



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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May Activities

Theme: Aviation

Responsible Patrol: Raptors

Flight mechanics Mr. Isaacs and Mr. Halpin are scheduled to give introductions and demonstrations about aviation and aeronautics during the month of May. For those that sign-up for the Aviation Merit Badge, Mr. Halpin is planning on taking those scouts up in the sky and tour Flying Cloud Airport. Look for more information regarding this opportunity.

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Scoutmaster Polta

Many Point News by Paul Boudreaux, Many Point Coordinator



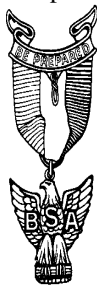
Many Point is fast approaching. I know it is only the beginning of May, but just you wait and see how fast July 17 rolls around.

Here are a few reminders: **Final payment** of \$120.00 for camp is due May 3rd (tonight). **Swim qualification dates** at Oak Point pool are: Thursday, May 5, 7-8 pm; Friday, May 13, 6:30-9 pm; Thursday, May 19, 7-8 pm; Thursday, May 26, 7-8 pm.

Merit Badge Choices: Please look in your Many Point Packet and have your choices ready for the May 10 troop meeting. Patrol Coaches will discuss Merit badge choices at the May 4 meeting with the Scouts during Patrol time. This will get them thinking! **High Adventure Choices:** This is for Scouts entering 8th grade and older. Please get your choices (1st, 2nd and 3rd) to your Patrol Coach by May 10.

Medicals: Please get those Class II and Class III completed medicals to Derrick Poirier by the end of May. Any Scout or adult going to camp needs to have a current medical on file. If you are unsure if your medical is current, please email Derrick Poirier at Dmpoirier@mn.rr.com or phone at 934-8567. You can also catch him at any troop meeting.

Once I have a complete roster I will put together a final Many Point 2005 Packet and put in the troop ships. This will probably be at the next parent meeting on May 31. If any scouts or parents would like to borrow the Many Point Video, give me a call at 906-9604 or speak with me at a meeting. Our Troop webmaster, Jim Sundberg, is working on getting everything you need to know about Many Point on our website. Keep watching for it. Also, Class B t-shirts are on sale of \$10 at each meeting if you wish to purchase a few for camp.



Eagle Updates

Eagle Project – Brad Madsen is doing a landscaping project at the Jacques-Riley Homestead for his Eagle Project which is located on the north side of Lake Riley Park. Brad invites all scouts to join him on this project on May 7. A sign-up sheet and maps will be located by the Troop “ships”.

Eagle Project – Brian Smith is building steps at the Hyland Hills Ski and Snowboard Area in Bloomington for his Eagle Project. Tony invites all scouts to join him on this project on May 14-15. A sign-up sheet and maps will be located by the Troop “ships”.

Outdoor Code

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.

FYI (For Your Information) is a feature of The Reconnaissance. FYI is written by troop Committee members and will describe policies and procedures of Troop 695. If you have an idea for future FYI topics, please contact Julie Arthur-Sherman.

Official Flying Cloud Rules and Regulations

- ❖ All workers MUST wash hands before their shift, and all workers MUST wear a hat. This is a County health mandate.
- ❖ There are two methods for signing up for shifts:
 1. send an email to Troop695EP@aol.com
 2. come to the regular troop meetings and sing up on the official form
- ❖ No changes will be accepted by phone. All email requests will be processed in the order they were received. Some changes will be made as needed to allow equal access to all. If you can not work your shift, YOU are responsible for finding a replacement.
- ❖ Call your shift partners to verify who will be picking up/returning keys and cash box.

- ❖ First shift details: One family is responsible for picking up the keys and cash box. Call your partners and decide BEFORE the date of your shift. Start Time = the time your shift starts. You must be at the shack before games begin to get hot foods ready and open up. Games start around 6:20 pm weeknights and 8:15 am Saturdays.
- ❖ All workers must sign a form inside the cash box to get credit for working your shift. If you don't sign, you don't get credit.
- ❖ Final shift details: If you fail to do a good job of cleaning up, you will lose credit for your shift. You are responsible for taking inventory.
- ❖ Pick-up opening items (keys, cash box, hot water, etc.) at the Vanics (14864 Boulder Pointe Road, 974-9940).
- ❖ DO NOT eat inside the shack. Eat outside. Wash your hands after eating.

Calendar of Events

- May 3 Troop & Parents' Mtgs. (6:30 pm); aluminum can recycling
- May 5 OA Mtg. (7 pm); District Roundtable (Safety Afloat) (7 pm)
- May 7 Brad Madsen Eagle project – Jacques-Riley Farmstead
- May 10 Troop Mtg. (6:30 pm)
- May 14-15 Tony Smith Eagle project – Hyland Hills (Sat: 9 am-3 pm; Sun: 11 am-3 pm)
- May 17 Troop Mtg. (6:30 pm); Eagle BOR (United Methodist) (7 pm)
- May 20-22 District Camporee
- May 24 **NO TROOP MEETING; PLC & Committee Mtgs. (6:30 pm); ASM Mtg. (7 pm); Merit Badge Information Due**
- May 29 Reconnaissance articles due
- May 31 Troop & Parents' Mtgs. (6:30 pm); **Rank Advancements Due**
- June 2 OA Mtg. (7 pm); District Roundtable (7 pm)
- June 3-5 Troop Campout
- June 7 Troop Court of Honor (6:30 pm)
- June 10-12 Jamboree Shake Down
- June 12-18 Pine Tree Session I
- June 19-25 Pine Tree Session II

Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the June issue are due to Lisa Songle no later than Sunday, May 29! Email your articles to her at songle19@msn.com.

Reconnaissance on the Web

The Reconnaissance is on-line. Visit www.troop695.org and go to the tab marked "Monthly Newsletter".

Advancement Contacts

- Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator --Glenn Vanic
- Boards of Review or Advancement – Nancy Madsen
- Eagle Boards of Review – Bill Brown

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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Return To Flight

Space Shuttle Discovery is scheduled by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for lift-off between May 12 and June 3. It would be the first shuttle mission since the February 2003 explosion that killed the seven-member crew aboard Space Shuttle Columbia. Discovery is scheduled to travel to the International Space Station. www.nasa.gov.

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



Scoutmaster's Corner by Joe Polta

A Scout is Friendly. Later this month you get to attend the Mustang District Spring Camporee. The Camporee will also serve as our Troop campout for the month of May.

What's a Camporee? It's a campout to which every Troop in the district is invited. We'll be camping with other Scouts from Eden Prairie, and possibly Edina, Minnetonka, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Glen Lake/Scenic Heights and Golden Valley. Camporees have been around for a long time; some of my best times in Scouting have been at Camporees. Camporees let us meet Scouts from other cities and work together and compete against one another. Perhaps most importantly, a Camporee is a chance to make new friends from outside the Troop. I strongly encourage you to attend.

While we're at the Camporee, I hope to run a special activity called the Scoutmaster's Camporee Challenge. It's a test for an entire patrol or provisional patrol (teams of at least four Scouts from different patrols), and it involves cobbler, creativity and friendliness. If you think you can handle the Scoutmaster's Camporee Challenge, I hope you and your patrol approach me about it on Saturday, May 21.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.

SPL Scratch by Tim Wolfram

The two biggest things that I would like to stress is attendance and the Scout Sign. We have not had very good attendance from the Thunder, Scorpions, Dragons, Cobras and Timberwolves recently. We need to step it up a bit in this area. Also, make sure that you know that when the sign goes up it means to stop talking. **DO NOT:** continue talking to your neighbor, tell others to be quiet, yell "Signs Up". **DO:** silently put your sign in the air and **STOP** talking. **FYI:** We wasted 22 minutes and 38 second last meeting just waiting for people to stop talking. Finally, let's end on a good note. Many Point is coming up and make sure you get your Merit Badges and High Adventure Overnights and Activities signed up for. If you have any Q's, talk to Mrs. Boudreaux and I am sure she would be happy to answer them.

ASPL Notepad -- Jake Poirier and Brad Madsen

Since the COH when I became ASPL, there have been 3 meetings, a campout and 2 service projects (Scouting for Food and church clean-up). We worked towards earning the Communications Merit Badge during the April meetings and it is going smoothly. Jake Poirier.

Patrol News

BALD EAGLES: Evan Fairbrother, Patrol Leader -- At our last patrol meeting, we played a teamwork game based on trust. Each of us walked through a maze of mouse traps while blindfolded. Another scout guided us by using only his voice. At the last campout, our patrol had a lot of fun. The campfire was one of the best I have been a part of. This month's patrol saying is, "We're getting a Rhino?"

COBRAS: Josh Boudreaux, Patrol Leader; **Matt Boudreaux & John Lewis**, Troop Guides.

TIMBERWOLVES: John Kronlokken, Patrol Leader; **Andrew Songle & Ian Vanic**, Troop Guides – Our patrol continues to do well toward rank advancement and have begun working on some Merit Badges. We had a really good turn out for Scouting for Food and the Church Clean up. Thanks Timberwolves. Andrew Songle.

SCORPIONS: Spencer Toay, Patrol Leader

WOLVERUNNERS: Nathan Haggerty, Patrol Leader -- My patrol did the scouting for food project. That's about all to report for this month.

RAPTORS: Jason Smoliak, Patrol Leader -- The Raptors all want to congratulate Ben Cooper on earning his Eagle rank. Way to go Ben! Tyler and Jason sealed their membership in OA with Brotherhood during April. Brad and Brian both have Eagle projects scheduled for the month of May. Hope the month turns out to be great.

HUSKIES: Tyler Herzog, Patrol Leader

THUNDER: Luke Coyer, Patrol Leader

DRAGONS: Adam Reden, Patrol Leader

FALCONS: Spencer Sundberg, Patrol Leader

Troop Leadership Reports

Bugler: Chistopher Mueller
Camping Instructor: Open
Ceremonies Instructor: Open
Cooking Instructor: Open
Chaplain's Aid: Eric Wiig -- Thanks to the Patrols for saying grace before each meal on the last campout. I like the way you were participating and involved in the Sunday Service. Remember May 5th is National Prayer Day. Remember a Scout is Reverent.
Den Chiefs: None
Fire Safety Instructor: Open

First Aid Instructor: Open
Historian: Eric Hanson
Junior Assistant Scoutmaster: David Camerino and Ben Cooper
Knife, Ax & Safety Instructor: Open
Librarian: Kyle Kronlokken
Quartermaster: Dan Polta
Scribe: Terrence Tan
Knots Instructor: Open
Troop OA Representative: Robbie Beveroth
Venture President: Open