



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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Summer Highlights

June Theme: NASCAR by the Thundering Dragons

June 2	Troop Court of Honor
June 12	Friday Night Destruction – Raceway Park
June 14	Fundraiser: Eden Prairie Jazz Festival
June 27-July 3	Black Hills High Adventure
July 12-18	Many Point Scout Camp
August 3	Honoring Tim Nunn
August 9	Fundraiser: Eden Prairie International Festival

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Honoring Tim Nunn – by Diane Grunewald

On July 31, 2009, Tim Nunn, a 14-year-old scout from Edina's Troop #123, passed away suddenly while hiking the trails of Philmont. Despite immediate actions by his troop and the Philmont staff, he could not be resuscitated. Although they were not with him at the time of his death, his parents found comfort in that Tim's last days were spent doing what he loved with his fellow scouts.

To honor Tim, his troop decided to place luminaries along the path that his family would travel the evening of his service. Scouts from neighboring troops were invited to share in creating the candle lit path to guide the Nunn family home.

Over 500 luminaries were placed along the streets of Edina. The five scouts from Troop #695 that answered the call to help honor Tim included *Ryan Halpin, Aaron Halpin, Ben Grunewald, Sam Rosol* and *Spencer Toay*. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by Troop # 123 and truly demonstrated the unity and brotherhood of scouting.

Fox-9 reporting on this event can be found at [http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/dpp/news/Loved Ones Hold Vigil for Boy Scout august 03 2009](http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/dpp/news/Loved_Ones_Hold_Vigil_for_Boy_Scout_august_03_2009)

From Editor’s Desk

You are reading the first issue of *THE RECONNAISSANCE* from your new Editor, Tong Stone. I took over the task of editing the Troop monthly from Kelly Schwab, and hope you continue to enjoy reading, and benefiting from, the articles and information in this publication.

For those of you who contributed to the issue with articles, pictures and information, please accept my sincere gratitude. For those of you who did not have a chance to do so, there will be more issues in the future. Your contributions are strongly encouraged and highly appreciated. Other suggestions on how to make this publication more informative and useful (and more fun!) are also welcome. After all, this is a publication for the Troop.

Thanks,
Tong



Leadership Reports

SPL Scratch – *Dan P.*

Hello, everybody. I hope you had a nice summer with valuable experiences.

An experience I had this summer that I would recommend was going to Grey Wolf again. You'll learn valuable leadership tools that you can apply to the rest of your life. The next step if you have already attended Grey Wolf is to attend NAYLE, a wilderness experience at Philmont where you get an opportunity to apply and practice the skills you learned at Grey Wolf. If you are interested in either of these worthwhile ventures, talk to me, and I can tell you more.

Another fun activity this summer was spending a week at Many Point. Many kids earned many merit badges and had lots of fun there.

I still have not received any plans for the month of September, which is a very bad thing because I can't lead activities when I don't know what they are. Keep working on your scouting, and I would encourage everybody to try to get a leadership position in the troop this fall.



Scoutmaster's Corner – *Joe Polta*

I don't know what other people would do without Boy Scouts. Just this past week, these Good Turns presented themselves to me:

- * I rode my bike part-ways into work with a co-worker whose fender needed adjusting – it was rubbing against her front wheel. I was prepared, like all good Scouts – I got out my tool bag, found the right tool, and adjusted the fender so it wouldn't rub.
- * Another co-worker got a flat tire on her bike on the way in to work. She told me this because she wanted to know how much I thought a bike shop would charge to fix it. I offered to fix it for her, and in the process, teach her how to fix her own flats. So that's what we did together over lunch. (Prepared again. I had my tire patches and an air pump with me.) Two birds with one stone – fixed a tire, and taught a skill.
- * While driving to work the next day, I saw another driver hit a young man on his bike. First, I administered first aid to the bike rider – he was scratched up, but not badly hurt. (By the way – WEAR A HELMET when you bike. Parents, make sure your son WEARS A HELMET.) Then I fixed his bike – the chain had come off – and checked it over to make sure it was still in running order. Then I calmed down the driver, who was shaking and in tears.

Scouts, you are a force for good in the community, so get out there and get to work. Our community needs us.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.



Scouting News

National Jamboree – by *Erich Schwab*

The National Jamboree is a gathering of scouts from all over the country held every 4 years, and the 2010 Jamboree will be extra special as it marks the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Northern Star Council is planning to take at least 10 “troops” of 36 Scouts and 4 Scouters to this Jamboree, and I will be going as one of the volunteer troop leaders. The location will be Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, south of Washington D.C., and several Troop 695 scouts have already expressed interest in going.

The Jamboree will be July 26th through August 4th 2010. The Northern Star Contingent will plan to do some sightseeing on the way there and back again, which usually extends the trip by three to four days on both ends of the actual Jamboree. The all-expenses included trip cost is estimated at \$2250.

If you are interested in going, visit the Northern Star Council’s 2010 Jamboree link at <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/ActivitiesCivicService/National/Jamboree.aspx> for more information and how to register, or feel free to contact me:

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Troop News

Pictures of Summer 2009 – by *Doug McKenney*

Black Hills



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Black Hills *Cont.*



For a video of the flag ceremony the scouts performed at Mont Rushmore, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=405BJ0WKWEl>.



Troop News

Pictures of Summer 2009



Many Point: Right Before Departure



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Pictures of Summer 2009 – by Doug McKenney

Many Point



Troop Leaders

Adult Leaders	
Scoutmaster	Joe Polta
Patrol Coaches	
Flaming Arrows	Paul Kronlokken
Tigers	Doug McKenney Erich Schwab
Bobcats	John Beauchamp Derrick Poirier
Panthers	Mike Madsen
TimberCobras	Burt Boudreaux Erich Schwab Mark Kronlokken Paul Rosol
Thunder Dragons	Mark Jennen Derrick Poirier Mark Donahoe
Scorpions	Bill Brown Mike Toay
Pirates	Craig Beveroth Boon Tan Mark Fairbrother Don Qually
Troop Committee	
Committee Chair	Jeff Shawd
Finance Chair	Jeff Shawd
Fundraising	Carina Smith
Treasurer/Scout Acct	Bob Olson
Check Writer	John Lewis
Advancement Chair	Nancy Madsen
Merit Badge Counselor Coord.	Diane Grunewald
BOR Scheduling	Mike Toay
COH Scheduling	Christy Johnson
Goals	Anne Kollmeyer
Records Chair	
COH Programs	Ellen Hoerle
Medical Forms	Karen Polta
Troopmaster/Roster	Karen Zemlin
Newsletter	Tong Stone
Webmaster	Doug McKenney
Activities Chair	John Lewis
Camping	Mike Wiig
Order of the Arrow	Mike Wiig
Quartermaster	Aarne Rairamo Boon Tan Mike Hoerle

Troop Positions <i>(new leaders as of March 24)</i>	
Senior Patrol Leader	Dan P
Asst Sr. Patrol Leaders	Ryan H Brandon S Spencer T
Junior Asst Scoutmaster	Evan F Andrew S
Quartermaster	Luke B
Scribe	Tyler S
Historian	Henry T
Librarian	Brian M
Chaplain's Aide	Michael W
Bugler	Dan J
OA Representative	Open
Troop Guides	
Flaming Arrows	Reece H Cory K
Patrol Leaders	
Pirates (Bald Eagles/Falcons)	Jake B
Thundering Dragons	Cody H
Scorpions	Nate B
TimberCobras	Mitch B
Panthers	Paul H
Bobcats	Will J
Tigers	Josiah J
Instructors	
Camping	Cody H
Cooking	Open
Fire Safety	Jared Z
First Aid	Ben P
Knife/Axe Safety	Open
Knots	Open

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.

Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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Bulletin Board

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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