



# THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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## September Highlights

**Theme: Biking by the Flaming Arrows**

- Sept 7 Troop Meeting/Elections
- Sept 10-12 Troop Campout at Sakatah Lake Park  
25-Mile & 15-Mile Rides
- Sept 14 Patrol Leaders Council/Junior Leadership Training  
Committee Meeting/Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting
- Sept 20 Merit Badge Night Organized by Mike Wiig
- Sept 21 Patrol Night  
10-Mile Ride for Flaming Arrows & Wolverines
- Sept 24-26 OA Mustang Conclave
- Sept 28 Troop Court of Honor

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## Scoutmaster's Corner

*From Erich Schwab (Scoutmaster):*

When I think back on my many experiences during my tenure as a boy scout, to this day the summer of 1980 remains pivotal for me. That summer I spent 12 days backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range of northern New Mexico. We hiked over 70 miles, scaled Baldy Mountain, rock climbed, mule packed, climbed spar trees, drank sarsaparilla in a cantina, and watched the sun rise from the Tooth of Time precipice. It may sound corny, but the experience really was a watershed for me. I started the trip as scrawny, unsure 14 year old, and returned and a self assured young man ready to take on the challenges of High School, the Eagle Scout rank, and life beyond. I returned with Brandon and his crew in 2008, and I happily watched this effect on them as well.

Troop 695 has secured two Philmont crews for July 23 to August 4 next summer for up to 20 scouts plus at least 4 adult leaders. Scouts must be 14 years old by the start of the trip. Go – you won't regret it!

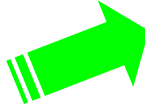
Yours in Scouting,  
Mr. Schwab



# Eagle News

*From Nancy Madsen (Eagle BOR Coordinator):*

**Tue, Oct 12, 2010**



**Northern Star Council  
Mustang District**

# Eagle Preview

**For LIFE scouts & their parents**

**Tue, 10/12/2010, at 7PM**

**at**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie MN 55346

All Life scouts, especially Life scouts and their parents, are strongly recommended to attend the Preview, for this will provide you with a complete picture of what is needed, including the Eagle Project, in order to complete the Eagle rank requirements.

Info: Paul Skoog 952-944-3377

# Fundraisers

From Mary Jean & John Watras (Fall Wreath Sales Coordinators):

## It's Time to Sell Christmas Wreaths!



Although the weather is just barely starting to get blustery, it's time to start selling Christmas wreaths. Our wreath company, Mickman Brothers, has agreed to keep the pricing the same as we had last year. In this economy, this should definitely help us to sell.

Most area scouts started selling October 2nd. With that in mind, please try to get out and sell as soon as you can and as often as you can! Extra order forms will be on our website soon, if you need them.

If you would like to send a wreath to an out of state relative, let us know and we can get you the UPS Holiday Gift Order form. The prices are a little higher, but the shipping costs are included. These products come well packaged and arrive around the 1st week of December along with a handwritten note. It's a great way to send some holiday cheer to an out of state relative.

### Things to remember:

- ✓ If the weather permits, wear your scout uniform, so that people can see you are a Boy Scout.
- ✓ Keep safe when you sell- don't go into people's houses.
- ✓ Make sure a parent accompanies you.
- ✓ You may collect cash or check.
- ✓ *All check should be made out to Troop 695* at time of order.
- ✓ Let people know that delivery will be the week before Thanksgiving.
- ✓ **All order sheets and money are due Tuesday October 19, 2010.**

The split on *profits* this year is 70% to the Scout and 30% to the Troop. That can really help to finance your camping trips for the upcoming year. Have fun selling!

If you have any questions, or did not get a brochure, feel free to call John or Mary Jean Watras at 952-974-2916.



# Leadership Reports

*From Reece Hoerle (Senior Patrol Leader):*

Thanks 695 for a great six months!

I would like to start off by saying I thoroughly enjoyed being the SPL for the last six months. I feel as though the troop had a lot of fun and learned many things at Many Point this year. I would also like to thank all of my ASPLs for being able to cover for me on camp outs and meetings where I was unable to attend. The SPL role is a hard one, but it is worth it throughout and in the end. I will give Paul my assistance in taking on this difficult role and will also stay active with the troop for many years to come. Thanks for a great year!

Sincerely,  
Reece Hoerle



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*From Michael Watras (First Aid Instructor):*

First aid is important because it's what you can do to help others if nobody else is there. I promise, as the first aid instructor, to try my best to prepare all scouts for first aid. Also I will teach first response, ABC, etc..



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*From Ben Giles (Historian):*

Hello troop 695,

Mr. McKenney and I are working on getting a picasa account up for our troop. I will let you know when this is finished so you can check it out.



*From Turner Gunderson (Patrol Leader, The Flaming Arrows):*

## Cycling with the Flaming Arrows

During the month of September, we had a great campout, in addition to successful meetings and bike outings.

At the campout, we did a 25 mile bike ride as well as a 15 mile ride. A special thanks to Mr. Ness for stepping up to be the merit badge counselor and for coming to every event. Our patrol also organized two rides during the month. One was a 10 mile ride around Staring Lake and the other was a 10 mile ride from the church into Bloomington and through the Preserve.

Make sure to check schedules for more upcoming bike rides. We'd like if everyone got this merit badge.



*From Ben Stone (Assistant Patrol Leader, The Flaming Arrows):*

Hi Troop 695!

This month is going well with all the fun biking trips. Plus, most people are probably going to get the Cycling merit badge which is also really good. Keep up the hard work!

# Leadership Reports

*From Ellen Hoerle (Information & Communications Chair):*

## **Announcing Web Troopmaster**

As some of you know, we keep scout advancement, activity and service hours, and badge information in a computer program called Troopmaster. Our troop recently purchased Web Troopmaster so that anyone with a password can gain access to the Troopmaster records for our troop through the internet. Currently, I have assigned only one password to Karen Zemlin, our current Troopmaster, so she can continue to update scout records. If parents are interested in having read-only access to their scout's account, I can assign passwords for each scout.

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*From Ellen Hoerle (Information & Communications Chair):*

## **Adult Recharterers & Youth Protection Training**

As of June 1, 2010, all adults chartered with the troop must take Youth Protection Training (it is offered online through the council website <http://olc.scouting.org/info/ypt.html>). There are some adults that are currently chartered but have not taken YPT. Those adults will not be allowed to recharter next January unless they take YPT. This applies to adults who are registered as merit badge instructors as well. Later in the fall, I will be gathering dates for adult training courses to input into Troopmaster, so if you take YPT or any other training course, please e-mail me ([ellen\\_hoerle@mac.com](mailto:ellen_hoerle@mac.com) or [hoerle@q.com](mailto:hoerle@q.com)) the with the completion date and name of the course. Thank you.



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### **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](mailto:Munkvold1@hotmail.com). Please indicate size and type of payment.

# Troop Leadership

<b>Scoutmaster</b>		Erich Schwab
<b>Patrol Coaches</b>	Flaming Arrows	Paul Kronlokken Tom Gunderson
	Siberian Tigers	Erich Schwab Doug McKenney
	Bobcats	Derrick Poirier John Beauchamp
	Panthers	Mike Madsen
	Timber Cobras	Burt Boudreaux Erich Schwab Mark Kronlokken
	Thunder Dragon/Scorpions	Bill Brown Derrick Poirier Mike Toay
	<b>Troop Positions</b>	Senior Patrol Leader
Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders		Aaron Halpin Tom Polta Ben Schliess
Junior Assistant Scoutmasters		<i>Open</i>
Webmaster		Tyler Schwab
Quartermaster		Will Johnson
Scribe		<i>Open</i>
Historian		Turner Gunderson
Librarian		Brian Madsen
Bugler		<i>Open</i>
Troop Guides		<i>Open</i>
<b>Patrol Leaders</b>	Scorpions	<i>Open</i>
	Thunder Dragons	<i>Open</i>
	Timber Cobras	<i>Open</i>
	Panthers	<i>Open</i>
	Bobcats/Tigers	Lars Henderson
	Flaming Arrows	Brian Ness
	Wolverines	Wyatt Edlund
<b>Instructors</b>	Camping	<i>Open</i>
	Cooking	Ben Stone
	Fire Safety	<i>Open</i>
	First Aid	Michael Watras
	Knife/Axe Safety	<i>Open</i>
	Knots	<i>Open</i>

<b>Troop Committee Chair</b>		Mike Hoerle
<b>Finance</b>	Finance Chair	Mike Hoerle
	Treasurer	Tong Stone
	Check Writers	Jessica Poirier John Lewis
	Friends of Scouting	Jessica Poirier
	Fundraising	Annette Anderson
	Fall Wreath Sales	Mary Jean Watras
	Flying Cloud	Kurt Humfeld
	Special Events	Annette Anderson
	Christmas Tree Lot	Mike Toay
	Popcorn Sales	Julie McKenney
	Aluminum Cans	<i>Open</i>
<b>Advancement</b>	Advancement Chair	Cindy Henderson
	Merit Badge Coordinator	Cindy Henderson
	BOR Coordinator	Mike Toay
	Eagle BOR Coordinator	Nancy Madsen
	Merit Badge Madness	Marshall Ness
	Leadership Goals Coordinators	Burt Boudreaux John Lewis
	EP Foundation Liaison	<i>Open</i>
	Recruiting Coordinators	Burt Boudreaux Don Qually
<b>Information &amp; Communications</b>	Information & Comm. Chair	Ellen Hoerle
	Medical Forms	Karen Polta
	Troop Directory	Karen Zemlin
	Troopmaster	Karen Zemlin
	Newsletter	Tong Stone
	Webmaster	Doug McKenney
	New Scout Handbook	Ellen Hoerle
	COH Program Handout	Ellen Hoerle
<b>Activities</b>	Activities Chair	John Lewis
	Many Point	Kim Teaver
	High Adventure	John Beauchamp
	Quartermaster	David Straight
	Service Projects	Trudy Gunderson
	COH Coordinator	Christy Johnson
	Camping	Michael Wiig
	Fire Arm Safety	John Beauchamp
	Order of the Arrow	Michael Wiig
	Adult Leader Training	Michael Wiig
	Chaplain	Doug McKenney



# Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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## October Events at a Glance

October 5	Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
October 7	Mustang District Roundtable
October 8-10	Troop Campout: Fort Snelling Camporee
October 12	Patrol Leaders Council/Junior Leadership Training/ Committee Meeting/Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting Mustang District Eagle Preview
October 16	50-Mile Bike Ride (Details to be Determined)
October 19	Troop Meeting at Starring Lake Outdoor Center
October 24	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due
October 26	Troop Meeting
October 30	University of Scouting

## Bulletin Board

### **Reconnaissance Articles**

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tong Stone no later than Sunday, October 24th. Please email your articles to [tongshilijinshu@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.troop695.org) and click on the "Newsletter" link in the left side column.

### **Advancement Contacts**

- Advancement – Cindy Henderson
- Boards of Review – 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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