



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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April Highlights

Theme: First Aid by the Timber Cobras

- Apr 1 Mustang district roundtable
- Apr 13 Troop/parents meeting
- Apr 19-25 Scouting for Food
- Apr 20 Troop meeting
- Apr 23-25 Troop campout at Carver Park
- Apr 27 PLC/JLT/Committee meeting/ASM meeting

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Eagle News

Evan Fairbrother & Reed Qually

Eagle Court of Honor

– Don & Peg Qually



Troop 695 Scouts, Leaders and parents are invited to attend the Evan Fairbrother and Reed Qually Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, May 2nd.

The ceremony will be held at Prairie Lutheran Church and will begin at 2:00 PM. A reception will be held at the church following the ceremony.

Scoutmaster's Corner

Scoutmaster's Corner – *Joe Polta*

Scouts, families and friends of Troop 695, please join me in recognizing Scoutmaster-Elect Erich Schwab. I have met hundreds of Scoutmasters from around the country, some with over 50 years of experience, and I am confident that I could not find a better successor for you than Mr. Schwab. Here are some of his credentials:

- Eagle Scout
- Recipient of the Ad Altare Dei award, the religious award he earned as a Scout
- Served as a Den Leader
- Served as a Cubmaster for four years
- Served as a Cub Pack Committee Chair
- Served as a Roundtable Commissioner
- Recipient of the District Award of Merit
- Outdoor enthusiast -- running, cycling, camping, canoeing, backpacking
- Hiked the back-country of Philmont twice, once as a Scout and again an Assistant Scoutmaster (and he wants to go back in 2011)
- Sailed the seas at Seabase
- Unit Leader, Centenary Jamboree (they don't let just anyone serve in this position -- you have to interview for it, and prove yourself more qualified than other top-notch Scoutmasters)
- Frequent visitor to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, both with Scouts and his circle of friends from the greater community
- Wood Badge trained
- Philmont Training Center trained

I anticipate that Mr. Schwab will be sworn in on June 1, 2010. At that time, he will then swear me in as an Assistant Scoutmaster – because I'm not going anywhere soon. There is too much fun and adventure to be had with Troop 695. Please congratulate Mr. Schwab when you next see him, and give him your loyalty and support. With Mr. Schwab as your Scoutmaster, our troop's future is very bright!

Yours in Scouting,
Joe Polta



Leadership Reports

Quartermaster – *Theo B.*

Hi,

I'm Theo, the new Quartermaster for Troop 695. If you have any Outstanding equipment, please return it to me as soon as possible.

Thank you.



Historian – *Ben G.*

Hello Everyone,

I got a lot of pictures of the April campout and meetings. It was really fun and I will take even more pictures at the May campout.

I am thinking of doing an online scrapbook thing for our whole troop so I will keep you posted on that.



Fire Safety Instructor – *Michael W.*

This is Michael, the Troop Fire Instructor.

This message is for the First years. First, make sure you go to Many Point! Second, for those who are attending, you'll have a great time with Merit Badges, and Troop activities. I am now the New Fire instructor, and at Many point, I'll teach you how to make a safe, big, and smart fire.

Make sure you see me at Many Point. I'll be there.



Camping Reminders

– *Michael Wiig*

Tour Permits are needed for camping trips NOT at council camps. Example: May's campout is at Stearns, no permit necessary. Merit Badge Madness was at Camp St. Croix: tour permit necessary. Local tour permits are for within 500 miles. National Tour Permits are for trips more than 500 miles away. This even includes Philmont and Sea Base.

Camping: Group sites are available to be reserved through Three Rivers Parks in early January of that year. Those working campouts for September, October, etc. should start thinking about where they might like to camp.

Open Adult Leader Positions

– *Jeff Shawd*

As we have a large class scouts "aging out" in the next several months, we have several open positions for adult leaders:

- Treasurer
- Board of Review Coordinator
- Popcorn Sales Coordinator
- Flying Cloud Coordinator
- Committee Chairman

These openings create excellent opportunities for parents to contribute their talents on behalf of our youth. Please give your serious consideration to stepping up and volunteering for one of these roles. Please contact me if you are interested.



Scouting News

StarCamp Centennial Celebration Event

– John Beauchamp

StarCamp is Northern Star Council's Centennial SuperEvent, celebrating 100 years of Scouting in the great outdoors!

StarCamp is for all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and Leaders in Northern Star Council, plus visitors and special guests. Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Leaders will be camping at Stearns Boy Scout Camp on Friday – Sunday, May 21 – 23, 2010. Cub Scouts, Leaders, visitors and Guests will be coming for the fun on Saturday, May 22, 2010. StarCamp will be an opportunity to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA, enjoy outstanding program, showcase 'Scouting in Action' to our community, and energize our Scouts and volunteers. Activities at the event will focus on "100 Years of Scouting in the Great Outdoors", with program-specific Activity Areas (for Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers); Special Events; Displays and Exhibits; and much more!

Plan now to attend this great event.

May 21 – 23, 2010: Camping for Boy Scouts and Venturers

May 22, 2010: Fun Day for Cub Scouts, Guests

Please email at inkehoots@q.com or call Theo Beauchamp at (952) 906 – 8974 to let him know if you plan on attending. Please inform him by April 13 at the latest. We need to register our Troop and the number attending by April 15 to get the early registration fee.

Scout Moms

CANOEING & HIKING TRIP

– Cindy Blomgren

Current scout moms, as well as moms of past 695-ers are invited to a Women's Canoe & Hiking Trip, May 21 – 23.

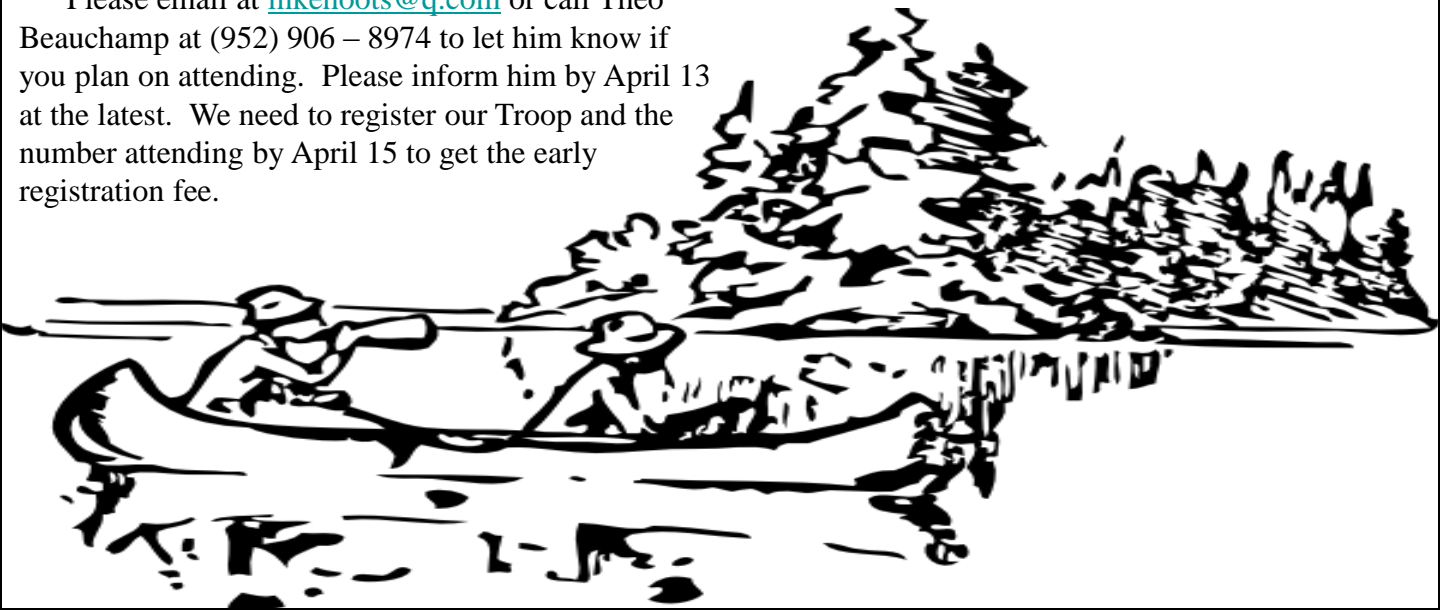
Sleep in a cabin; good hot food served family style in the main lodge! Near the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area at *Adventurous Christians Wilderness Center*, on the Gunflint Trail, Grand Marais. Hike Pincushion Mountain with overlook of Lake Superior.

Leaving Friday, May 21 from PLC parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Returning Sunday, May 23rd by 6:30 p.m.

For itinerary, registration form & more info contact Cindy Blomgren, blomgren1@aol.com 952-934-1777, or Paula Boudreaux, pboudreaux@comcast.net.

Editor's Note:

Cindy Blomgren is the mother of a former Troop 695 member, Eric Blomgren, who became an Eagle Scout in 2008. She enjoyed coming back and attending the Eagle Court of Honor for Robbie B., Chris M. & Jake B. at PLC. Shortly after that she sent this invitation to current and former Scout moms of Troop 695.



Many Point

BSA Summer Camp Options: *All Things Specialty Weeks*

– Kim Teaver

There are additional summer camp options to compliment our Troop's Many Point week long camp hosted by the Northern Star Council. The various camps are held on the Many Point property with reservations and payment taken directly by the council, so scouts sign up as individuals, and Many Point provides the staff to serve as the adult leadership. Each week-long program is structured around a specific interest area so that all advancement, activity and adventure are related to a central concept. Fees include all meals, equipment, staff and program while at camp. Space for these great programs is limited. More information is available at http://www.manypoint.org/Older_Scout_Activities-All_Things_Specialty_Weeks.



All Things Aquatic

July 17 – 24, 2010

Youth will earn all of the following in a single week:

- Red Cross Lifeguard Certification
- BSA Lifeguard
- Motor Boating Merit Badge
- Boardsailing BSA
- Kayaking BSA
- Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat

2010 Fee: \$260.00

Age Requirement: 15 on or before July 31, 2010

All Things Emergency Response

August 1 - 7, 2010

Youth will earn or accomplish all of the following while participating in simulated rescue scenarios. Instruction will all also satisfy the new medical requirements for expeditions at Philmont Scout Ranch :

- Red Cross Wilderness First Aid
- CPR Certification
- Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge
- Safety Merit Badge
- Participate in simulated air, land and water rescues including local search and rescue teams, a backwoods mounted horse posse and actual emergency vehicles and wreckage.

2010 Fee: \$260.00

Age Requirement: 15 and older

All Things SCUBA

August 15 - 21, 2010

Scouts and Venturers will be able to explore an underwater world at Many Point while earning nationally recognized (PADI) SCUBA certification in a single week. Upon successful completion of the program, youth will have earned the following:

- PADI Open Water Diver Certification
- SCUBA BSA
- SCUBA Diving Merit Badge

*SCUBA instruction meets the requirements of the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base.

2010 Fee: \$449.00 (includes all equipment, instruction, pool time, open-water dives, program and meals)

Age Requirement: 14 and older

Troop Planning

Troop 695 Annual Plan for 2010 – 2011

– Josh B.

Patrol	Month	Theme
Flaming Arrows	September	Biking
Bobcats	October	Music
Panthers	November	Wilderness Surv.
Timber Cobras	December	Movies
Tigers	January	Ice Fishing
PLC	February	MBM
Flaming Arrows	March	Spelunking
Timber Cobras	April	1 st Aid
Panthers	May	Hiking
Tigers	June	Iron Chef/Cooking
PLC	July	MANY POINT!

Troop Leadership

Scoutmaster		Joe Polta
Patrol Coaches	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
	Thundering Dragon Scorpions	Bill Brown Derrick Poirier Mike Toay
	Pirates	Don Qually Mark Fairbrother
	Senior Patrol Leader	Reece H.
	Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders	Cory K. Desmond M. Jared Z.
Troop Positions	Junior Assistant Scoutmasters	Dan P. Terrence T.
	Quartermaster	Theo B.
	Scribe	Tom P.
	Historian	Ben G.
	Librarian	Paul H.
	Bugler	<i>Open</i>
	Troop Guides	Aaron H. Ben S.
	Pirates	Terrance T.
Patrol Leaders	Thundering Dragon Scorpions	Cody H.
	Timber Cobras	<i>Open</i>
	Panthers	Brian M.
	Bobcats	Will J.
	Tigers	Nic M.
	Flaming Arrows	Turner G./Ben S.
	Wolverines	<i>N/A</i>
Instructors	Camping	<i>Open</i>
	Cooking	<i>Open</i>
	Fire Safety	Michael W.
	First Aid	<i>Open</i>
	Knife/Axe Safety	Brenden S.
	Knots	<i>Open</i>

Troop Committee Chair		Jeff Shawd
Finance	Finance Chair	Mike Hoerle
	Treasurer	Bob Olson
	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	Dixie Rairamo
	Aluminum Cans	<i>Open</i>
Advancement	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
Records & Communication	EP Foundation Liaison	<i>Open</i>
	Recruiting Coordinators	Burt Boudreaux Don Qually
	Records Chair	Ellen Hoerle
	Medical Forms	Karen Polta
	Troop Directory	Karen Zemlin
	Troopmaster	Karen Zemlin Nancy Halpin
	Newsletter	Tong Stone
	Webmaster	Doug McKenney
Activities	New Scout Handbook	Ellen Hoerle
	COH Program Handout	Ellen Hoerle
	Activities Chair	John Lewis
	Many Point	Kim Teaver
	High Adventure	John Beauchamp
	Quartermaster	Mike Hoerle
	Service Projects	Trudy Gunderson
	COH Coordinator	Christy Johnson
	Camping	Mike Wiig
	Fire Arm Safety	John Beauchamp
	Order of the Arrow	Mike Wiig
Adult Leader Training	Mike Wiig	
Chaplain	Doug McKenney	

Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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May Events at a Glance

May 2	Eagle COH for Evan Fairbrother & Reed Qually
May 4	Troop/parents meeting
May 6	Mustang district round table
May 11	Troop meeting
May 18	Troop meeting
May 21-23	Troop campout at Sterns Camp
May 25	Patrol Leaders Council Junior Leadership Training Committee meeting Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting
May 28	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due

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.

Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tong Stone no later than Friday, May 28th. Please email your articles to 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 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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