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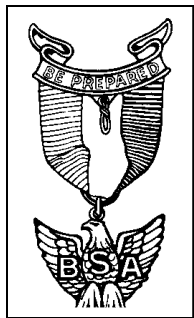
Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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## Eagle Updates



**Eagle Court of Honor** -- David Camerino's Eagle Court of Honor will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1 at Prairie Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. All Troop 695 Scouts and their families, and Scouters, are welcome to attend and celebrate David's achievement. A reception in the Great Hall will follow the ceremony.

**Eagle Project** -- On Saturday, May 15, 2004, Derek Clemmings will be holding his Eagle service project -- installing trail signs on the Staring Lake Nordic Ski Trails. If you wish to volunteer, there will be a sign-up sheet at the May Meetings next to the Ships. It will be a lot of fun and we will get a lot of work done. If you need service hours, this is a perfect opportunity for you. We will be working from 9 am-1 pm, with snacks provided. Please bring work shoes/boots and dress appropriately for the weather. If you could also bring work gloves, rakes, clippers, levels, small crescent wrenches and hand drills it would be appreciated. The date is subject to change. Derek will call and remind all volunteers. Any questions, contact Derek Clemmings at (952) 906-9395.

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Scoutmaster Brennaman

## May Activities: Shooting Sports Responsible Patrol: Huskies

### Troop and Patrol Meetings

Shooting Sports is the theme for May. The Huskies have planned several activities for the month, including a required safety class (with test) for those planning to shoot at the May campout. You must take and pass the safety test to shoot at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club and the troop must have a Firearm Parental Authorization form on file or you will not be able to shoot. You do not have to shoot to attend the campout. Other activities are planned for those Scouts not going to the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club. Special thanks to Glen Vanic whose membership at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club allows the Troop to be able to hold this activity.

### Troop Campout

May's campout will be held at Cleary Lake Regional Park in Prior Lake from May 21-23. We will be loading from Prairie Lutheran Church at 5:45 pm with a 6 pm departure. We will be returning to Staring Lake (upper lot) between 10:30 and 11 am on Sunday. Cost to attend is \$40. Permission slips (available at [www.troop695.org](http://www.troop695.org)) need to be returned to Andrew Songle's Ship by May 11. Scouts will have an opportunity to shoot at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club in Prior Lake on Saturday.

### Golf Merit Badge

Interested in earning your Golf Merit Badge? Starting Sunday, May 16, Counselor Mark Jennen will be assisting interested Scouts to earn this Merit Badge while participating in a youth golf league at Dahlgreen Golf Course in Chaska. The cost is \$30 for the league in addition to a \$14 semi weekly fee (or \$85 for 8-week pass). Every other Sunday through August 22, Scouts will meet at Dahlgreen at 4 p.m. for a 30-minute golf clinic followed by a round of golf. Interested individuals can email Mr. Jennen at [Mark\\_s\\_jennen@yahoo.com](mailto:Mark_s_jennen@yahoo.com) by May 4.

### Quartermaster Update

First, thanks to all for your help with the gear at the last campout. Things are progressing nicely and we should be in good shape shortly. There are a few minor adjustments yet to be done to the trailers, such as signage. We had some difficulties setting up the new tents, but this was to be expected. Please keep me informed of any equipment needs you find or as things get broken. We found we need a new ax (broke at campout) and the new tents came with the minimum of tent pegs (we'll get some more). Also, if anyone is aware that the troop has a netted shelter tent, please let me know. I have mixed reports and it wasn't in any of the gear we went through. Fred Haggerty, Adult QM

### Q=MC2

Good equipment needs a good attitude. When camping in various weather conditions one needs good gear to use to be safe, but gear alone won't keep you safe. The most important thing to survival is you. Learn to look after yourself and hone your skills. Then you can help others and know how to properly use the tools around you. Keep yourself hydrated, fed, warm (or cool if hot) and dry. A person might last less than few hours in severe conditions without proper shelter and clothing, a couple of days without water, and a couple of weeks without food. If your brain and body don't work then the best gear in the world certainly won't. Fred Haggerty, Adult QM

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.

## The Ins And Outs About Flying Cloud by Karen Tinucci

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ The shifts are not as posted on the Troop Website. The hours are about 30 minutes sooner and later to allow for time to setup/cleanup concession stand. (Weeknights about 5:35 pm pickup from Clemming's house to allow for setup and hot dogs to get cooked before soccer begins at 6:20 pm; and on Saturdays pickup from Clemming's house about 8:15am - to allow coffee to perk before soccer starts at 9 am. However, doing the coffee only takes one adult so the other adult could come later with the scouts; probably about 8:45 am.)</li> <li>✘ Hats must be worn at all times while working.</li> <li>✘ If you leave the concession stand and come back inside, be sure to wash your hands with the Hand Sanitizer.</li> <li>✘ If you turn the motor off on the Popcorn maker, be sure that the Heat is also turned off.</li> <li>✘ If you wish to eat food during your shift, you must pay for it. Nothing is free (except left-over popcorn instead of throwing it out – is free).</li> <li>✘ If you wish to eat during your shift, you must wait until there is a lull and then ask permission to take a short break. You must leave the concession stand to consume your food.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ Please do not place out any Tip cups encouraging tips from customers. The Troop is already receiving nice profits for the items we sell and we should not be encouraging our patrons to give us more. If a customer decides to donate a portion of their change without any prompting, say "Thank You" and put it in the Cash Box along with the rest of the money.</li> <li>✘ All scouts should be assisting the adults in the Clean-Up efforts.</li> <li>✘ Don't forget to restock (i.e. Pop and Water in coolers, Hotdogs from Freezer to Refrigerator as needed).</li> <li>✘ If you notice something is running low, please write it down and put the note in the cash box. Let the Clemmings know what was low so that the appropriate shopper can be notified.</li> <li>✘ If there are two adults working the first (or only) shift of the day, they should coordinate with each other ahead of time to determine who should be responsible for picking up the Cash Box and Keys from the Clemming's house.</li> </ul>
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### Bulletin Board

<p><b>Reconnaissance Articles</b> Articles for the June issue are due to Lisa Songle no later than Sunday, June 6. You may email your articles to her at <a href="mailto:songle@mn.rr.com">songle@mn.rr.com</a>.</p> <p><b>The Reconnaissance</b> Misplaced your copy of <b>The Reconnaissance</b> or you weren't able to attend a recent meeting to get your copy? <i>The Reconnaissance</i> is on-line. Visit <a href="http://www.troop695.org">www.troop695.org</a> and go to the tab marked "Monthly Newsletter".</p>	<p><b>Advancement Contacts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Merit badges - Glenn Vanic</li> <li>▪ Boards of Review - Pam Thuleen</li> <li>▪ Eagle Boards of Review - Joe Polta</li> <li>▪ Other - Nancy Madsen or Mark Fairbrother</li> </ul> <p>Contact information can be found in your Roster.</p> <p><b>Found</b> – Blue Motorola Talkabout T5720. Left in tent at April campout. Contact Andrew Songle @ 952.944.8803.</p>	<p><i>The Reconnaissance</i> is a monthly publication (no issues July and August) of Boy Scout Troop 695 chartered at</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prairie Lutheran Church 11000 Blossom Road Eden Prairie, MN 55347</p> <p>Scoutmaster: Steve Brennaman (952) 942-0407</p> <p>Committee Chair: Julie Arthur Sherman (952) 934-5731</p> <p><i>Reconnaissance</i> Editor: Lisa Songle (952) 944-8803 Email: <a href="mailto:songle@mn.rr.com">songle@mn.rr.com</a> Troop Web Page: <a href="http://www.troop695.org">www.troop695.org</a></p>
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### Calendar of Events

May 4	Troop & Parents' Mtgs. (6:30 pm); aluminum can recycling; Board of Review
May 6	OA Mtg.; District Roundtable (7 pm)
May 11	Troop Mtg. (6:30 pm)
May 15	Derek Clemmings Eagle Project (9 am-1 pm), Staring Lake; Armed Forces Day – Display American Flag
May 18	SPL Mtg. (6 pm); Troop Mtg. (6:30 pm); Eagle BOR (7 pm) United Methodist
May 21-23	Troop Campout, Cleary Lake Regional Park, Prior Lake
May 25	PLC Mtg. (6 pm); Troop & Committee Mtgs. (6:30 pm); ASM Mtg. (8 pm) <b>(note change)</b>
June 1	David Camerino Eagle Court of Honor (6:30 pm)
June 3	OA Mtg.; District Roundtable (7 pm)
June 4-6	Troop Campout, Rum River
June 6	<i>Reconnaissance</i> Articles Due
June 8	Troop Court of Honor (6:30 pm); Troop & Parents' Mtg. (7 pm); aluminum can recycling <b>(note change)</b>
June 14	Flag Day – Display American Flag
June 13-19	Pine Tree Session I
June 15	Philmont Mtg. (6:30 pm)
June 20-26	Pine Tree Session II
June 20-July 3	Philmont Trek
June 22	Gathering of Eagles Alumni Dinner, Interlachen Country Club (6 pm)
July 13	Many Point Mtg. (6:30 pm)
July 18-24	Many Point
August 6-8	Woodbadge
August 17	District Steak Fry
August 27-29	Woodbadge
August 31	Troop Mtg. (6:30 pm)



### Scoutmaster's Corner by Steve Brennaman

Well, school is drawing to a close for the Scouts of Troop 695. As we prepare for final exams later this month and prepare for the AP exams this week, we need to ask ourselves the question: Who are we accountable to for the activities we do, the schoolwork we finish, and ultimately the results of all of our work and play?

**As I see it...** Accountability...close cousin to responsibility, is the beginning of adult life, which is not too far away for some of our Scouts. Each of us wants more responsibility, but we often confuse responsibility with freedom to do what we want with no real thought to consequences if we do not live up to our responsibilities. The **Law of Unintended Consequences** takes effect if we do not think about what effect our actions will have on others and ourselves. This Law simply states that every action has consequences and effects that are easy to see, but there are consequences that we cannot see that may have even more impact, positive or negative, that we intend. That is where accountability comes in to play.

Accountability is different than responsibility in that responsibility is the beginning of accountability. Responsibility is when you have a legal, ethical or moral obligation to do something. Accountability goes one-step further in that you have to answer for your actions. Small differences I understand, but big differences in the eyes of God, parents and the friends around you.

You see, you cannot argue away the fact that you are accountable for actions. You either did something or did not do it. You are responsible for your actions because no one can make you do something that is wrong or right. The Devil did not make you do it...you did. So, you are accountable to those that trust you to do the right thing.

Accountability is a very good thing and is one of the things that make our country, state, and our troop great. Each of us has a load to pull and is accountable to each other because if one of us does not do his duty then someone else has to do more than his fair share. Sometimes this happens because we are sick or not trained, but each of us has special skills and talents that we can bring to the troop and we are accountable to do our very best with those skills and talents.

I am proud to be a Scouter and an American.

### SPL Scratch by Taylor Nelson

Hi, I am Taylor Nelson and I am the Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 695. During the past month the troop has had a lot of things going on. First of all, the first year Scouts are working really hard on advancement and a lot of other Scouts are working hard for the same reason as well. I would also like to congratulate any Scouts who have advanced. So, congratulations and keep up the hard work. I know this is the Quartermaster's job, but if you have any tents or other items that belong to the troop, please bring them back so we can make sure we have everything. I would like to thank the parents who came and took the weekend off to help with at the April campout. There are a lot of things going on this month and we will have lots of fun at the May campout. If you are attending, please make sure you fill out and return your permission slip. If you are shooting, the troop must have on file a Firearm Parental Authorization form.

### ASPL Notepad by Brian Smith

During the month of April we went on a campout to Stearns. This campout was the first for the first years and they did a good job for their first campout with the troop. On this campout we got to ride bikes around the campsite which was fun. There were some problems with food in some patrols, but overall I think it was a good campout.

### Troop Leadership Reports

**Bugler: Jake Brown**  
**Den Chiefs: Matt Boudreaux and Josh Issacs**  
**Fire Instructor: Andrew Shawd**  
**Historian: Dan Polta** -- I would like to thank everybody for electing me the troop's Historian. At the most recent campout I got a lot of pictures of the first year Scouts learning fire and knife & axe safety, everybody playing capture the flag, and other things. I think I will have a lot of fun with this job.  
**Knife, Ax & Safety Instructors: Eric Blomgren** -- We instructed first year Scouts on knife, ax and saw safety at the April campout. The first year Scouts in attendance earned their Totin' Chit. If you are a first year Scout that was not at the campout and would like to earn your Totin' Chit, please see one of us.  
**Librarian: Eric Hanson** -- Hi I am Eric Hanson and I'm the new librarian. The first thing I'd like to do is make a catalog of all the books the troop has. If you have any checked-out books, please tell me at the May 11th or 18th troop meetings.

**Quartermaster: Nathan Haggerty** -- Turn in tents from this last camp out ASAP, but make sure they are clean and have been aired out. I have had some complaints on dirty patrol boxes from some people, so make sure when you use them you clean everything and wash them out well. Check with me before taking anything out of the trailers. Also see me if you are having trouble setting up the new tents.  
**Scribe: Andrew Songle** -- The troop will be putting together new policy for taking attendance. We will let you know when a final policy is put together. If you are not around when attendance is being taken by your Patrol Leader or me at either a troop meeting or campout, please inform your Patrol Leader or me so that your attendance gets on the permanent troop records.  
**Camping Instructor: Open**  
**Chaplain's Aid: John Lewis**  
**Troop OA Representative: Open**  
**Venture President: Nick Smith**

## Patrol News

**BALD EAGLES:** Evan Fairbrother, Patrol Leader

**DRAGONS:** Jake Poirier & Brad Madsen, Troop Guides – Hi, this is Brad for all who are reading. The camp out was a lot of fun and I hope you all enjoyed it. I hope to see more of you at the next camp out. Brad Madsen.

**FALCONS:** Brian Wunderlich, Patrol Leader

**HUSKIES:** Ian Vanic, Patrol Leader -- In April the Huskies did a Food for Scouting project. We handed out food bags to Eden Prairie residents. The food was donated to PROP. We also went on a biking campout at the Stearns campground. Andrew Songle, Ian Vanic, and Eric Blomgren helped the first year scouts get their Totin' Chit. The Huskies are currently working to organize the May shooting campout.

**LAKOTAS:** Derek Clemmings, Patrol Leader

**RAPTORS:** Jens Gilman, Patrol Leader

**THUNDER:** Tim Wolfgram & Tyler Herzog, Troop Guides -- The Thunder were busy this month. They went on a shopping spree to learn how to be grubmaster and to get food for their first campout. The Thunder's first campout was a success. Six of the Thunder patrol attended along with the Troop Guides and many parents. During the campout the Thunder got their Totin' Chit, learned how to make a fire, learned three kinds of fire, went biking, and got to cook their first meals as a patrol. Tyler Herzog

**SCORPIONS:** Ross Sherman & Shane Thuleen, Troop Guides -- So far the Scorpions are advancing well. They are starting to listen to us a bit now so hopefully when we do stuff it will go faster. On our campout it went pretty well, we had plenty of food to go around and we had plenty extra at the end. Each of the 5 Scouts got to do some cooking. The cooking time for each meal was around average except for breakfast and dinner. The food as good. Each Scout has around 5 or more Tenderfoot requirements done and at the next meeting we have to sign some off. But the best thing is they are working together now and making friends with each other so that way they can work on stuff together. Well so far it has been pretty fun and frustrating. Ross Sherman

**WOLVERUNNERS:** Todd Hayen, Patrol Leader – It has been a pretty fun month for the Wolverunners. Among many things, Jake Poirier is a Troop Guide for one of the new patrols and is off in Europe for a few weeks. A few of us are getting "Life" pretty soon and we're glad to see lots of new eager Scouts in the troop! Looking forward to upcoming events and Many Point this summer.

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## Many Point Scout Camp by Paul Boudreaux, Many Point Coordinator

I was informed that mosquito netting is now in stores, but that it sells fast. The white mosquito netting that measures 84x36x60 inches is recommended. It can be found at REI, Gander Mountain and other outdoor sporting goods stores.

Also, I need two things -- your final payment for Many Point of \$90 which is due May 11 and your Class 2 physical by the end of May. There is a "Completed Physicals" folder in the ship for you to put your completed form. Derrick Poirier is in charge of collecting all these physicals so make his job easy!

A quick note to the Patrol Coaches. I would like to get the list of merit badges your Scouts have chosen to do at Many Point by May 11. If you have any questions you can talk to me at the meeting or call me at 952-906-9604.

## Scout Achievements

**Congratulations to –**

**Blaine Herbst** who received a Wild school pack for being one of the top 200 readers in grades 5-6 in the Minnesota Wild and 10,000 Rinks Foundation "Wild About Reading" program.

**Chris Mueller** whose team took fifth place at the Math Masters sixth grade regional competition on March 10.

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**Todd Hayen** who is currently performing in "Free to Be... You and Me" at Youth Performance Company in Minneapolis. This musical, by Marlo Thomas, has a great message and is lots of fun. It runs through May 16. For ticket information, call 612-623-9080. This summer, Todd will be playing the lead in "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" at the Old Log Theatre.

Todd was also hired for a photo shoot for the BSA because he is a Boy Scout. The job required a 14 yr. old boy with theatre experience who is a Scout. Todd was photographed helping an elderly woman on a city bus and will appear in promotional materials for the Boy Scouts of America! **You never know what opportunities Scouting has for you!**



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## Council and District News

District office closed on Monday, May 31.

The eighth annual "Gathering of Eagles" Alumni Dinner will take place on Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at the Interlachen Country Club, 6200 Interlachen Boulevard, Edina, MN. This is a great opportunity for Eagle Scouts of all ages and their guest(s) to get together for Scouting fellowship and fun. Reception starts at 6:00 pm and Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$37.00 per person and \$42.00 per person (after June 15<sup>th</sup>).