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October Activities

Responsible Patrol: Raptors ~ Theme: Hiking/Camping

Troop Campout

This month's campout will be held Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12 at Carley Campground which is approximately 15 miles northeast of Rochester near Whitewater State Park. Cost to attend is \$12. Attendees need to be at Victory Lutheran Church at 6 p.m. on Friday. Scouts will return to Victory Lutheran at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Return permission slips to Kevin Opitz.

Troop and Patrol Meetings

Hiking and Camping is the theme for October with the Raptors providing activities for the Troop. A few items planned will be working with patrols to ensure that their patrol boxes are up-to-date; sharing camping skills; and having a speaker in from Gaylan's to discuss camping equipment and clothing.

WREATH SALES

We are once again selling 25", 36", 48" and 60" wreaths, 26" sprays and 25' and 50' garlands. Selling these items to family and friends provides them with a quality product and puts money in your scout account (70% of profits) for campouts and high adventure trips. It also helps out the troop (30% of profits). If you are interested in this optional fundraiser, please remember to get your wreath packet from Barbara Hanson (available beginning October 7) at the troop meeting. Sales to anyone other than family and relatives may begin Saturday, October 11. All money and item totals will be due at the October 21 troop meeting. Please call Barbara Hanson with any questions at (952) 937-5905.

November Service Project

The Troop's service project for November is **Scouting for Food on Saturday, November 1.**

Each Patrol will be assigned a territory which they may canvass in one of two ways:

~ go out several days ahead of time and hang bags (with instructions) on all of the doorknobs in your territory. On November 1, you can then go around and collect donations; or

~ go out on Saturday, November 1 and ring doorbells. Explain the program to people when they answer, and wait while they gather their food.

Each patrol can decide which way to do it and when and where to meet.

The Troop suggests patrols meet at the church at 9 am and drive to their territory together. Each patrol requires parent drivers/chaperones. Information regarding donation drop-off location will be provided.

Calendar of Events

October 7	SPL Mtg. (6 pm); Troop & Parents' Mtgs. (6:30 pm); Aluminum Can Recycling; Board of Review; Boy Scout Leader Training #1
October 8	Roster Changes due
October 9	Eagle Preview (7 pm), Christ Presbyterian Church
October 10-12	Troop Campout to Carley Campground/Whitewater State Park
October 11	Wreath sales begin
October 21	Troop Meeting (6:30 pm); wreath orders due
October 23	Chaplain's Aid Training (7 p.m.), Scout Service Center
October 25	Popcorn sales end
October 28	Troop Meeting (6:30 pm); popcorn orders due
November 1	Scouting for Food (9 am)
November 2	Reconnaissance Articles Due
November 4	SPL Mtg. (6 pm); Troop & Parents' Mtgs. (6:30 pm); Aluminum Can Recycling; Board of Review
November 7-9	Troop Campout to Forestville State Park
November 16	Wreath Pick-Up at Hanson's
November 18	Troop Mtg. (6:30 pm)
November 21	Xmas Tree Lot Set-up (6 pm) Super America (212/Flying Cloud)
November 22	Tree Lot Opens
November 25	Troop Meeting (6:30 pm) at Super America Tree Lot
November 30	Reconnaissance Articles Due
January 16 – 18	Winter Survival Campout (tentative)
February 27-29	Merit Badge Madness (tentative)
June 20	Philmont Trek begins
July 18-24	Many Point

SPL Report

By Outgoing SPL David Camerino

The past six-month term has been a lot of fun for me. I have learned a lot from being Senior Patrol Leader of our troop. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and especially Derek and Taylor who served as ASPL's during my term.

As advice for all who seek to hold this position, I suggest that you do not take it lightly. It can be a LOT of work, but it's also really fun. Not just to tell other people what to do and actually have them do it, but to be able to interact with everyone and not just people from our own troop. It is a position that you have to work to get, but once you have it Scouting can be a whole new experience for you, and it feels good to know that your fellow scouts feel you are good enough to lead them all.

I hope Derek Clemmings has a good upcoming term and doesn't encounter too many hardships. Keep us Boy Run.

Yours in Scouting, David Camerino

By Incoming SPL Derik Clemmings

Hello, my name is Derek Clemmings and I am your new SPL this next six months. I would just like to start out saying that David Camerino did a great job last term, and I hope to be just as good an influence on all the scouts as I thought he was. Some of the goals I have for myself in the next six months are to make Scouts an enjoyable place to be on Tuesday nights and on campouts. I hope I can achieve this goal by coming up with fun ideas and involving all the scouts of our troop. I hope we all can have a fun next six months.



ASPL Notepad

By Tyler Optiz

Hey, this is your ASPL here. I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and I hope I can make a real difference in our troop. This will be a fun and exciting 6 months so I hope you're ready. Thanks again to everyone who voted me in.



By Thomas Segersin

For those of you who I do not know, I look forward to getting to know and work with you all over the next six months. As far as the troop goes, I would like to try and get the ceremonies cleaned up a bit. Beyond that will depend on what I can manage. Again, I am Tom, the new ASPL, and I am honored to be selected for this position.

Scoutmaster's Corner by Steve Brenneman

Well, school is in full operation and I know you all are having fun with homework and other activities. I also know that Scouting is one of those activities but like the rest of your schedule you have to find time for Scouting as well as football, soccer, the band, and just being a young man trying to find his way.

As I see it... Being a teenager (or a preteen, which is just as tough) brings with it many challenges. One of these challenges is seeking out and trying new ideas and adventures. Scouting provides but one of the outlets for this. Scouting is not the only one nor do I want it to be the only one. I want each scout in Troop 695 to experience life now and find what is important and fun and DO IT!

How do we get a balance in our lives? This is a challenge for your parents at times so do not be discouraged if sometimes you get behind or think you are being pushed along the track. We all feel that way at times. Set goals for each activity you are participating in and decide how much time and effort you want to put into that activity. I am not saying do something half-way. Not at all! But not everything can be a NUMBER ONE PRIORITY in your life.

Life is about making choices and hopefully we will make the important ones good decisions. When deciding what to do: going camping or staying overnight at a friend's house; or going to the mall or working on a service project with your patrol.... Follow the Scout Law and Oath to help you make that decision. Sometimes following your heart with help from your parents can make the decision making a whole lot easier.

I am looking forward to fun-filled Fall full of outdoor activities. Congratulations to the new Troop Leadership. I am anxious to work with them all in planning next year's activities. Let's have a great time and get ready for the Winter to come.

I am proud to be a Scouter and an American.



PATROL LEADER REPORTS

LAKOTAS by Kevin Elgin

The individual members of our patrol have been making strong progress in the past month. McLeod Brenneman has passed his Eagle Board of Review, making him the third scout to reach Eagle Rank in our patrol. Derek Clemmings was just elected Senior Patrol Leader, becoming the 5th SPL elected from our patrol. In the month to come, Taylor Nelson will be having his Eagle Service Project on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. The patrol would appreciate any help from the rest of the troop to make Taylor's project run more smoothly.

FALCONS by Dan Polta

First of all I would like to thank the Falcon Patrol for electing me as our patrol leader and Terrence as our assistant patrol leader. I would also like to give a special thank you to Tyler and Jens for a great 6 months as our Troop Guides. Under their guidance, all of our patrol members achieved Tenderfoot, and all are Second Class or really close. We had excellent participation at our Patrol campout in August and at the Troop campout at Cleary Lake Regional Park in September.

HUSKIES by Ross Sherman

The Huskies have a new scout, Ian Vanic. Most of the Huskies were elected to the Order of the Arrow and completed the Ordeal. Danny Weegmann was elected to be the Historian for the troop and Ross Sherman is the new patrol leader. The Huskies just completed running the troop activities for September. Everyone enjoyed the September campout and the shooting.

RAPTORS by Eric Gatto

It's time for new positions. I was the Raptor patrol leader. The new patrol leader for the Raptors will be Scott Jennen. The Raptors have the month of October.



WOLVERUNNERS by John Lewis

The troop went camping last month to Cleary Lake where the troop got an opportunity to shot rifles. I was not able to make the campout but I understand they had fun. This month we will be going on a hiking campout. I look forward to this campout. Next month we will be going to Forestville State Park, which is near the border of Iowa and Wisconsin. We will have the opportunity to visit the Niagara cave

BALD EAGLES by Kyle Kronlokken

So far we have all been doing very well. During the September campout, a few Bald Eagles earned their 2nd class and I hope that the others will earn theirs during the October campout. I hope we have a good turn out at the camp (10/10-10/12).

BULLETIN BOARD

Troop Roster Update

The Troop is in the process of updating its Roster. Please submit changes to Betsy Elgin (patbets@aol.com) by Wednesday, October 8th.

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the November issue are due to Lisa Songle no later than Sunday, November 2. You may email your articles to her at songle@mn.rr.com.

Scout Achievements

Senior Ryan Bailey attended Introduction to Engineering at the University of Notre Dame this summer and earned first place in bridge design and computer-controlled robot design.

Fifty-four students from around the country were selected to attend the three-week program, intended to introduce students to all engineering disciplines including civil, electrical, mechanical and computer.

Scout Achievements (cont.)

George DeBeck, Jase Englehart and Andy Krause were recently announced as semifinalists for this year's National Merit Scholarship.

National Merit Scholarships have been awarded annually since 1956 by the nonprofit, grant-supported National Merit Scholarship Corp. to academically talented high school students on the basis of scholastic record, personal character, and score on a test administered nationally.

Twenty-one students from Eden Prairie High School made the list, the most semifinalists in school history. Congratulations!

New Venture President Elected

Congratulations to Ali Ling who was recently elected President of Venture Crew.

Timberwolves Scout Nights

For \$17, all scouts and family members will receive:

- ☉ one \$22 ticket to one of the following games: 11/1 game vs. Raptors; 11/22 game v. Clippers; 1/2 game vs. Hawks (no shoot-out); 2/27 game vs. Warriors; 3/21 game vs. Nuggets; or 4/2 game vs. Wizards
- ☉ Timberwolves/Scouting participation patch
- ☉ Timberwolves poster
- ☉ Timberwolves foam claw
- ☉ post-game free-throw shoot-out
- ☉ option to add a hot dog & small soda for \$5

For more information contact Konni Hibicke at (612) 673-8993 or email to hibicke@timerwolves.com.

TROOP LEADERSHIP REPORTS

DEN CHIEF REPORT by Jake Poirier

This month I was unable to meet with my den. This Thursday we have a meeting to work on the Arrow of Light. I am going to teach them the Scout motto, sign, slogan, law and oath.



Mark your calendar to attend Many Point Scout Camp July 18 through 24, 2004. We'll be in the Ft. William campsite (Voyageur). What's new for 2004?? Would you believe a tree house outpost? How cool is that?

*A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal,
Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave,
Clean and Reverent.*

DISTRICT NEWS

Boy Scout Recruiting -- Any scout who recruits a new member for their troop (application must be in the Scout Office by December 1st) will receive their choice of 2 tickets to Mann theater; a snow tubing pass at Buck Hill; \$15 player card for Jillian's Arcade (Mall of America); or \$15 gift certificate at the Scout Shop. If 4 or more boys are recruited by the entire troop, then everyone gets to go to a celebration at Winter Park with the Minnesota Vikings. For every 5 boys the troop recruits, we get a free adult registration at Many Point. Note: this IS separate from Webelos recruiting because those boys don't join until March.

Orienteering Day -- Saturday, October 18th is Orienteering Day at Stearns Boy Scout Camp. They will cover Second Class requirement 1a, First Class requirement 2, and orienteering merit badge requirement 7a. There will also be new challenges for experienced scouts. Fee is \$3 (\$2 extra if you want a special patch). For reservations call (763) 545-4550. Bring a compass, watch, pen or pencil, clipboard (may be shared), and a bag lunch. Wear warm footwear and dress for hiking. Scouts may do this individually or as a patrol.

Eagle Preview – This is a great opportunity to learn more about the road to Eagle Scout. You should not attempt to attain your Eagle Rank without attending one of these previews, held semiannually (fall/spring).

Eagle Preview is for all new and existing Life Scouts and their parents and will be held on October 9th at 7 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Avenue, Edina. Scouts who have attended before may want to attend to learn more about the new Eagle certification process (see New Eagle Scout Certification Procedure article, p. 4).

For additional information, contact Tom McKinley, Advancement Chairperson, Mustang District at (952) 996-0587.



Chaplain's Aid Training – Chaplain's Aid training will be held on October 23rd at 7 pm at the Scout Service Center (NW corner of Glenwood Ave. and Hwy. 100 in Golden Valley). Free. RSVP to Reg Nelson at (763) 545-4550. The Troop is currently recruiting for this position. Primary responsibility is to plan Sunday morning services at campouts. If you are interesting in finding out more about this position, contact Mr. Brennaman.

Climbing Merit Badge Offering - Vertical Endeavors in St. Paul is running a Climbing Merit Badge class. Cost is \$39.99 (includes everything except merit badge book and snacks). They hold it one Saturday a month from 8 am to 1 pm. You must register in advance, because if fewer than 6 scouts are registered, they cancel that month's class. If an entire patrol wants to take the class, they'll schedule it at your convenience. Visit their website at www.verticalendeavors.com or call 651-776-1430. You could also speak with Scouts Kevin Elgin and McLeod Brennaman who participated a few years ago and had a very good experience. It was fun, they got in lots of climbing, and they completed all of the requirements.

EAGLE UPDATES



By Taylor Nelson, Lakota Patrol

Hello Troop 695. I am currently working on my Eagle project and I am looking for volunteers. My eagle project will consist of building 4 structures. Three will be wooden stands for 5-gallon jugs of water. The other one will be a general storage shed for basketballs and other sporting equipment. I am looking for volunteers to paint the structures at my house on Sunday, October 19 from 1:30 to 3 pm. I am also looking for volunteers to assist in the placing of the structures at Friendship Ventures Eden Wood Center on October 25 from 10 am to 1 pm. My telephone number is (952)-937-5099. Sign up sheets are available tonight and on other scout meetings. If you like to have fun this will be a great project to come to. If anyone has a trailer and would be willing to come to my house on the morning of October 25 to haul the structures to the camp will you please contact me. For all scouts this is a great opportunity for you to gain service hours.



McLeod Brennaman has passed his Eagle Board of Review. Congratulations, McLeod!



New Eagle Scout Certification Procedure

Viking Council is changing the procedure for Eagle Scout Certification:

- Step 1: After completing your Eagle Service Project and the other 5 Eagle requirements, have the SM and CC sign your Eagle Application. Mail or drop off the application at the Scout Service Center.
- Step 2: While the application is being certified, the District Advancement Committee will review and approve the Eagle Project Workbook and the Scout's Letters of Recommendation.
- Step 3: Within 10 days of dropping off the Eagle Application, it will be returned to the SM. If all of the information and dates are correct, the Council will have signed the application. If there is a problem with the application, a note of explanation will be enclosed.
- Step 4: When the signed Application has been returned, the Scout may schedule his Eagle Board of Review.
- Step 5: At the Eagle Board of Review, the Board Chairman and the District Board Representative will sign the application.
- Step 6: The application is then forwarded back to the Service Center where the Scout Executive will sign it and send it to National.
- Step 7: Six to eight weeks later, official notification of Eagle Scout rank will arrive.

NEW SCOUT WELCOME

Greetings to Ian Vanic, the newest member of the Husky Patrol. Ian transferred to Troop 695 from another Boy Scout Troop. Welcome, Ian!

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THANKS

Many thanks to our outgoing treasurer, Pam Murphy, and to our outgoing Eagle Court of Honor Coordinator, Karen Tinucci. Both have served our troop cheerfully and tirelessly for many years. Thank you. You have been wonderful!!!!!!

As an American, I will do my best to - be clean in my outdoor manners, be careful with fire, be considerate in the outdoors, and be conservation-minded.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Adult Help Needed for Courts of Honor by Karen Tinucci

It is a tradition for Troop 695 to assist Eagle Scout families in their planning for their sons' Eagle Court of Honor (COH) and to host the reception. **Troop 695 is in immediate need of 3 adult volunteers to assist with the coordination and celebration of these events. Previous experience is not necessary. David Markman's Eagle COH will be mid-November, with McLeod Brennaman's after the new year.**

The time commitment is minimal. The responsibilities are as follows:

- **Eagle Liaison** – to Eagle Scout and Family (**FILLED**)
Note: This position will be done by the family whose son has most recently celebrated his Eagle COH. (As needed, Karen Tinucci will be a backup resource.)
- **Internal Liaison** – to Troop Patrol and/or Crew 695 for Eagle COH Reception planning, hosting and cleanup
Job: To inform the appropriate Patrol of their host responsibilities.
- **Troop Gifts Liaison** – to Engraver (for engraving the Plaque), to National Eagle Scout Association (for 5-yr NESA Membership)
Job: To get the Eagle Scout's full name and Eagle BOR Date engraved on the plaque, and submit a check to the NESA. *The expenses will be reimbursed by Troop 695.*
- **External Liaison** –to EP Foundation (for donation of \$100 to a non-profit organization of the Eagle Scout's choice)
Job: To fax the completed EP Foundation form, once completed and returned to you by the Eagle Scout.

Please contact Karen Tinucci at kstinucci@mn.rr.com or by phone at 952-934-6712 ASAP if you are willing to assist in any of these roles. The planning for David Markman's Eagle COH must commence by October 24th!

Eden Lake Carnival Volunteers Sought

Eden Lake Elementary School is hosting its annual carnival on Friday, October 24. It is the only fundraiser they conduct each year. A toy manufacturer has donated a gigantic 4-foot bear that is going to be raffled. They have also provided a bear costume to be used that evening to promote the raffle. They are in need of individuals who fit a height requirement of 5'8" to 5'10" to wear the costume that evening. The shifts are from 5:45 to 6:30 pm; 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm; and 7:15 to 8 pm. Interested individuals can contact Gail Mueller at 952.946.1069 or email her at gailmueller01@mn.rr.com.

NRA Rifle and Shotgun Instructor Certification Class by Karen Tinucci

It is a Boy Scout Policy that a NRA-certified Rifle and Shotgun Instructor be present on the range for any Troop shooting activities. Cancellation of the shooting portion of our September campout almost became a reality because we couldn't find an available NRA-certified instructor until 2 hours before the scouts were due to depart.

To ensure we don't have the same issue in the future, our Troop would like to send several adults to a NRA Rifle and Shotgun Instructor certification class, planned for the weekend of January 9-11, 2004.

Please contact Karen Tinucci at kstinucci@mn.rr.com or by phone at 952-934-6712 if you are interested.

Merit Badge Counselors Needed by Barbara Hanson

We have many opportunities for *Merit Badge Counselors*. Qualifications for being a merit badge counselor include being at least 18 years old, having an interest in helping scouts earn their badges and having at least a passing interest in the topic. You do not necessarily have to be an expert in the area. Benefits of being a counselor include working with scouts and maybe learning a something.

If you would like to be a merit badge counselor, please let Barbara Hanson (937-5905) know. We are currently listing up to three people per merit badge. There is no limit to the number of badge topics you may counsel. Sign up early, sign up often!

**Every person you meet
knows something you
don't. Learn from them.**

Jackson Browne