

The Reconnaissance

Boy Scout Troop 695
of Prairie Lutheran Church

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March Highlights

Theme: Caving/Spelunking - Wolverines

- Mar 6** ***New Scout Parent Troop Meeting***
- Mar 13** ***Troop Meeting***
- Mar 17-18** ***Eagle Cave Campout!***
- Mar 20** ***PLC, Committee, ASM Meetings***
- Mar 27** ***Court of Honor***
- Mar 31** ***Sea Base! Through April 7th***

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Where We've Been, Where We're Headed

***From Ben Nichols
Troop Historian***

Hello, Troop 695. My patrol was in charge of March. The theme of the month was caving. We went to Eagle Cave for our campout. There were lots of small spaces to crawl through. We enjoyed the campout while we crawled through tight spaces.



February's theme was merit badge madness. We attended merit badge classes to try to earn merit badges that month. Everyone took three merit badge classes. January's theme was Northwinds adventure or experience. We talked a lot about "winter" camping that month and then we tried some "winter" camping. I got sick and was not able to go, on the Northwinds campout, but everyone that I know who went on it enjoyed it.

These months were lots of fun, and I think that we will enjoy the campouts coming up as well. The Flaming Arrows are in charge of April with the theme of Wilderness Survival. This will be the incoming scouts first campout, so older scouts, make it a great weekend for them. For the incoming Cobra patrol, I recommend that you bring rain gear and pack your clothes in Ziploc bags. This campout is usually wet. I hope that all of you enjoy the coming months.

Scoutmaster's Corner

By Scoutmaster Tom Gunderson



This past Saturday, 17 scouts attended a "Leadership Training" session at Staring Lake Park. Some of you older scouts may know this as "JLT" or "Junior Leadership

Training". Well, whatever you want to call it, the purpose of the session is to prepare you for your new troop leadership position.

One of my principal jobs as Scoutmaster is to train YOU to be leaders of this troop. So as this training is really your 'first step' in a new leadership role, I want to make it as effective, worthwhile, and fun as it can be. To that end, I asked all of the scouts that attended to fill out a feedback form at the end of the day. I am still reviewing them, but have noticed a few common threads, some good suggestions, and an obvious change or two that we will have to consider.

Thank you scouts for attending this training session, participating fully, and accepting the responsibilities of your leadership role.



Leadership Report

*From Michael
Watras
Senior Patrol
Leader*



Hey troop. This is your past SPL, Michael Watras, I decided that I'd say one last thing to you. Thank you for being great scouts. You all were and still are great scouts. My leadership crew was phenomenal. I hope the best to Ben in his triumphs as SPL. This is your past SPL signing off one last time.



Keep Informed on Food Allergies

From Joel Nichols

This past Tuesday night, we went through food allergy training with the scouts and at the parent meeting. This is important information, and if you missed it, you might want to check out some of these great resources below. We used the information from both slide shows in the training. Each is a 6-8 minute narrated slide show from some top physicians at Harvard and Children's Medical Center in Boston.

<http://www.allergyhome.org/practical-food-allergy-management-prevention/>

<http://www.allergyhome.org/practical-food-allergy-management-preparedness/>

On a related note, my son Benjamin will be getting a service dog this June to help with his life-threatening peanut and tree nut allergies. He has started a blog about this at <http://allergyservicedog.wordpress.com> Since this dog will be coming to scouts (and on campouts etc.) a lot, Benjamin wanted you to know about it in advance.

He's riding a 30 mile bike ride on May 6. He will pull an empty dog trailer this year, with hopes of getting sponsors to help put his service dog in that trailer soon. The dog costs \$20,000 total – and he is looking to raise \$3000-\$5000 from this fundraiser to meet his goal, so he needs lots of sponsors.



Canoe Trip on the Mississippi!

From Justin Pratt

Have you ever wanted to see where the mighty Mississippi river starts? How about walk across the Mississippi?

June is your chance. For a mini-high adventure this summer Troop 695 can go to Itasca State Park, the headwaters of the Mississippi. Then spend 3 days canoeing down stream camping along the way. No back pack required.

So far, ten scouts have signed up. If you are considering going you have to contact Mr. Pratt **ASAP** to see if more canoes can be rented in time.



Troop Leadership

Scoutmaster		Tom Gunderson
Patrol Coaches	Lightning Sharks	Paul Anderson Jim Lovekin
	Raccoons	Dean Sather Justin Pratt
	Wolverines	Joel Nichols Dan Edlund
	Flaming Arrows	Tom Gunderson Paul Kronlokken
	Thunder Cats	Doug McKenney
	Panthers	Mike Madsen
	Timber Cobras	Burt Boudreaux Mark Kronlokken
Troop Positions	Senior Patrol Leader	Michael Watras
	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	Turner Gunderson Matthew Kronlokken
	Troop Guides	Ben Stone (Raccoons) Isaac Anderson (Lightning Sharks)
	Scribe	Ben Empric
	Historian	Benjamin Nichols
	Quartermaster	Cameron Lovekin
	Librarian	Brian Ness
	Webmaster	Tony Dungan
	Chaplain Aide	David Chadwick
	Bugler	William O'Malley
Patrol Leaders	Timber Cobras	Josh Boudreaux
	Panthers	Aaron Halpin
	Thunder Cats	Nic McKenney
	Flaming Arrows	Ben Giles Isaac Welsch (APL)
	Wolverines	Logan Sperr Wyatt Edlund (APL)
	Raccoons	Duncan Sather
	Lightning Sharks	Noah Otis
Instructors	Camping	Open
	Cooking	Isaac Welsch
	Fire Safety	Open
	First Aid	Ben Schleiss
	Knife/Axe Safety	Open
	Knots	Open

Troop Leadership cont.

Troop Committee Chair		Mike Hoerle
Activities	Chair	John Lewis
	Camping	Michael Wiig
	Fire Arm Safety	Paul Anderson
		Win Giles
	Chaplain	Doug McKenney
	Service Projects	Trudy Gunderson
	Philmont	Don Qually
	Many Point	Tom & Trudy Gunderson
	Order of the Arrow	Michael Wiig
	Quartermaster	David Straight
	COH Coordinator	Jennifer Nichols
	Adult Leader Training	Michael Wiig
Advancement	Chair	Jim Horn
	Merit Badge Coordinator	Jim Horn
	BOR Coordinator	Marshall Ness
	Eagle BOR Coordinator	Nancy Madsen
	Leadership Goals Coordinators	Burt Boudreaux
		John Lewis
		Anne Kollmeyer
	Recruiting Coordinators	Burt Boudreaux
		Don Qually
		Jennifer Nichols
	Merit Badge Madness	Marshall Ness
Records & Communications	Chair	Ellen Hoerle
	Medical Forms	Annette Anderson
	Newsletter	Tony Compton
	Troop Directory/Troopmaster	Shenglan Long
	Webmaster	Doug McKenney
	New Scout Welcome Binder	Ellen Hoerle
	COH Program Handout	Ellen Hoerle
Finance	Chair	Collette Schleiss
	Treasurer/Scout Accounts	Tong Stone
	Check Writer	Doug McKenney
		John Lewis
	Christmas Tree Lot	Dan Edlund
	Fall Wreath Sales	John & Mary Jean Watras
	Flying Cloud Snack Shack	Kelly Lindquist
		Connie & Paul Groe
	Popcorn Sales	Julie McKenney
	Special Events	Connie & Paul Groe
	T-Shirt Sales	David Straight

Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles



Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tony Compton no later than Friday, April 27th. Please email your articles to tonycompton@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.

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The Merit Badge sign-up book can be found by the ships at each meeting.

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Coming up in April and May...

Theme: Caving/Spelunking - Wolverines

Apr 20-22 Campout!

Apr 24 PLC, Committee, ASM Meetings

Apr 27 Reconnaissance articles due

May 1 Parent/Troop Meeting

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 cash, 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 David Straight at straight_david@yahoo.com. Please indicate size and type of payment.

