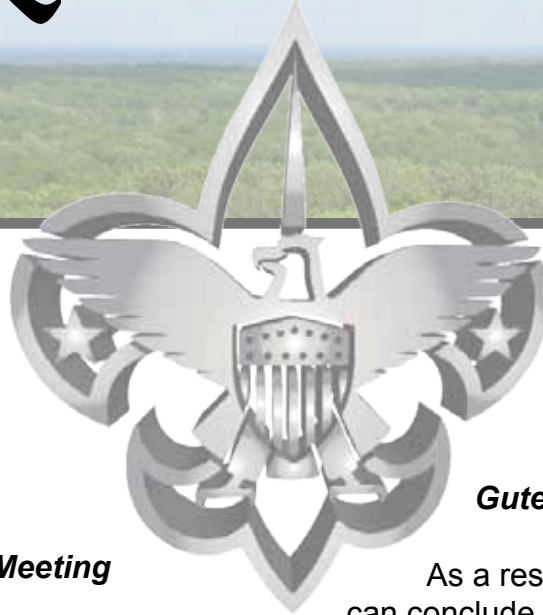


The Reconnaissance

Boy Scout Troop 695
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Projections and Statistics for 2012

Guten Tag Troop 695,

As a result of new scouts joining, I can conclude with no data analysis that morale has improved 10%. Congrats to 100% of you. Also a result, my bugling skills have gone up 20% and will be occurring a whopping 250% more of the time, and again this is based on no data analysis and may have errors.

New scouts have a projected 100% chance of getting the Boy Scout rank. There is a 95% chance that my music playing will annoy you on camp outs, unless you find being woken up by a loud noise in the early morning to not be annoying. There is also a 99.99% chance I will attend all camp outs from February to May and September to November. Good luck to all new scouts, and as a reminder to 100% of you, please do not attempt to give somebody an arrow to the knee, for there is a projected 11.111% chance this might happen. Any attempt will be 99% futile against the wrath of mad bugle playing.



Your Bugler,
William O'Malley

January Highlights

*Theme: Winter Activities -
Flaming Arrows*

- Jan 3** **Parent/Troop Meeting**
- Jan 5** **Mustang District Roundtable**
- Jan 10** **Troop Meeting**
- Jan 17** **Troop Meeting**
- Jan 21-22** **North Winds Campout**
- Jan 24** **PLC, Committee, ASMs Meeting**
- Jan 31** **Merit Badge Madness!**

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Scoutmaster's Corner

By Scoutmaster Tom Gunderson



Scouts, as we head into MBM (Merit Badge Madness) I want to give you a few reminders on how our Scout Law relates to the "real life" scenario of participating in a Merit Badge class.

Our counselors are volunteering their time and expertise to help you achieve and earn awards; be sure to give them the respect, courtesy and thanks they deserve. In other words, remember our Scout Law!

A Scout is Courteous. Be a good listener, don't interrupt your counselor. Actively participate in your class!

A Scout is Obedient. Please follow the directions and rules outlined by your merit badge counselor.

A Scout is Cheerful. Remember, Merit Badges do require you to work, you have to earn them! Be cheerful as you work and the journey (your work on the MB) will mean as much to you as the destination (actually receiving your MB).

Enjoy your classes. Have fun with the hard work of earning merit badges. And remember to say "Thanks"!



Leadership Reports

From Turner Gunderson ASPL

Hey Troop 695! We've had a good start to 2012 so far and a good North Wind "Experience". We are now kicking off Merit Badge Madness so hopefully everyone earns a lot of merit badges and has a great time. Make sure to come to the MBM retreat weekend at Camp St. Croix! It is very fun and we'll do some winter activities, work on merit badges, and Mr. Ness has some extra cool things for us to do as well.



From Brian Ness Troop Librarian

Merit Badge books: Please keep signing them out.

Now that Merit Badge Madness has started, please remember to sign out merit badge books from the troop library at church when you use them.

The sign-out sheet is located on the wood box where we keep the books. Old Goats, this means you too.

I've noticed a few names on the sign-out sheet, so thanks to those who have used it. When you return the books, please remember to place them back in the box in alphabetical order.

Thanks for your help in keeping the library organized.



From Tony Dungan Webmaster

I am excited to begin my role as a webmaster. As of today, you can now send me pictures to put up on the website.



Also, if you have any information for this year's calendar, please send it to my email at bubbles.exclamation@gmail.com (not joking).

Hopefully the adults and the historian can start sending me pictures from all of the activities we had, including rock climbing, the lock-in, and the experience.

I hope to be at as many meetings as possible, so if you have any questions, ask me please.

From Ben Giles Flaming Arrows Patrol Leader

The flaming arrows have had a lot of fun over the last month planning and running January. We went on two fun winter camping experiences and we are looking forward to doing it again.



We also hope you liked and had fun in the month of January and we are looking forward to planning and running April!!!



Announcements

Troopmaster Records

by Ellen Hoerle

For the March Court of Honor, blue cards and rank advancement sheets will have to be turned in to either Jim Horn or Shenglan Long (Richard Zhu's mother) a full one week prior to the COH. There will be no exceptions to this new deadline for the March COH. The parents in the troop who take care of keeping records of scouts' rank advancements and earned merit badges in Troopmaster are changing the procedure we use to do this and need the extra time to sort out any kinks. Just remember that any awards that are not turned in one week before the March COH will simply be awarded in June instead. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Ellen Hoerle, Shenglan Long, Cindy Pratt, and Jim Horn, Adult Committee members

February Means Merit Badge Madness in Troop 695

by Marshall "Mad" Ness, Merit Badge Madness Coordinator

One of Troop 695's defining events is underway: Merit Badge Madness. During Tuesday meetings in February, the scouts will head into class settings in pursuit of three merit badges, including some needed for the Eagle Scout rank. This is a perfect opportunity to boost scouting advancement and perhaps discover a career interest.

Merit Badge Madness wraps up with a retreat at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI February 25-26, which has traditionally been one of the troop's top attended events of the year. The itinerary there includes merit badge classes, rank advancement, outdoor fun, and new in 2012: a Saturday night salute to the Oscars.

Following the retreat, scouts and their families have the choice to head over to nearby Afton Alps for a group outing. The costs for this event are extra...no scout accounts.

Be sure to look for sign-up sheets for the weekly classes and the retreat.

Any questions? Call, e-mail, or find me at the meetings. Phone: 651.485.6598; e-mail: mness@powerhousetg.com

Troop Leadership

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

Troop Leadership cont.

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

Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles



Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Tony Compton no later than Friday, February 24th. Please email your articles to 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 and click on the "Newsletter" link in the left side column.

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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 February...

Theme: Merit Badge Madness - Old Goats

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| 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 |

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. Please indicate size and type of payment.

