



THE RECONNAISSANCE

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Popcorn Sales – Paul R.

HEY SCOUTS!! All popcorn orders are due by Wednesday, November 4th. Selling popcorn is a fast and fun way to earn money for all of your scouting activities. In addition, you earn prizes for what you sell door to door. Did you know that you can also purchase popcorn online? This is a great way for your out of town family and friends to support you in scouting. Need to do a good deed? Purchase popcorn for our troops over seas.

You may bring your orders and money to the November 3rd meeting. (Heads up: This is election day and some times the church asks us not to hold meetings on this day.) Otherwise drop off your orders at our house – 9810 Cromwell Drive, Eden Prairie – 952-941-7408 by **NOVEMBER 4th!!** Good luck!

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Wreath Product Extras for Sale – John & Mary Jean Watras

We've been tallying our sales numbers for wreaths and wreath products. – Everyone did a great job!

However, we will have a bunch of extra products available for sale – because of how many come in a box. We are trying to maximize our profits and would like to get these products sold. Whether you sold or not, take a look at the list and let us know which of the products you'd love to buy for yourself or your relatives. Please respond via email (jmjwtaras@comcast.net), and we do first come, first serve.

PRODUCT	QUANTITY	PRICE
25' Classic Wreath	1	\$17
25' Victorian Wreath	1	\$20
25' Wintergreen Wreath	4	\$22
36' Classic Wreath	3	\$25
60' Classic Wreath	1	\$62
Classic Spray	3	\$15
Wintergreen Spray	5	\$22
Centerpiece	3	\$22
Living Tree	5	\$20
25' Garland Rope	1	\$25

Thank you again for your efforts!

John & Mary Jean Watras
952-974-2916



Troop News

October Highlights

Theme: *Games by the Pirates*

October 3 – 20	Wreath Sales
October 3 – November 4	Popcorn Sales
October 6	Troop/Parents Meeting
October 9 – 11	Webelos Experience Campout
October 13	Troop Meeting – Games
October 20	Troop Meeting – Games
October 23 – 25	Troop Campout – Games
October 24	University of Scouting
October 27	PLC/Committee/ASM Meeting

Leadership Reports

SPL Scratch – *Josh B.*

First off, I would love to applaud the Pirates on a wonderful job this October! The meetings were fun, they ran smoothly, and the campout sounds like it went great!! I was really bummed about not being able to make it, but I had a major marching band competition! So Congratulations on a great month.

We held a JLT this past Tuesday and I feel it was a great learning experience for all of us. We all contributed, got a lot done, and enjoyed some warm, tasty pizza in the process!

Next month, run by the Scorpions will feature a fun filled month of rock climbing all topped off with a good fun dose of annual planning! Speaking of rock climbing, If you plan to take this merit badge at the November campout it will be \$35. We will be going to Vertical Endeavors and getting down and dirty with the rock climbing experience! If you are interested, and/or have questions, contact Nate B. at (651) 698-0518.

Thanks and have a great month!



Scoutmaster's Corner – *Joe Polta*

Here it is. Here's your opportunity. In addition to rock-climbing, the month of November is also set aside for annual planning. This is where you, the Scouts, decide what the troop is going to do NEXT year.

From time to time I hear Scouts complain that meetings and campouts are not exciting enough, or aren't interesting enough to be worth attending. At the same time, I get complaints (sometimes from the same Scouts!) that we do too much at our campouts, and that there's not enough free time.

I recognize that we're going to have a mix of tastes in a troop our size. So here's my challenge to you: plan a year that will captivate everyone's interest. It will be hard work, especially when it comes to pulling off the meetings and campouts. But in exchange for that hard work, you get an experience that is yours, and the satisfaction of running a class organization.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.



Leadership Reports

ASPL – Luck B.

Hello everyone.

This last month has been awesome. The campout especially was very fun. During the campout, the scouts were separated into two patrols. Those two patrols competed for the Klondike trophy (an amazing looking trophy). We played football, did a scavenger hunt which ended with scouts using skills like building fires, and also capture the flag. It was very nice out on Saturday, and we had a great time.

I encourage all of you to go on campouts. Continue having a blast and learning a lot through Boy scouts.

Thank you.

ASPL – Niko B.

There isn't a whole lot to say about my term as ASPL yet. Everything is going well and we've been having a lot of fun. I think it will be a great six months.

Scribe – Ben P.

As scribe I haven't had a chance to do much just yet, but in the future I intend to take attendance at meetings and activities.



Historian – Brian M.

The September camp out was fun.

If you took any pictures and would like to submit them for the troop's scrapbook let me know. Please also submit October camp out pictures to me.

Flaming Arrows – Ben G.

This year the Flaming Arrows have worked hard and many of us have earned our Tenderfoot rank. A few of us even earned 2nd Class! We are all excited for this year in scouting. Our first 7 months with Troop 695 have been a BLAST and we can't wait to do more with scouts!

Ben G.
Patrol Leader, Flaming Arrows

Scorpions – Nate B.

We are very excited for the coming winter months. The snow is coming to cover the beautiful leaves that have fallen off the trees.

As for the month of November, which we (the Scorpions) are planning, is going to be themed around climbing. We will discuss climbing techniques, talk about safety, go on a climbing recruiting event, and go climbing on the camp-out!

We hope that everyone is excited, and we hope to see you there!

OA – Michael Wiig

Two Scouts are in the Eden Prairie High School musical "The Secret Garden". They are *Eric Wiig* and *Brandon Schwab*.

Opening night is November 13. There are performances in the weekend of November 13-15, and November 19-21.

Order of the Arrow
2009 Fall Fellowship
Friday, November 13, 2009
Maplewood Community Center
Let's get out there.

Scouting News

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.

National Jamboree

– *Erich Schwab*

The National Jamboree is a gathering of scouts from all over the country held every 4 years, and the 2010 Jamboree will be extra special as it marks the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Northern Star Council is planning to take at least 10 “troops” of 36 Scouts and 4 Scouters to this Jamboree, and I will be going as one of the volunteer troop leaders. The location will be Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, south of Washington D.C., and several Troop 695 scouts have already expressed interest in going.

The Jamboree will be July 26th through August 4th 2010. The Northern Star Contingent will plan to do some sightseeing on the way there and back again, which usually extends the trip by three to four days on both ends of the actual Jamboree. The all-expenses included trip cost is estimated at \$2250.

If you are interested in going, visit the Northern Star Council’s 2010 Jamboree link at <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/ActivitiesCivicService/National/Jamboree.aspx> for more information and how to register, or feel free to contact me: Erich Schwab, Troop 695 ASM erich.schwab@comcast.net
612-720-6326



Troop Leaders

Adult Leaders	
Scoutmaster	Joe Polta
Patrol Coaches	
Flaming Arrows	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 Committee	
Committee Chair	Jeff Shawd
Finance Chair	Mike Hoerle
Fundraising	Annette Anderson
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COH Scheduling	Christy Johnson
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Activities Chair	John Lewis
Camping	Mike Wiig
Order of the Arrow	Mike Wiig
Quartermaster	Aarne Rairamo Boon Tan Mike Hoerle

Troop Positions	
Senior Patrol Leader	Josh B.
Asst Sr. Patrol Leaders	Luke B. Niko B. Reece H.
Junior Asst Scoutmaster	Reed Q.
Quartermaster	Tyler S.
Scribe	Ben P.
Historian	Brian M.
Librarian	Tom P.
Chaplain's Aide	Open
Bugler	Open
OA Representative	Open
Troop Guides	
Flaming Arrows	Desmond M.
Patrol Leaders	
Flaming Arrows	Ben G./Isaac A.
Pirates (Bald Eagles/Falcons)	Terrance T.
Thundering Dragons/Scorpions	Open
Timber Cobras	Brandon S.
Panthers	Ben S.
Bobcats	Lars H.
Tigers	Open
Instructors	
Camping	Cory K.
Cooking	Will J.
Fire Safety	Open
First Aid	Aaron H.
Knife/Axe Safety	Open
Knots	Open

Class B Shirts Available

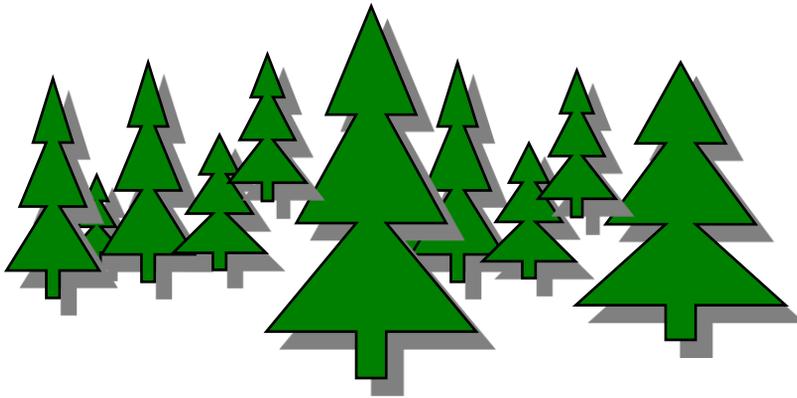
Class B scout shirts are in stock and available for \$10.00 each. Shirts can be ordered in Small, Med, Large or XL. Payment can be made by check made out to Troop 695 or your payment can be deducted from your scout account. If you are interested in ordering a class B shirt, please email Mary Munkvold at Munkvold1@hotmail.com. Please indicate size and type of payment.

Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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November Events at a Glance

Nov 3	Troop meeting (basic climbing skills, knot tying, etc.) and parents meeting
Nov 5	Mustang district roundtable
Nov 10	Rock climbing as REI
Nov 13 – 15	Troop campout at Kiwanis camp
Nov 17	Christmas trees delivered
Nov 17	PLC/Committee meeting/ASM meeting
Nov 21	Christmas tree lot setup
Nov 22	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due
Nov 24	Troop meeting at Christmas tree lot



Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tong Stone no later than Sunday, November 22nd. 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

- Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator – Marshall and Stephanie Ness
- 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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