



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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November Highlights

Theme: Climbing & Annual Planning by the Scorpions

- Nov 3 Troop meeting and parents meeting
- Nov 10 Rock climbing at REI
- Nov 13 – 15 Troop campout at Kiwanis camp
- Nov 17 PLC/Committee meeting/ASM meeting
- Nov 17 Christmas trees delivered
- Nov 20 Wreath and popcorn products distributed (**Great Job!**)
- Nov 21 Christmas tree lot set up and sales commenced
- Nov 24 Troop meeting at Christmas tree lot

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Leadership Reports

JASM – Reed Q.

October and November have been fun months for me. I have been attending Cub Scout Pack Meetings with the hope of recruiting some Senior Webelos for our Troop. I have been involved with Halloween cake decorating contests, outdoor activities and a Raingutter Regatta so far. Going to these meetings has reminded me of how much fun I have had in Scouting for the past 11 years. I would like to thank *Evan F.*, *Niko B.*, and *Spencer T.* for helping me with the Raingutter Regatta. The Boy Scouts of Troop 695 are awesome!!!

ASPL – Niko B.

Everything is going great. The November campout was a lot of fun, especially climbing and rappelling for those of us who did the merit badge. I'm having a lot of fun, and I hope all of you are, too.

Scribe – Ben P.

Hi,
This is your scribe. These are the attendance numbers for the previous meetings:

- 10/27 PLC/JLT: 19 scouts
- 11/3 Troop Meeting: 35 scouts
- 11/10 REI Meeting: 23 scouts
- 11/14 Climbing Campout: 25 scouts
- 11/17 PLC: 19 scouts
- 11/21 Tree Lot Setup: Approx. 15 scouts



Leadership Reports

First Aid Instructor – Aaron H.

Hi, this is Aaron H., your first aid instructor.

Remember to stay warm this upcoming winter season. Layering is the best thing to do as it holds more heat against your body. Remember, cotton is rotten!

First Class Instructor – Fernando N.

Hello to all. If you are new to the troop and need help getting caught up in rankings, come to me for help! I am usually at most meetings, and don't be shy, I am more than willing to help! During the past couple weeks, I have helped out Jackson T., a new member to our troop, get caught up towards Tenderfoot.

Troop Guide – Desmond M.

This is Desmond M., the Troop Guide for the new scouts. I hope that everyone will have a great Thanksgiving this year.

The weekend of November 21st we set up the Tree Lot and there were a lot of people to help out. I know that there is no camp-out for December, but there is one for January, and I am looking forward to spending time with the newer scouts.

Flaming Arrows – Ben G.

This month my patrol has decided on having a patrol event. On January 31st most of my patrol is going to a Timberwolves game. We also had a great time on these last two camp-outs. We are excited for the camp-outs to come.

Scoutmaster's Corner – Joe Polta

It was impressive to see how our Scouts pulled together the next annual plan, for the period from September 2010 through July 2011. Yes, July 2011. Scouts, please remember to discuss our schedule with your parents or guardians. If you are not going to be available during "your" month for hosting troop meetings and a campout, you will have to arrange for other Scouts to cover for you. You have the maturity to do that – I know that you do. And talk with the other members of your patrol. If fewer than half of you are available because of sports or church or music, you should probably switch months with another patrol.

Why so far in advance, and why is this so important? It lets you practice the kind of "forward" thinking you will need to use when you execute your Eagle project, and that you will need throughout your adult life. It lets you chart your own course – you, the Scouts, decide what you're doing and where you're going from month to month. It allows families to account for troop plans in their own planning and scheduling. And it lets potential new recruits know what we'll be doing for over a year after they join.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.



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.



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.

Troop Leadership

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

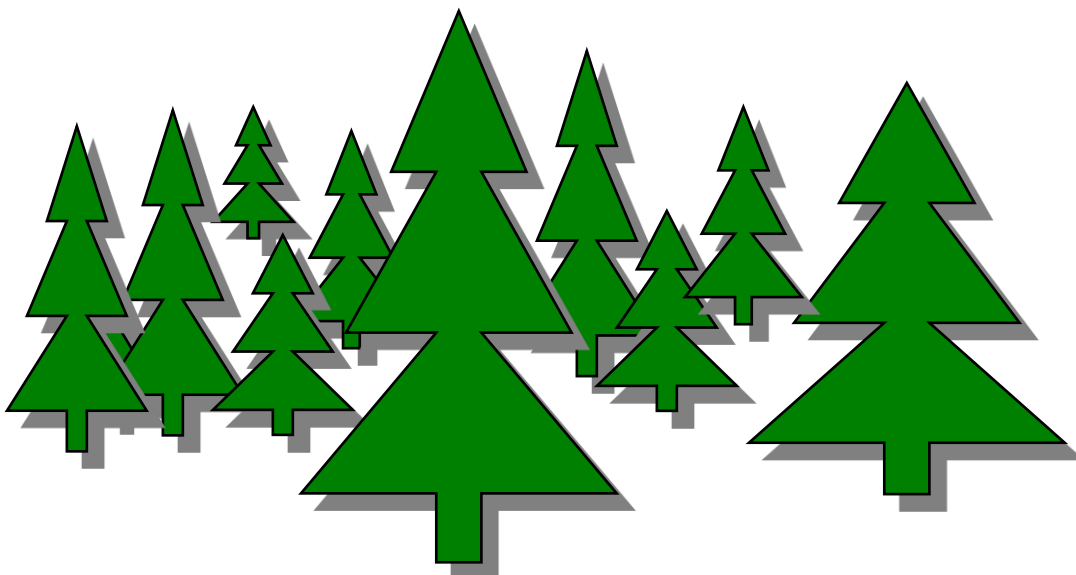
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| Troop Committee Chair | | Jeff Shawd |
| Finance | Finance Chair | Mike Hoerle |
| | Treasurer | Bob Olson |
| | Check Writers | Jessica Poirier John Lewis |
| | Friends of Scouting | Jessica Poirier |
| | Fundraising | Annette Anderson |
| | Flying Cloud | Kurt Humfeld |
| | Fall Wreath Sales | Mary Jean Watras |
| | Popcorn Sales | Dixie Rairamo |
| | Christmas Tree Lot | Mike Toay |
| | Special Events | Annette Anderson |
| | Aluminum Cans | <i>Open</i> |
| Advancement | Advancement Chair | Cindy Henderson |
| | Merit Badge Coordinator | <i>Open</i> |
| | BOR Coordinator | Mike Toay |
| | COH Coordinator | Christy Johnson |
| | Recruiting Coordinators | Burt Boudreaux Don Qually |
| | Leadership Coordinators | Burt Boudreaux John Lewis |
| | Eagle BOR Coordinator | Nancy Madsen |
| EP Foundation Liaison | <i>Open</i> | |
| Records | Records Chair | <i>Open</i> |
| | Medical Forms | Karen Polta |
| | Troopmaster | Karen Zemlin |
| | Newsletter | Tong Stone |
| | Webmaster | Doug McKenney |
| Activities | Activities Chair | John Lewis |
| | Many Point | Kim Teaver |
| | High Adventure | John Beauchamp |
| | Quartermaster | Aarne Rairamo Boon Tan Mike Hoerle |
| | Camping | Mike Wiig |
| | Fire Arm Safety | John Beauchamp |
| | Order of the Arrow | Mike Wiig |
| | Adult Leader Training | Mike Wiig |
| | Chaplain | Doug McKenney |
| | Service Projects | <i>Open</i> |

Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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December Events at a Glance

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| Dec 1 | Troop meeting (movie night) and parents meeting |
| Dec 3 | Mustang district roundtable |
| Dec 8 | Troop Court of Honor |
| Dec 27 | <i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due |
| Dec 28 | Tree lop cleanup |



Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tong Stone no later than Sunday, December 27th. 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

- 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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