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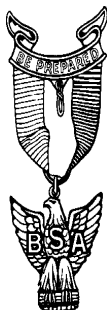
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Summer Activities

June:	Theme: Biking Responsible Patrol: Dragons
July:	Theme: Wakeboarding/Waterskiing Responsible Patrol: Huskies
August:	Theme: Golf Responsible Patrol: Timberwolves
September:	Theme: Shooting Responsible Patrol: Huskies

Troop Camp-Outs/Activities

June 19-26:	Sea Base
July 16-22:	Many Point
August 4-16:	Philmont
September 15-17:	Shooting Camp-Out



Eagle Project Announcement:

John Lewis – John will be working to replace boards, sand and paint benches at Round Lake Park in Eden Prairie for his Eagle Project on **Saturday, July 29 from 9 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, July 30 from 1 to 5 pm**. If you are able to assist John, please contact him at (952) 294-9689. John would appreciate it if you could bring the following items with you on July 29/30: hammer, hand saw, tape measure, 9/16 wrench, goggles, rake, shovel, garden rake and grass clippers. John also reminds you that you will be working, so please dress accordingly.

Tyler Opitz – Tyler is planning the second half of his Eagle project which will be planting flowers in two sites of the Castle Ridge Care Center porch area. He will also be having a car wash to cover the expenses he has racked up so far. He is working with the Castle Ridge Care Center Administrator to set up the date. His car wash will be right around the same time. If any one is interested in helping Tyler finish his project, please talk to him at a meeting or contact him. His contact information is listed in the Troop Roster.

Uniform

Full Class A uniforms must be worn from September through May. Class B t-shirts can be worn from June through September. Exceptions are as follows: full Class A uniforms must be worn to all Courts of Honor, driving to and from any scout-sponsored event and at the request of the Scoutmaster and/or Patrol Coach; Class B t-shirts should be worn when working at Flying Cloud and Staring Lake concessions.

April Campout



“As a Scout, you're the one who will be ready for heat, humidity, rain, storms, or whatever conditions you find yourself in. You'll be prepared.” Scoutmaster Polta

**Many Point Scout Camp
That's The Place To Be!
60th Anniversary**



**By
Paula Boudreaux
Many Point Coordinator**

Transportation has been finalized. We will be leaving from Starring Lake Sunday, July 16 at 8 am. The charter bus usually arrives around 7:30 am, so we can get our gear loaded. On Saturday, July 22 you can pick your son at the lower level parking lot at Oak Point Intermediate School around 2:30 pm. Our transportation again this year is Mayers Inc. Charter Bus Company. The cost of transportation has been factored into the cost of camp.

The packing list is on the Troop's website at www.troop695.org under the Many Point heading which can be found on the right hand of the screen. Click on the Leader's Guide and scroll down until you come to the packing list. The information for Many Point on the website is very informative and can answer almost all your questions. Please read through the information if you are new to the Troop or your son (entering 8th grade) will be participating in the high adventure activities. But, if for some reason you have more questions, give me a call or send an email.

Lastly, the Class II & III medicals. Please get these turned into Diane Grunewald if yours will be expiring before camp. This is very important. **NO CURRENT MEDICAL FORM—NO GOING TO CAMP!**



Welcome to the newest Scouts of the Troop, the Panther Patrol:

- Luke Brown – Parents: Bill and Karen
- Andrew Haack – Parents: John and Jennifer
- Aaron Halpin – Parents: Bill and Nancy
- Reece Hoerle – Parents: Mike and Ellen
- Jake Issacs – Parents: Dennis and Tina
- Brian Madsen – Parents: Michael and Nancy
- Gabriel McNee – Parents: Allen and Casey Quinn
- Robert Neiburg – Parents: Jim and Ann Young
- Tyler Norgren – Parents: Jeffrey and Julie
- Troop Guides: Jake Brown and Evan Fairbrother

Calendar of Events

- June 6 Troop Court of Honor (6:30 pm)
- June 11 Philmont Hike (1 pm)
- June 18 Philmont Hike (1 pm)
- June 19-26 Sea Base
- June 25 Philmont Hike (1 pm)
- July 11 Many Point Meeting (6:30 pm)
- July 16-22 Many Point
- August 4-16 Philmont
- August 27 Reconnaissance articles due to Kelly Schwab
- September 5 Troop and Parent Meeting (6:30 pm); Troop Nominations; can recycling
- September 7 OA Mtg; District Roundtable (7 pm)
- September 12 Troop Meeting; Troop and Patrol Elections; Merit Badges due
- Sept. 15-17 Troop Campout
- September 19 **No Troop Meeting**; PLC Mtg. (6 pm); Viking Leader Training (6:30 pm); Committee Meeting (6:30 pm); ASM Meeting (7 pm); Rank Advancements due
- September 23 Popcorn sales start
- September 24 Reconnaissance articles due
- September 26 Troop Court of Honor
- September 30 Wreath sales start



The following boys have worked from September 2005 through May 2006 to complete their GOD & CHURCH PROTESTANT EMBLEM: Chris Mueller, Van Donkersgoed, Jake Brown, Nate Brown and Evan Blomgren.

One of the requirements was to make their own video program – three segments in length, one segment of which included interviewing leaders of their church. Alternatively, one Scout chose to make an album, depicting what he learned in the program. Other requirements were volunteering at their church, helping with an outreach project in the community, plus visiting a church different than his own. To get signed off on this Emblem, the boys made an appointment with their Pastor to meet to discuss their GOD & CHURCH workbook.

These five boys will be honored for earning this prestigious and challenging Religious Emblem at the June Court of Honor.

Bulletin Board

<p>Reconnaissance Articles Articles for the September issue are due to Kelly Schwab by Sunday, August 27! Email your articles to her at kschwab@mn.rr.com.</p> <p>Reconnaissance on the Web <i>The Reconnaissance</i> is on-line. Visit www.troop695.org and go to the tab marked "Monthly Newsletter".</p>	<p>Advancement Contacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator --Karen Vanic ▪ Boards of Review or Advancement – Nancy Madsen ▪ Eagle Boards of Review – Bill Brown <p>Contact information can be found in your Roster.</p> <p>The Merit Badge Sign Up book can be found by the "Ships" at each meeting.</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: Joe Polta (952) 974-0264 Committee Chair: Mark Jennen (952) 943-1340</p> <p><i>Reconnaissance</i> Editor: Lisa Songle (952) 944-8803 Email: songle19@msn.com</p> <p>Troop Web Page: www.troop695.org</p>
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Scout Law: A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.



District and Council News
www.northernstarbsa.org

Mustang District Leader Training Opportunities - Next Opportunity this Fall. Experienced trainers are needed. If you are interested - please contact District Training Chair Jamie Dillon at jdillon@mn.rr.com.

Navigator Survey -- The Northern Star Council Navigator Newsletter is almost a year old. With the recent publishing of the May/June/July issue, our Marketing Committee and Navigator production staff would like to take the next few months to evaluate the publication and begin making improvements. Your help is needed! Please take a few minutes to complete their survey at www.northernstarbsa.org/survey. Most of the questions require only a mouse click, with a few boxes for your written comments as well.

Norwegian Scouts Coming to Minnesota -- From June 30 to July 16, a group of Scouts and Guides from Norway will be coming to Minnesota. The Scouts will be both boys and girls from age 13-17. This will be the second time a group of Norwegian Scouts have come to Minnesota. For a few it will be a home coming, but for most, it will be their first experience of American life.

If you are interested in hosting please fill out the [application form](#) located on the council website. For more information contact: Jon Pederson Cell: 612-325-3669 Email: jonp@rjequip.com.

Troop Leadership Reports

Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders: Eric Hanson & Ian Vanic

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster: Brad Madsen

Bugler: Drew Churchill -- I have been playing trumpet for 3 years now and I am good at bugle calls. I'm looking forward to waking everyone up at Many Point this year! Be listening for Taps after the meetings and Reveille to wake you up at campouts.

Chaplain's Aid: Andrew Teaver

Den Chiefs: Luke Coyer, Ryan Halpin, Josh Issacs, Daniel Johnson, Brandon Schwab and Zach Poirier -- This month I didn't have a separate Den meeting with my Den. Instead we had a Pack meeting where we did an egg drop activity off of a fire truck. The Scouts that attended earned an activity pin. Zach Poirier.

Historian: Open

Librarian: Eric Wiig -- The library has undergone some changes. First, we are putting on new wheels so it will roll better. Second, I am trying to update the pamphlets. Third, the checkout system will be different. There will be a binder with sheets to sign out the books in.

Quartermaster: Paul Rairamo

Scribe: Spencer Sundberg

Troop OA Representative: Dan Polta

Camping Instructor: Terrence Tan -- I have a few words of advice for the newer Scouts. First, when you stake your tent, count the number of stakes and make sure you disassemble the tent with that many stakes. If you are missing things like stakes, bags, or anything else that comes with the tent, give it to the Quartermaster. Second is that when you put a tarp down and have the tent on it, fold any ends that are exposed in or else if it rains, water will pool at the bottom of your tent. Finally, when fitting poles into tents, do not try to bend the poles too hard, if you need to do that, you have it incorrectly. If anyone has problems with tents or other things related to camping, go to the Falcons patrol and ask for me.

Cooking Instructor: Nate Brown

First Aid Instructor: Van Donkersgoed

Knife & Ax Safety Instructor: Open

Fire Safety Instructor: Sam Rosol

Knots Instructor: Ryan Brattensborg

PROP Needs Summer Donations

PROP (People Reaching Out to Other People) sincerely thanks the community for supporting the Boy Scout Food Drive on April 29. Over 8,600 pounds of food was collected and delivered to PROP in a four-hour period.

Thanks also to the Scout leaders, parents and Scouts who worked so hard to organize the event and collect the food in pouring rain. The boys set an example for all others to follow. They worked diligently with enthusiasm and compassion for families experiencing financial need in our community.

As summer approaches, the number of requests for food typically increases as donations decrease. Every donation counts as PROP prepares for the upcoming summer months. In 2006, PROP distributed over 49,000 pounds of food in the months of June, July and August. With continued community support, we are hopeful to meet the need in 2006 as well. Please remember to give generously in the upcoming months!

May 11, 2006 [Eden Prairie News](#), submitted by Derrick Poirier



Scoutmaster's Corner by Joe Polta

It's the end of the school year, and a time when we usually take a breather from the usual pace of Scouting activities too. But I'll bet none of you will really take a break from BEING a Scout. I'm not talking about one of every Scoutmaster's favorite topics, living by the Oath and Law. No, this time it's about another way you might set yourself apart from your peers this summer.

As a Scout, you're the one who will be ready for heat, humidity, rain, storms, or whatever conditions you find yourself in. You'll be prepared. Some of your buddies might not have brought along extra water or raingear or the other things they need to take care of themselves. But you will have. And you'll know how to look after those who run into trouble because they weren't prepared. What a great way to set yourself apart.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.

SPL Scratch by Matthew Boudreaux

I would like to talk about the month of April and what happened in that month. We had three meetings and a camp out at Stearns. I would like to start with the meetings. I think that they went really, really well! We got everything done that the Cobra's needed to get done during the meetings. Next the Camp Out, it was a blast! The Cobra's set up an orienteering course thanks to the Kronlokken Bunch and everyone else who helped out. After that everybody took a load off and either relaxed or played Hacky Sack. I'm not going lie, some of the kids are pretty good. The weather was also great, NO RAIN! I would just like to thank the Cobra's on the great job you did. The Falcon's ran the month of May. The theme was Archery.

Patrol News

BALD EAGLES: Chris Mueller -- Members of our Patrol conducted the Flag Ceremony for Nathan Haggerty's Eagle Court of Honor. This summer we are looking forward to a celebration where we will complete the work on our own Patrol flag. We are looking forward to attending high adventure camps this summer ...Philmont and Florida Sea Base!

FALCONS: Robbie Beveroth -- Our Patrol was in charge of the Troop meetings in May. We picked archery theme. The District Camporee at Phillippo was really unorganized (not by us, though!) but we still had a lot of fun.

HUSKIES: Andrew Songle -- The Huskies are busy planning for the shooting campout in September. There is a lot of safety stuff you need to learn in order to attend, so please make sure you are at all September Troop meetings.

PANTHERS: Jake Brown & Evan Fairbrother Troop Guides

RAPTORS: Jens Gilman

THUNDER: Jeran Schmidt -- This session, I'd really like to get all of the Thunder Patrol up to Star, or at least very close. We plan to all take Pioneering at Many Point, so I think that'll be pretty fun. Something that I'd like to get accomplished is to plan a month this year.

TIMBERWOLVES: Van Donkersgoed -- The campout was great in April, the weather was wonderful and I think everyone had a good time. The Cobras did a great job teaching us orienteering. Our Patrol planned the month of June and we will be working towards earning the Cycling Merit Badge. It is going to be a fun month.

SCORPIONS: Patrick Conklin -- The Scorpions had three Patrol members at the Stearns campout, Patrick, Ryan and Austin. We learned about orienteering skills and how to survive in the wilderness in case we got lost. We learned how to calculate our step distances so we could estimate how far to go on a compass heading using landmarks. We had a great meal on Saturday night and a pretty good campfire.

We also had three patrol members at the Camp Phillippo campout: Patrick, Nate and Fred. On Saturday morning we climbed and went rappelling. In the afternoon we listened to a dog rescue expert and had some demos and did a rescue course. That night, Nate Brown cooked up a mean pasta dish for the Patrol and also gave samples to the Troop. Troop 695 really led the District campfire that night.

WOLVERUNNERS: Todd Hayden -- Members of the Wolverunners Patrol are working toward their Eagle Rank. Nathan Haggerty recently had his Eagle Court of Honor. All of us are participating in the Viking Leadership Development. In November, our Patrol will be in charge of the Music Merit Badge.

COBRAS: Ben Grunewald

DRAGONS: Jacob Houterman