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Popcorn Sales

— by *Aarne, Dixie, and Paul Rairamo*

Hey Scouts,

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 3rd! This is the start of our popcorn fundraiser. 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 overseas.

Order forms are in your ship. If you need more forms, contact Paul Rairamo @ 952-250-1022. Let us know if you have questions.

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Fantastic Fundraising Opportunity Selling Wreaths

— by *Mary Jean Watras*

It's hard to believe with all the nice weather we've had, but it's time to start thinking about Wreaths! We will be selling wreaths starting on Saturday, October 3rd, instead of the 10th- as previously mentioned. You should've received your wreath brochure at the Court of Honor in the ship. This year, although there was a slight increase in the cost to us, we are NOT passing that along to our customers. So, you can let them know that the prices are the same as last year. Here are the dates you need to be aware of:

- ◆ We start selling on Saturday, Oct 3rd.
- ◆ Wreath packets and money due on Tuesday, Oct 20th.
- ◆ Pick-up for wreaths will be the weekend of Nov 20th (weekend before Thanksgiving).
- ◆ Deliver to customers as soon as you pick-up your wreaths.

A couple reminders:

- ◆ Please collect the money up front.
- ◆ Checks should be made out to Troop 695.
- ◆ Other Troops will be selling these as well – so make sure you get out there early to sell to your customers.
- ◆ If the weather permits, wear your class A uniform.
- ◆ Please stay safe & remember not to go into peoples houses.
- ◆ We have some brochures for UPS wreath sales (for those far away relatives); if you need one, please contact John or Mary Jean Watras.

Any questions? Didn't receive your packet? Call John or Mary Jean Watras at 952-974-2916.

Leadership Reports

Scribe – *Tyler S.*

On June 30, 2009, the Boy Scouts of Eden Prairie Troop 695 (Chartered by Prairie Lutheran Church), had the honor of performing the nightly flag lowering at Mount Rushmore. The scouts practiced their routine, including flag folding, and did a great job (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=405BJ0WKWeI>).

While camping in the Black Hills, the scouts also hiked Harney Peak, went to the Mammoth Dig at Hot Springs, and did a lantern tour of Jewel Cave. While at Jewel Cave, they also performed a service project of clearing non-native weeds. Scouts attending the trip included *Lars Henderson, Paul Henderson, Josiah Johnson, Will Johnson, Reece Hoerle, Nick McKenney, Ben Poirier, Ben Schleiss, Tyler Schwab, Henry Teaver, and Michael Watras.*

Quartermaster – *Luke B.*

As we come to the end of our leadership terms, I would say that we have been doing a good job as a troop with our equipment. Thank you for everybody's cooperation on that. Also, I would like feedback about what we could do better with our equipment. Any ideas you might have, please come talk to me, and I will take note of ideas. If you have any tents or other troop equipment, please come find me please. All tents from the September campout, should be returned next Tuesday, at the Court of Honor. Thank you all for you help.



Leadership Reports

Librarian – *Brian M.*

I have been proud to serve as your librarian. The merit badge books are easier to access now, because I repaired the broken wheel. I also got rid of the outdated books and alphabetized the library.

I invite you to check out the updated library when you have a chance.

Scorpions – *Nate B.*

The Scorpions had an excellent summer and participated in a wide variety of activities. One went to Sea Base last March and some went to Many Point for summer camp.

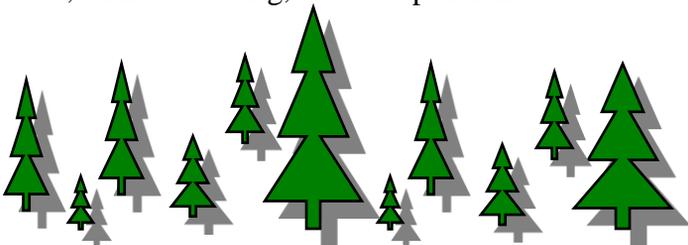
Many of us are working towards our Eagle Scout Rank and some have started our projects. We all look forward to seeing many scouts this upcoming year at our eagle projects, at the tree lot, and the month of November! During the month of November, which our patrol is planning, we will be focusing on climbing. It will be a blast, so everyone needs to be there!

Christmas Tree Lot – *Mike T.*

Greetings!

I am looking for volunteers to help me with the Xmas tree lot. Our trees will be coming the week before Thanksgiving. We will be setting up the lot on the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 21st), and look forward to another successful holiday season.

Please let me know if you can help transport the shed, with scheduling, and set up. Thanks!



Scoutmaster's Corner – *Joe Polta*

Hey, wait, you changed it!

If you've been watching our troop affairs for the last month, you've noticed some changes to our scheduled plans. The September campout moved, and so did some other events. The October campout is moving, and so are some other events. Some meetings won't be at the church as they usually are. And all of this while you've just elected new leaders.

I have found over the years, however, that Scouts are remarkably resilient, and adapt to change pretty quickly. Be sure to talk to your parents about this month's plans, and wring as much out of this program as you can.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.



Eagle Project – *Evan F.*

Hello Troop 695. This is Evan Fairbrother. I will be doing my Eagle project on October 3rd and 18th. I will be constructing two signs and placing them at two wetland sites. If you could help out on either of these dates please let me know. I will be at the troop meetings with a signup sheet. If you can't reach me there, call me at (952) 942-5251.

Thanks a lot. I really appreciate it.

Tour Permits – *Michael Wiig*

Local tour permits are need for campouts NOT at Northern Star Council camps, and within 500 miles of Eden Prairie. It is necessary to have them to be covered by scout insurance. So, if we go to Stearns you do not need a tour permit. If you camp at Baker Regional Park you need a tour permit.

They are available through the council website under resources/forms. I'll be glad to help you out.

Troop News

September Highlights

Theme: Leave No Trace/ Survivor Man by the Panthers

September 8	Troop meeting, leadership nominations
September 12	Shed/trailer clean-out
September 13	Fundraiser at Sunbonnet Days
September 15	Troop meeting, leadership elections
September 19	Junior leadership training
September 22	PLC meeting, committee meeting and assistant scoutmaster meeting
September 25-27	Troop campout
September 25-27	OA conclave
September 29	Troop Court of Honor, followed by reception and parents social event

Scouting News

National Jamboree – by *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:

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OA News

Leadership Training – by Michael Wiig

Opportunities for Leaders and Order of the Arrow members.

The three main pieces for being trained are being offered this fall.

1. October 1st – This is Scouting! – Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina 7-9 pm
For Boy Scout and Cub Scout Leaders – the basics about the BSA and how you fit into the big picture. (Formerly called “New Leaders Essentials”) This is the first of three steps to becoming “TRAINED.” No registration is required. Training will be held in conjunction with Roundtable.
2. October 3rd – Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Training Location: Stearns Camp
The outdoor, hands-on portion of the Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training. This training will be held from 8:00 to 5:00 at Stearns Boy Scout Camp in conjunction with the fall Boy Scout Camporee. \$15.00 fee will include lunch, books & handouts. Registrations are due Sept. 28th.
3. October 10th – Boy Scout Leader Specific – Pax Christi Catholic Church 9 am–5 pm
For Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs to learn the basics of BSA troop meetings, advancement, methods, mission, and outdoor experiences. Registrations due Sept. 28th. \$15.00 fee includes handouts, books & lunch.

Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship

8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009
Maplewood Community Center

Cost for the Fall Fellowship from 10:30 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. is \$25 per person pre-registration, or \$30.00 at the door. Registration form available at:

<http://oa.nsbsa.org/Forms/2009FallFellowshipFlier.pdf>

University of Scouting
Brooklyn Junior High
City: Brooklyn Park
State: MN

Saturday October 24, 2009 8:00 AM

This mega-training seminar, an all-day event, offers opportunities for games and hands-on learning as well as traditional classroom sessions. As always, you will be able to take your choice of workshops and learning sessions delivered by some of the finest instructors from all over the Council. The ideas you take home from the University of Scouting will help you deliver a top notch program to your Den, Pack, Troop or Crew.

Arrow Members you missed a great conclave. We have 46 new Ordeal members, and 17 new Brotherhood members. We painted buildings, cleared a campfire bowl, and took out the docks at the beach. The feast Saturday night was a turkey dinner. The chapter meetings will return to roundtable night for the time being. Please consider becoming the troop representative.

Troop Leaders

Adult Leaders	
Scoutmaster	Joe Polta
Patrol Coaches	
Flaming Arrows	Tom Gunderson Paul Kronlokken
Tigers	Doug McKenney Erich Schwab
Bobcats	John Beauchamp Derrick Poirier
Panthers	Mike Madsen
Timber Cobras	Burt Boudreaux Erich Schwab Mark Kronlokken Paul Rosol
Thunder Dragons	Mark Jennen Derrick Poirier Mark Donahoe
Scorpions	Bill Brown Mike Toay
Pirates	Craig Beveroth Boon Tan Mark Fairbrother Don Qually
Troop Committee	
Committee Chair	Jeff Shawd
Finance Chair	Mike Hoerle
Fundraising	Annette Anderson
Treasurer/Scout Acct	Bob Olson
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Advancement Chair	Cindy Henderson
Merit Badge Counselor Coord.	Marshall Ness Stephanie Ness
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COH Scheduling	Christy Johnson
Records Chair	
Medical Forms	Karen Polta
Troopmaster/Roster	Karen Zemlin
Newsletter	Tong Stone
Webmaster	Doug McKenney
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	Open
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	Reece H Cory K
Patrol Leaders	
Flaming Arrows	Ben G./Isaac A.
Pirates	Terrance T./Chris M.
Thundering Dragons/Scorpions	Open
Timber Cobras	Desmond M.
Panthers	Ben S.
Bobcats	Lars H.
Tigers	Open
Instructors	
Camping	Cory K.
Cooking	Will J.
Fire Safety	Jared Z
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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October Events at a Glance

Oct 1	Mustang District Roundtable
Oct 3	Wreath and popcorn sales start Out of town family members can now order popcorn online
Oct 2-4	Woodbadge Training Weekend
Oct 6	Troop meeting and parents meeting
Oct 9-11	Webelos Experience Campout
Oct 13	Troop Meeting – Games
Oct 20	Troop 370 Webelos recruiting event (Tentative)
Oct 20	Troop Meeting – Games
Oct 23-25	Troop Campout – Games
Oct 24	University of Scouting (See OA News)
Oct 25	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due
Oct 27	PLC Meeting / Committee Meeting / Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tong Stone no later than Sunday, October 25th. 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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