



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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February Activities

Responsible Patrol: Bald Eagles & Falcons

Theme: Snow Sports

- Feb 3 Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm) – *Leadership Nominations*
- Feb 10 Troop Meeting (6:30pm) – *Leadership Elections*
- Feb 17 Troop Meeting (6:30pm) – *Start of Merit Badge Madness*
- Feb 21 Ski Trip to Welch Village
- Feb 24 Troop Meeting (6:30pm) – *Merit Badge Madness Session 2*



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Friends of Scouting Campaign - by Jeff Shawd, *Fundraising and Finance Chair*

The annual Friends of Scouting campaign, which provides financial support to Scouting, is entering its final month. To date, 15 troop families have turned in their pledge cards, totaling approximately \$2,300 in pledges, contributions and matching funds. As you will recall, it costs approximately \$155 per year to provide one scout with the many resources and benefits we receive here in the Northern Star Council.

Our assigned goal from the district this year is \$8,300. So, we've got another \$6,000 to go in order to reach our goal for the fifth consecutive year. It's still possible, but it will truly need to be a troop-wide effort. For example, if 50 families contribute an average of \$120 each, we'll make it! This would mean that 100% of our troop families contributed the average amount as recommended by the Council.

You can write one check now or establish a pledge to be paid over the year. Credit cards are also an option. See your pledge card to find the best method for you. Pledge cards were placed in the Ship last month. Please fill out and return the pledge card to me by February 13th -- even if you are not able to contribute -- as returned cards count toward our 100% participation goal.

To be sure, these are challenging times and nonprofit organizations like the Boy Scouts need our help now more than ever. Your participation in the FOS campaign is critical for the continued growth and success of Scouting. Just as our troop has been fortunate to deliver on our goals in previous years, we'll come through yet again. Please give all you can so the program will flourish for your son and many other deserving boys.
Thanks for your support!

Order of the Arrow **Winter Banquet 2009** – by Mr. Wiig

Saturday, February 7 2009
Sheraton Hotel, Bloomington, MN
Totanhan Nakaha Lodge's Fellowship and Recognition Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Congressman John Kline
Guest Speaker: Cliff Jacobson
Cost per person \$25; after Jan. 16th \$30; At the door \$35

It starts with registration at 4:30PM, dinner at 6:00PM. Right now it will cost \$30.00 or \$35.00 at the door. Many door prizes to be given away. Hope you can make it. Check:

<http://oa.nsbsa.org/Forms/2009WinterBanquetFlyer.pdf> for all the details.

Those interested in helping with Order of the Arrow, until further notice, suspending our regular first Thursday Roundtable meeting, instead replacing it with meetings on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 1-5pm at All Saints Lutheran Church. There, we will be primarily working on getting ready for Arrow of Light ceremonies and the District wide crossover conclave this April. Anyone wanting to assist or needing a ride see Mr. Wiig.

Leadership Reports

SPL Scratch – Paul R.

Hello Scouts, We have has a busy few months. Just letting everyone know that February is going to be ski month, and March is Merit badge madness. In February the Pirate Patrol will be teaching scouts that want to learn how to ski. and if you already know how then great. Through the course of the month we will teach scouts how to wax the ski/snowboards, and watch some cool skiing videos. Also in February we will hold elections and nominations for leadership positions. Merit Badge Madness will be held in March this year. Any questions?? call me at (925) 941-7408.



Scoutmaster's Corner – Joe Polta

Troop elections are happening now. (A little earlier in the year than usual.) Please take your elections seriously -- my goal is always to have as much of the troop's business run by you as possible. If you take your elections and your leadership seriously, you provide the basis for an outstanding troop of the Scouts, by the Scouts, and for the Scouts. But it will only work if you're committed. In other words, you'll get out of it what you put into it. If you've ever said "Scouts? I just don't get that much out of it," maybe it's because you're not putting that much into it.

Parents -

Please talk to your son about his commitment to the troop, and to holding a troop leadership position.

Whether he chooses a leadership position or not, help get him to meetings and campouts so he and his fellow Scouts can wring as much out of this outstanding program as possible.



I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.

ASPL – Nate B

Thanks to everyone who came to the recruiting outing on Staring lake. We had a lot of fun and got to meet some of the new scouts.



ASPL – Reed Q

Thanks to all of you who participated in the January activities. The sledding event at Staring Lake Park was held on a VERY cold night. The below freezing temperatures kept some people at home, but there was a brave group that bundled up and attacked the hill.

On January 17, we hosted an Outdoor Activity and Campfire at the Staring Lake Outdoor Center. Webelos Scouts and our own Scouts built a snow shelter, had sled races, learned about nature, and ate a lot of good food.

Merit Badge Madness begins in February so be sure to attend meetings and earn your merit badges.

ASPL – Cody H

January went smoothly, my patrol, the dragons, ran it. We had minime come to the first meeting, a trivia game, and a relay race. For the second meeting we went to the Starring Lake Sliding hill, and went sledding. Also, instead of a campout we did a half-day recruiting outing at the Starring Lake Outdoor center. This went well, although not many webelos came it was a ton of fun for all. Next month is merit badge madness, so get ready

Den Chief – Cody M

I have been working as Den Chief for Pack 422. I have been helping them work on their Pinewood Derby Cars. It has been fun watching them design their cars. The Tiger Cubs needed some extra help since they had never made a car before. On Saturday, January 24, the pack held their Pinewood Derby. There was a lot of excitement and the 1st place winner was a Tiger Cub. I brought a couple of my cars that I had made over the years and I raced them at the end of the day. It was a lot of fun.

Thundering Dragons – Zak P.

The Thundering Dragons were in charge of the month of January, and it went very well. At our first meeting we had two Webeloes come to visit, and we've had one of the two commit to joining Troop 695. We had good weather for sledding at Staring Lake. We had one visitor come out to that event. We had pretty good weather for our campfire recruiting event at the Staring Lake Outdoor Center, and a few Webeloes showed up to play football, eat food, drink cocoa, play in a quinzee, and watch a program presented by the Outdoor Center's staff. Hopefully everyone had the opportunity to have a patrol meeting during the last week of the month. Thanks for making January such a success!

Troop Leaders

Adult Leaders	
Scoutmaster	Joe Polta
Patrol Coaches	
Tigers	Doug McKenney Erich Schwab
Bobcats	John Beauchamp Derrick Poirier
Panthers	Mike Madsen
Cobras	Burt Boudreaux Erich Schwab
Timberwolves	Mark Kronlokken Paul Rosol
Thundering Dragons	Mark Jennen Derrick Poirier Mark Donahoe
Scorpions	Bill Brown Mike Toay
Pirates	Craig Beveroth Boon Tan Mark Fairbrother Don Qually
Huskies	Paula Boudreaux
Troop Committee	
Committee Chair	Jessica Poirier
Finance Chair	Jeff Shawd
Fundraising	Carina Smith
Treasurer/Scout Acct	Bob Olson
Check Writer	John Lewis
Advancement Chair	Nancy Madsen
BOR Scheduling	Mike Toay
COH Scheduling	Kay Thomsen
Goals	Anne Kollmeyer
Records Chair	Ellen Hoerle
Medical Forms	Diane Grunewald
Troopmaster/Roster	Karen Zemlin
Newsletter/Web Calendar	Kelly Schwab
Webmaster	Jim Sundberg
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	Paul R
Asst Sr. Patrol Leaders	Nate B Josh B Cody H
Junior Asst Scoutmaster	Open
Quartermaster	Josh B
Scribe	Will J
Historian	Tom P
Librarian	Kevin T
Chaplain's Aide	Open
Bugler	Michael W
OA Representative	Open
Troop Guides	
Tigers	Open
Patrol Leaders	
Pirates (Bald Eagles/Falcons)	Terrence T
Thundering Dragons	Zak P
Scorpions	Spencer T
TimberCobras	Andrew T
Panthers	Aaron H
Bobcats	Ben P
Instructors	
Camping	Open
Cooking	Open
Fire Safety	N/A
First Aid	Open
Knife/Axe Safety	Desmond McCloud
Knots	Open

Class B Shirts Available

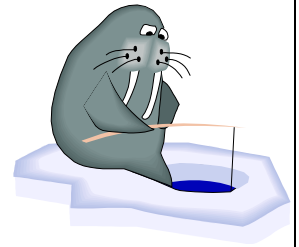
Class B scout shirts are in stock and available for \$10.00 each. Shirts can be ordered in Small, Med, Large or XL. Payment can be made by check made out to Troop 695 or your payment can be deducted from your scout account. If you are interested in ordering a class B shirt. Please email Mary Munkvold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

Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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Upcoming Events –February/March

Feb 1	Scout Sunday
Feb 3	Troop and Parents' Meeting (6:30pm) – <i>Leadership nominations</i>
Feb 5	District Recognition Dinner
Feb 10	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
Feb 14-15	Troop Campout: TBD
Feb 17	Start of Merit Badge Madness – Session 1 Merit Badges Meet (6:30pm)
Feb 21	Ski Trip to Welch Village
Feb 22	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due to Kelly Schwab
Feb 24	More Merit Badge Madness – Session 2 Merit Badges Meet (6:30pm)
Mar 3	More Merit Badge Madness – Session 3 Merit Badges Meet (6:30pm) – New Scout Night & Parents Meeting
Mar 10	More Merit Badge Madness
Mar 17	More Merit Badge Madness
Mar 20-22	Merit Badge Madness Weekend – The Amazing Race!
Mar 22	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due to Kelly Schwab
Mar 24	Troop Court of Honor – run by the Pirates



Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, February 22! Please e-mail your articles to her at kelly.schwab@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 and click on the "Newsletter" link in the left side column.

Advancement Contacts

- Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator – Diane Grunewald
- Boards of Review or Advancement – Mike Toay
- Eagle Boards of Review – Bill Brown

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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