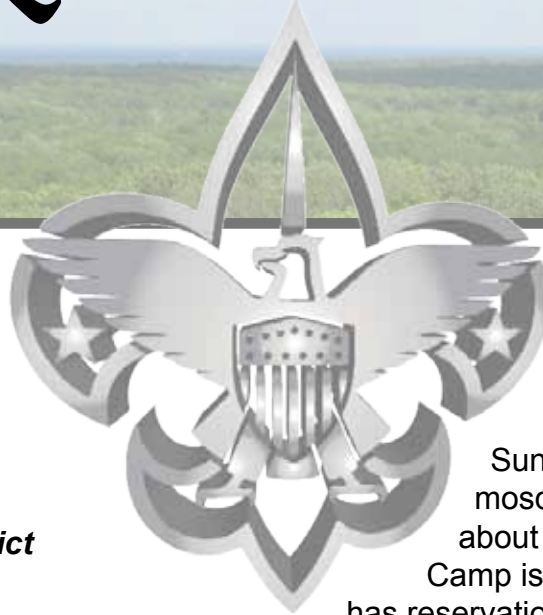


# The Reconnaissance

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## February Highlights

**Theme: Merit Badge  
Madness: Old Goats**

- Feb 2**      **Mustang District Roundtable**
- Feb 7**      **Merit Badge Madness**
- Feb 11-12**    **North Winds Adventure**
- Feb 14**      **Merit Badge Madness**
- Feb 21**      **Merit Badge Madness**
- Feb 25-26**    **MBM Cabin Event**
- Feb 28**      **PLC, Committee, ASMs Meeting**

## Many Point Time!

by Trudy Gunderson

Sun and fun, maybe even a mosquito or two...it's time to think about summer! Many Point Scout Camp is expecting YOU! Troop 695 has reservations for July 15-21 at Fort William in Voyageurs. It's a great week to spend in the outdoors, hang out with friends, learn something about yourself and earn merit badges, too.

This year, there are new merit badge classes available and many improvements at camp. Older boys will have the opportunity to participate in Huck Finn Overnight, Tree House Overnight, Adventure Cove, COPE Program, or International Target Sports Outpost.

Boys that are going into 9th grade or higher will also have the option of participating in The Amazing Pace or Water Sports Outpost. Please let me know soon if you are interested in The Amazing Pace or Water Sports Outpost, since available spaces fill quickly.



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Look for sign up information and details about Many Point in mid-March. Let's make this even bigger than last year!

# Scoutmaster's Corner

By Scoutmaster Tom Gunderson



March is always an exciting month as we bring in a new group of first year scouts! This year we will have one new patrol. Please be sure to remember and abide by several points of the Scout

Law as we meet and get to know these new scouts. (Friendly, Courteous, Kind, etc.) Make it a point to introduce yourself and find something out about a scout you don't know yet at each meeting.

Troop Guides for the new patrol will be Isaac A., Turner G. and Ben S.

Welcome to our new scouts!



# Leadership Reports

## ***From Brian Ness Troop Librarian***

### **Merit Badge Book Reminder**

Now that Merit Badge Madness is over, please remember to return merit badge books to the library at church when you are finished using them.

Also please remember to sign the books back in by using the sheets provided in the library.



## ***From Isaac Anderson Den Chief Pack 422***

Have you ever been to Foss Swim School? I had the opportunity to go with the Tiger Cubs from Pack 422 in Chanhassen as their Den Chief. Before swimming we talked about swim safety and different swimming strokes. After we finished that we played different games in the pool. At another meeting we talked about what sports the Cub Scouts liked to play. Then we played a game of hockey and talked about the rules of that sport and how to be a good sportsman. These recent activities I have done with the Tiger Cubs have been an exciting experience.



## ***From Ben Stone Raccoon Patrol Troop Guide***

Hi, Troop 695! The last camp out, MBM, was a blast. We had fun doing skits in the Oscar Salute and getting merit badges.



## **From Wyatt Edlund LNT Instructor**

As Leave No Trace (LNT) instructor I am going to go over the principles of LNT:



1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly (do not burn however tempting it may be).
4. Leave what you find for others to see. Even if you find a moose antler.
5. Minimize campfire impacts. Use existing campfire grates.
6. Respect wildlife. Don't try to startle wildlife if it is possible to avoid.
7. Be considerate of other visitors. Don't be loud at night and be respectful.

Thanks For Reading

Wyatt

## **From Ben Giles Flaming Arrows Patrol Troop Guide**

This month the flaming arrows have been planning a lot for the month of April. We are super excited and have some fun stuff in mind. We have also had a lot of fun working on all of our merit badges this month. We look forward to another fun month!



## **Announcements**

### **Merit Badge Madness: It's a Wrap!**

by Marshall "Mad" Ness, Merit Badge Madness Coordinator

Merit Badge Madness 2012 is officially over, and with it, come some lasting memories, particularly from the weekend retreat at Camp St. Croix.

First off, a huge and heartfelt thanks go out to the counselors who volunteered their time to teach the merit badge classes this year. They are: Burt Boudreaux, Dan Edlund, Trudy Gunderson, Paul Kronlokken, Doug McKenney, Joel and Jennifer Nichols, Dean Sather, Erich Schwab, Tong Stone, David Straight & Mike Wiig. Without the dedicated work of these people, this event is not possible.

There were four Tuesday sessions of merit badges, and a final two day event at Camp St. Croix. After a day of merit badge classes, the Saturday night entertainment featured a Salute to the Oscars, in which each cabin had to perform a scene from its favorite film. The adults voted on winners of two categories: Best Picture and Best Actor. Cabin 12, featuring most of the Flaming Arrows, won Best Picture for a scene from "Get Smart", while Duncan Sather won Best Actor for his role in a Star Wars medley. Looking forward to next year...  
=Marshall "Mad" Ness



# Troop Leadership

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

## Troop Leadership cont.

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

## Bulletin Board

### Reconnaissance Articles



Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tony Compton no later than Friday, March 30th. Please email your articles to [tonycompton@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.troop695.org) and click on the "Newsletter" link in the left side column.

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- Board of Review – Marshall Ness
- Eagle Board of Review – Nancy Madsen

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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 March...

*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**

## 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](mailto:straight_david@yahoo.com). Please indicate size and type of payment.

