



# THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

January 2009; Volume 1, Issue 14

## January Activities

Responsible Patrol: **Thundering Dragons**  
Theme: **Snow Sports**

- Jan 6 Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
- Jan 13 Sledding at Starring Lake (6:30pm)
- Jan 17 Troop Campfire @ Starring Lake Outdoor Center
- Jan 20 **No Troop Meeting**; PLC Meeting (6:30pm);  
Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
- Jan 27 Troop Meeting (6:30pm)



## In This Issue

Friends of Scouting.....	1
Leadership Reports ....	2
Troop Leaders.....	3
Calendar.....	4
Bulletin Board.....	4

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

Scouting continues to grow and thrive within the Northern Star Council for many reasons, not the least of which is funding. Every year we have the opportunity to pledge our financial support of Scouting through the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign.

Annual campaigns often provide a valuable reminder of the benefits of scouting and what it costs to develop and administer the high quality scouting experience that our boys receive. It costs approximately \$155 per year to provide a scout the scouting opportunities here in the Northern Star Council. Special events and fund raisers pay only a portion of the cost, but the moneys collected in the Friends of Scouting campaign account for nearly 25 percent of the Council's overall total income. By comparison, United Way funding only represents 12 percent of the Council's funding.

Since families are the ones who see first-hand the benefit of Scouting for their child, the FOS campaign is conducted annually among the parents of Scouts and volunteer leaders. The family campaign is the essence of Friends of Scouting, raising money to help the Northern Star Council defray the actual cost of delivering and running the Scouting program, and to help keep camps affordable and maintained, programs current, leaders trained, and communication flowing. The Northern Star Council partners with more than 1,300 community organizations who sponsor 1,801 Scouting units, including Cub packs, Boy Scout troops like Troop 695, Venture crews, Explorer posts and Learning for Life groups.

Last year, members of our troop contributed more than \$7,000 to the district's campaign. This year, Troop 695 was given a goal of raising \$8,300. Our troop has been recognized for its 100 percent participation in previous years, and this is a goal for our campaign again this year. This means that all pledge cards, regardless of whether they include a financial commitment, are returned.

As an added incentive, when our goals are achieved, Troop 695 receives free rank advancement badges for the year, and all scouts will receive a commemorative recognition patch that can be worn on uniforms by both youth and adults. The rank advancement badges alone save our troop about \$800 annually.

Your participation in the FOS campaign is critical for the continued growth and success of Scouting. Please give all you can so the program will flourish for your son and many other deserving boys. 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 following the Court of Honor last month. Please fill out and return the pledge card to me as soon as possible, even if you are not able to contribute. If you would like another card, just let me know.

Please also remember that many employers will match charitable gifts of their employees. Check with your personnel department for further information. This is a great way to make your gift to Scouting count double.

Thank you in advance for your support of the FOS campaign that helps the Northern Star Council provide quality programs that help our boys grow and prosper.

# Leadership Reports

## **SPL Scratch** – *Paul R.*

This is Paul R. your Senior Patrol Leader. I hope that everyone had a great holiday season. In January we will be doing some recruiting. Also, on January 27th, some members of Troop 695 will lead a meeting at Reach for Resources where we will work with Scouts on Winter First Aid tips. We will have a planning meeting during our regular meeting on Tuesday, January 6th. We will meet with Stephan Savior of Reach for Resources at that time.

Scheduled to participate is: Evan F, Ben G, Sam R, Niko B, Josh B, and myself. If there are other Scouts who have had emergency preparedness, please plan to attend. You can contact me for more information.

Have a great rest of your winter break.



## **ASPL** – *Nate B*

Thanks to all who worked at the Christmas Tree Lot, it was a great success and I hope everyone had fun working there, as I did. Also great job on the popcorn and wreath fundraisers. Great job to everyone who achieved rank at the court of honor and thanks to all who helped it run smoothly. We all had a lot of fun at the movie night. It goes along way to help show the cub scout recruits what were all about and that we have fun. Keep up the great work!



## **PANTHERS** – *Aaron H.*

Hi this is Aaron. Hope everyone is excited about being off of the school for awhile. most of our patrol worked on snowshoes the last couple of months. Everyone will get to see them at our January meeting.

Aaron

## **Scoutmaster's Corner** – *Joe Polta*

A couple of notices for this month -

College-bound Eagle Scouts who are seniors in high school, please see me if you're interested in applying for the Eagle Scout Scholarship. Northern Star Council plans to distribute \$25,000 to special young men who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. The application deadline is January 30, 2009.

Scouts who are First Class or above, please see me if you're interested in attending National Youth Leadership Training (also known as NYLT or Grey Wolf). The troop pays for this one-week experience of "Scouting at its best," where you will learn how to get more out of your Scouting experience, and put more back into it. And when you put more back into it, everyone benefits.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.



## **OA News** – *by Mike Wiig*

Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet 2009  
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

Check the Totanhan Nakaha Lodge website for the latest information and registration.

The troop still needs a OA representative to attend the roundtable meetings the first Thursday of every month. Let me know if you are interested.

# Troop Leaders

<b>Adult Leaders</b>	
Scoutmaster	Joe Polta
<b>Patrol Coaches</b>	
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
<b>Troop Committee</b>	
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

<b>Troop Positions</b>	
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
<b>Troop Guides</b>	
Tigers	Open
<b>Patrol Leaders</b>	
Pirates (Bald Eagles/Falcons)	Terrence T
Thundering Dragons	Zak P
Scorpions	Spencer T
TimberCobras	Andrew T
Panthers	Aaron H
Bobcats	Ben P
<b>Instructors</b>	
Camping	Open
Cooking	Open
Fire Safety	N/A
First Aid	Open
Knife/Axe Safety	N/A
Knots	Open

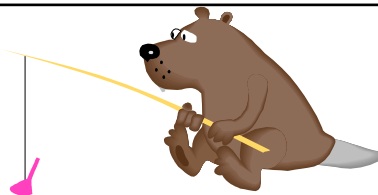
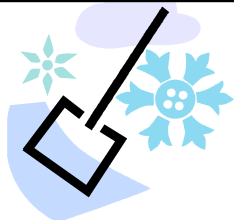
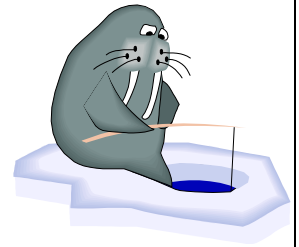


## Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

[clip and save this handy reference page]

### Upcoming Events –January/February

Jan 6	Troop and Parents' Meeting (6:30pm)
Jan 13	Sledding at Starring Lake (6:30pm)
Jan 17	Troop Campfire @ Starring Lake Outdoor Center
Jan 20	<b>No Troop Meeting</b> , PLC Meeting - 6:30pm Committee Meeting - 6:30pm, ASM Meeting - 7:00pm
Jan 25	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due to Kelly Schwab
Jan 27	Troop Meeting (6:30pm) – start of <i>Merit Badge Madness</i>
Feb 1	Scout Sunday
Feb 3	Troop and Parents' Meeting (6:30pm)
Feb 5	District Recognition Dinner
Feb 10	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
Feb 14-15	<b>Troop Campout: TBD</b>
Feb 17	<b>No Troop Meeting</b> , PLC Meeting - 6:30pm Committee Meeting - 6:30pm, ASM Meeting - 7:00pm
Feb 22	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due to Kelly Schwab
Feb 24	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)



### Bulletin Board

#### Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, **January 25!** Please e-mail your articles to her at [kelly.schwab@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://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.

The *Reconnaissance* is a monthly publication of Boy Scout Troop 695 which is chartered through:

Prairie Lutheran Church  
11000 Blossom Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Scoutmaster: Joe Polta 952-974-0264

Committee Chair: Jessica Poirier 952-934-8567

*Reconnaissance* Editor:

Kelly Schwab (952) 949-0705

Email: [kelly.schwab@comcast.net](mailto:kelly.schwab@comcast.net)

Troop Web Page: [www.troop695.org](http://www.troop695.org)