks)

*January 6: Scout and Parent Meeting*

*January 9: January 11: Camp Out*

*January 13: Patrol Leader Meeting*

*January 20: Scout Meeting*

*January 27: Merit Badge Madness #1*

**February Theme:** *Merit Badge Madness*

*(organized by the Old Goats)*

*February 3 Merit Badge Madness*

*February 10 Merit Badge Madness*

*February 17 Merit Badge Madness*

*February 20-22: Merit Badge Madness Camp*

*February 24: Patrol Leader Meeting*

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Hi, my name is Isaac. I am the historian for troop 695. I made this Newsletter with your collaboration. Your articles were very helpful and full of details. I wasn't there for many meetings but your articles made me feel like I was actually there. Creating this newsletter was much easier with your help. This is my last newsletter for troop 695 and I thank you all for your help and hope you help the next historian. Also, please welcome the new scouts and I hope you have fun in the next few months.

-Isaac

# General Submissions:

My term as SPL was well lived; I think troop wise we kept together and kept organized with minimal hiccups in plans and activities, as far as productivity I believe we learned a lot about leadership and I am impressed with the scout leadership as always. Looking forward I will not be running for a second term due to football and other sporting/family activities. I believe it was a very productive term as SPL I am excited to see the new recruits for this year's cross over!

By Michael Rorem

Troop 695,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Scoutmaster for these past 3+ years, but now it is time for me to step out of that role. At the March COH, we will be having a ceremony to install Mr. Edlund as your new Scoutmaster. I will still be around as an Assistant Scoutmaster, and Patrol Coach for the Flaming Arrows, so I plan to see you often.

My favorite part of being Scoutmaster is that it has allowed me the privilege of getting to know all of you scouts better. Whether through the formal 'Scoutmaster Conference' or just chatting at a meeting or a campout, I always enjoy talking with you about scouts, school, current events, or anything else. Scouting is a program that offers you many opportunities, and I encourage you all to stay active and involved.

I am very proud to have been your Scoutmaster, thank you Troop 695!

Tom Gunderson

Scoutmaster, Troop 695

The theme for this upcoming month of March is "military awareness". We are also subsequently going to be gaining new scouts this same month. We have some fun things planned for our meetings. We will be camping at base camp and get to take a tour of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Joint Air Reserve Station. Hope to see you there.

- Connor Pesheck (ASPL)

Hey Everyone,

As you all know, Merit Badge Madness was last month. Many scouts completed or got started on important merit badges towards Eagle. In addition to that, our troop held one of its marquee events: Merit Badge Madness! While everyone worked on merit badges throughout the day, we also did some other fun things too. The troop went sledding, got some free time, watched Avengers, and did skits. This year's MBM was pretty much the same as a normal year's MBM was with the exception of the ski trip being canceled due to the weather. I hope everyone that went on MBM had a great time and is looking forward to next year. Also, work on finishing those merit badges!

Austin Groe

ASPL

## Troop 695: Merit Badge Madness Recap

Troop 695 held a very successful Merit Badge Madness retreat the weekend of Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at Camp St. Croix in Wisconsin. We had a total of 25 scout participants and 11 parent/leader volunteers who lead 11 different merit badges. Many thanks to all instructors for taking the time to lead at the retreat and during our January and February sessions (Dan Edlund, Colleen Finnegan – who lead two MBs!, Roger L Hipwell, Mike Olson, Justin Pratt, Carolyn Perez, Luis Perez, Leonard Pesheck, Ann Rorem, Gary Schultz, Tong Stone, Lesley Wilson), and to those who spent the evening at the camp supervising our scouts (Roger L Hipwell, David Meyer, Justin Pratt, Carolyn Perez, Luis Perez).

Keep in mind that a strong troop is one that has many contributors and sources of knowledge. Please consider adopting a Merit Badge next year, especially if you weren't able to lead one this year. At a minimum, all it requires is one 70-min Tuesday session During Jan/Feb, and two 50-min sessions at the weekend retreat. And you may team-up with other parent/leaders if you want to share the experience.

Our weekend at the camp included indoor and outdoor activities, as well as plenty of merit badge classes. Despite the sparse snowfall our scouts were able to go sledding, though due to the plunging temperatures and low wind chills on Sunday, the skiing trip to Afton was canceled this year. Saturday evening activities included skits, for which two gold-cups were awarded, and watching The Avengers.

Thanks again to all that helped. I hope all had fond memories from the retreat, and others will consider making it part of their plans for 2016.

Luigi

On February 17, Mr. Halpin, Mr. Schultz, and about 5 scouts paid a visit to a hangar at Flying Cloud Airport. This was one of the required steps towards completing the aviation merit badge. While we were there Mr. Halpin and Mr. Schultz taught and showed us how to do a preflight check, read aviation maps, and tips on how to fly a plane. When we finished with the preflight check, Mr. Halpin gave us a chance to sit in the cockpit of the two seater airplane. He let us move the stick and press the pedals. Once everyone had a chance with taking a seat in the cockpit, we went over and looked at some airport and runway maps, learned how to read a runway, and what the various lights on the runways represent. Once the maps were packed up, we loaded up the cars and headed back to PLC.

By Stefan Schultz

In the February campout we went to the merit badge sessions and got most, if not all of the badges done. After the sessions we enjoyed some funny skits from the older scouts, and the younger scouts. When we had finished laughing we decided to watch the Avengers movie. Then we drove home

This month the raccoons are in charge of the Military awareness month.

Sincerely,  
David Chadwick



-Mr. Gunderson giving a speech

Welcome New Scouts!!

This is Turner Gunderson, Flaming Arrows patrol leader. It's March again, which means a new patrol of first year scouts are joining our troop. It seems like yesterday (although it was 6 years ago!) that my patrol and I joined. We received a great welcome, so let's give the same to the newcomers this year. Also, be prepared for April and May, as the Flaming Arrows and Wolverines are working together to plan for these months. With the themes of 'Camping' and 'Hiking', be ready for some fun campouts!

Turner Gunderson  
Flaming Arrows Patrol Leader



-Human Battleship



-merit badge madness

Troop Leadership –  
Elected Positions:

SPL	Mike Rorem
ASPL	Austin Groe
ASPL	Connor Pesheck
Historian	Isaac Baumert
Scribe	Blake Heyman
Quartermaster	Pierce Boelke
Patrol Leader– Stags	Derek Normann
Patrol Leader - Scorpions	Alex Colaianni
Patrol Leader– Phoenix	Sean Woerner
Patrol Leader – Cobras	Kyle Weatherly
Patrol Leader – Lightning Sharks	Sam Horn
Patrol Leader – Raccoons	David Chadwick
Patrol Leader – Wolverines	Stefan Schultz
Patrol Leader – Flaming Arrows	Turner Gunderson
Chaplain Aide	Miguel Flores
First Class Instructor	-
Troop Guide	-



# Announcements

## General Accouchement by Justin Pratt

Cobras, Phoenix, Scorpion, and Stag parents: if you want your boys to have an opportunity beyond Many Point this coming summer, we are going to heavily discuss this at January's meeting.

(Originally sent out via the Troup Yahoo Group)

## Bulletin Board

### *Reconnaissance Articles*

Articles for the January Reconnaissance will be due on December 28, 2014. Please e-mail your articles to [sarah.baumert@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.baumert@gmail.com). If your computer isn't working, you can hand your article handwritten and I'll type it up.

### *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 Pratt
- Board of Review – Marshall Ness
- Eagle Board of Review – Win Giles

Contact Information can be found in your Roster or on the Troop 695 Website under the Leadership link. Any ASM can help you with starting a Merit Badge blue card.

## Coming up In March...

March 3: Scout Meeting  
March 10: Scout Meeting  
March 17: Scout Meeting  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>: Camp Out (Military Awareness. Arranged by the Raccoons)  
March 24: Court of Honor

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