



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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October Activities

Theme: Wilderness First Aid
Responsible Patrol: Bald Eagles

*Work on your
First Aid
Merit Badge
this month!*

Activities

- Oct 3: Troop and Parents' Meetings
- Oct 10: Troop Meeting
- Oct 17: **No Troop Meeting**; PLC, Committee and ASM Meetings;
Viking Leader Training
- Oct 24: Troop Meeting, Assistant Scoutmasters Meeting

Note: There will be no meeting on Oct 31 due to the Halloween holiday.

Troop Camp-Out

Oct 15-17: First Aid Challenge – Hyland Lake Park Reserve

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Fundraising Opportunities

Wreath Sales Coming – by Barbara Hanson

We are once again selling 25", 36", 48" and 60" wreaths, Victorian wreaths, 26" sprays, 25' and 50' garlands, living trees and centerpieces. Also being offered are light sets for wreaths and door hangers. Selling these items to family and friends provides them with a quality product and puts money in your scout account (60% of profits) for campouts and high adventure trips. It will also help out your troop (40% of profits). If you are interested in this optional fundraiser, please remember to get your wreath packet from Barbara Hanson. All money and item totals will be due at the October 24 troop meeting. Please call Mrs. Hanson with any questions at 937-5905.

Popcorn Sales – by Dixie Rairamo

Hey Scouts,

You can start taking popcorn orders on Saturday September 30, 2006. Grab a parent and a fellow scout and enjoy a beautiful fall day of selling as you meet new people in our community. You will be surprised that it is an easy product to sell! Who doesn't like popcorn? If you like competition, why not set a personal sales goal for yourself and see if you can achieve it?

Everyone should have order forms but if you need more or have any questions, just email us at arairamo@msn.com. Remember, you can take orders until October 31st but you must have all forms/money back to us by November 1st! Pick-up your popcorn at the Rairamo house (9810 Cromwell Drive) November 18-20th.

Good Luck selling!

Eagle Projects/Volunteer Opportunities

On October 7th and 8th, Matt Boudreaux will be leading a team to complete his Eagle Project at Friendship Ventures (at Birch Island Woods in Eden Prairie). He is looking for help to construct a 12x12 patio with a center fire ring, clear buck thorn from campsite, widen trail into campsite, and install a sign for the campsite. Call Matt (952-906-9604) or send him an e-mail (pboudreaux@mn.rr.com) to sign-up for a shift.

Responsible Church Use

We all need to be more responsible about following the rules of Prairie Lutheran:

- Scouts need to stay downstairs at all times on meeting nights. They are allowed 5 minutes passing time at 6:30 and 8:00pm.
- Scouts must use downstairs bathrooms.
- All upstairs conference rooms need to be reserved in advance.
- Adults may use the entryway tables for meetings.
- Scouts need to be well-behaved.

We are very fortunate to have a great Charter Organization with meeting space to accommodate our needs. Let's make sure we are respectful of their wishes!

September Court of Honor

Merit Badges








Austin Artz ~ Camping, Lifesaving
Niko Beauchamp ~ Environmental Science, Indian Lore, Radio, Swimming
Robbie Beveroth ~ Citizenship in the World, Communications
Josh Boudreaux ~ Environmental Science, Rifle Shooting, Weather
Matt Boudreaux ~ Pioneering, Waterskiing
Jake Brown ~ Lifesaving, Rowing, Waterskiing
Luke Brown ~ Environmental Science, Leatherwork, Woodcarving
Nate Brown ~ Lifesaving, Waterskiing, Wilderness Survival
Drew Churchill ~ Pioneering
Patrick Conklin ~ Camping, Citizenship in the World, Weather
Luke Coyer ~ Forestry, Pioneering, Swimming
Kyle Donahoe ~ Pioneering, Swimming
Evan Fairbrother ~ Backpacking, Camping, Fish & Wildlife Management, Hiking, Lifesaving, Mammals, Reading, Scholar
Alex Fleagle ~ Lifesaving, Wilderness Survival
Ben Grunewald ~ Camping, Emergency Preparedness, Fishing, Personal Fitness
Aaron Halpin ~ Basketry, Environmental Science, Leatherwork, Wilderness Survival
Ryan Halpin ~ Citizenship in the Nation, Lifesaving, Personal Fitness, Waterskiing
Reece Hoerle ~ Basketry, Environmental Science, Leatherwork, Woodcarving
Jacob Houterman ~ Pioneering, Rifle Shooting
Cody Humfeld ~ Climbing, First Aid, Pioneering, Waterskiing, Wilderness Survival
KC Humfeld ~ Animal Science, Nature, Pioneering, Swimming
David Jennen ~ Lifesaving, Waterskiing, Wilderness Survival
Julian Kollmeyer ~ Fish & Wildlife Management, Lifesaving, Mammals

Cory Kronlokken ~ Weather, Woodcarving
John Kronlokken ~ Swimming, Weather, Woodcarving
Kyle Kronlokken ~ Camping, Climbing, Personal Fitness
Brian Madsen ~ Basketry, Leatherwork, Woodcarving
Desmond McCloud ~ Basketry, Leatherwork, Nature
Gabe McNee ~ Environmental Science, Swimming, Wilderness Survival
Willie McNee ~ Fish & Wildlife Management, Lifesaving, Mammals, Radio
Cody Munkvold ~ Archery, Fish & Wildlife Management, Mammals
Tyler Norgren ~ Environmental Science, Wilderness Survival
Fernando Nunez ~ Lifesaving
David O'Neill ~ Lifesaving, Wilderness Survival
Zachary Poirier ~ Lifesaving, Wilderness Survival
Dan Polta ~ Fish & Wildlife Management, Mammals, Nature, Waterskiing
Tom Polta ~ Soil & Water Conservation, Wilderness Survival
Reed Qually ~ Camping, Climbing, Communications
Paul Rairamo ~ First Aid, Wilderness Survival
Sam Rosol ~ Camping, Personal Fitness, Swimming, Weather, Woodcarving
Brandon Schwab ~ Camping, Swimming, Woodcarving
Terrence Tan ~ Camping, Rowing
Andrew Teaver ~ Sailing, Swimming
Kevin Thomsen ~ Basketry, Fishing, Leatherwork, Space Exploration
Spencer Toay ~ Citizenship in the Community, First Aid
Ian Vanic ~ Camping, Communications, Swimming, Waterskiing
Tim Wolfgram ~ Waterskiing
Jared Zemlin ~ Basketry, Leatherwork, Woodcarving

Special Awards

BSA Lifeguard: Matt Boudreaux

Rank Advancements

Scout	Tenderfoot	Second Class	First Class	Star	Life	Eagle
						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke Brown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desmond McCloud Jared Zemlin 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Austin Artz Ben Grunewald Sam Rosol Brandon Schwab Spencer Toay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick Conklin Reed Qually 	

New Leaders

Patrol News

Troop Positions	
Senior Patrol Leader	John Lewis II
Asst Sr. Patrol Leader of PLs	Kyle Kronlokken
Asst Sr. Patrol Leader of Staff (Historian, Librarian, Scribe, QMs)	Evan Fairbrother
Asst Sr. Patrol Leader of Instructors and Chaplain's Aide	Terrance Tan
Quartermaster	Ben Grunewald
Scribe	[Open]
Historian	Andrew Teaver
Librarian	Ryan Halpin
Chaplain's Aide	Cody Munkvold
Bugler	Drew Churchill
OA Representative	[Open]
OA Camping Leader	[Open]
Troop Guides	
Panthers	Jake Brown
	Dan Polta
Patrol Leaders	
Huskies	Matt Boudreaux
Raptors	[Open]
Falcons	Spencer Sundberg
Thunder	Ryan Brattensborg
Wolver Runners	KC Humfeld
Bald Eagles	Julian Kollmeyer
Dragons	Cody Humfeld
Scorpions	Fernando Nunez
Cobras	Josh Boudreaux
Timberwolves	Cory Kronlokken
Panthers	Gabe McNee
Instructors	
Camping	Sam Rosol
Ceremonies	[Open]
Cooking	[Open]
Fire Safety	John Kronlokken
First Aid	[Open]
Knife/Axe Safety	Josh Clifford
Knots	Eric Wiig
Den Chiefs	
	Niko Beauchamp
	Luke Coyer
	Daniel Johnson
	Zak Poirier
	Brandon Schwab

BALD EAGLES: Chris Mueller

The Bald Eagles have been planning the October meetings and campout. The theme is First Aid Challenges. We will be at the Hyland campsite; it will be easy for parents and visiting Cub Scouts to join us. We also met to discuss what our patrol members did at Seabase and Philmont during the summer. Some of our patrol was shark fishing and snorkeling and hermit crab racing in the Florida Keys while others were hiking and rock climbing in the mountains. We all had fun - we are glad that both Adam B. and Julian K. have fully recovered from these experiences.

WOLVERUNNERS: Todd Hayen

The Wolverrunners are planning the month of November with "music" as the theme. Congrats and good luck to John Lewis II from our patrol, who will be the SPL for the next six months. I apologize for my poor attendance at weekly meetings. Hopefully this will improve as my schedule opens up.

HUSKIES: Andrew Songle

The Huskies were in charge of the month of September. This month I thought was a very big success. The gun safety meetings went very well. Also, even though the shooting campout didn't have the biggest turnout, the scouts that went got to shoot a lot more than they did in the past years. Overall the meetings went very well and I hope we have more shooting campouts to come!



Leadership Reports

Outgoing SPL Scratch – by Matt Booodreaux

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for making my term enjoyable. I would also like to thank Ian Vanic for taking over Many Point for me while I was gone. I feel that the month of September was great as far as the campout went and all the meetings. All of the scouts paid attention because they knew that attitude is extremely important when shooting. I would like to thank Mr. Polta and all of the other adults that helped me out during campout or at meetings. I would also like to say good luck to John Lewis on this term.

Just a little FYI my eagle project is October 7th and the 8th, you can see the web for more details.

Your friend,
Matt Booodreaux



Scoutmaster's Corner – by Joe Polta

I got to spend a week at Philmont Training Center this past June, meeting Scoutmasters from all over the country. Some were brand new to the job, and some had been Scoutmasters for years. One has been a Scoutmaster for 53 years so far!



In talking to them, I got lots of great ideas for helping you make your troop better-run, so you can accomplish more. I've already presented some of those things to your Senior Patrol Leader and your Senior Patrol Leader-elect, and I think they like them. A lot of those ideas involve having Scouts take more responsibility for more troop duties -- which is in keeping with the fact that a Scout troop is run by the Scouts. Some changes will be obvious, like more leadership positions; and having Scouts, not the Scoutmaster, select the Instructors.

If you have questions, I encourage you to bring them up with your Senior Patrol Leader. He's the one who is making it happen.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.

Librarian – Eric Wiig

The mid-2006 merit badge changes are in the following: Archaeology, Art, Athletics, Aviation, Climbing, Graphic Arts, Journalism, Personal Fitness, and Rowing. So if you are going to start one of those make sure you look on-line for current requirements, because the new pamphlets probably have not been printed as of yet. Remember to use the check out notebook on the side of the library. Most of the out-of-date merit badge pamphlets are marked.

Troop OA Representative – Dan Polta

Hello Troop 695. This is your troop OA rep reporting again. If you did not attend the last conclave and are in the OA (a lot of people) please attend the next conclave because we really need your help. Among those of us who went, Julian Kollmeyer was elected to be Ordeal Master, I (Dan Polta) was elected Chapter Chief, and Willie McNee was elected to a position that due to a lapse of memory I cannot currently recall. Congratulations. If you were elected *please* show up to something. So far an average of three to four people from our troop have shown up to lodge meetings. Which, by the way, are at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina. They are the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM. Even if you plan to be late show up anyway. See you next Tuesday.

Fire Safety Instructor – Sam Rosol

At the Stearns campout in May I taught the first year scouts about fire building and safety. They learned three different ways to build a fire. They built the wall to wind, the tepee, and the log cabin. They also learned when to use them.



They learned the three different wood thicknesses: kindling, tinder, and fuel. These skills help them meet their requirements for the Fireman's Chit.

At the May, June and Summer Campouts I tested each of the scouts on these requirements. Congratulations to the following Scouts who have earned their Fireman's Chit: Luke Brown, Aaron Halpin, Reece Hoerle, Brian Madsen, Gabe McNee, and Tyler Norgren.

Den Chiefs:

Brandon Schwab: Over the last few weeks, I worked with the kids on whipping their ropes and helped them with setting up the flag for a flag ceremony. They worked on their Citizenship pin and folding the flag.



News & Features

Training Update – by Mike Wiig

The council has a policy of requiring Youth Protection every two years. Fast Start Orientation is recommended but not required for Trained status. For Trained status currently you need: New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Mustang District Leader Training for Fall 2006 includes: Sept. 26 New Leader Essentials and Oct. 7 Boy Scout Leader Specific Training. Wood Badge will be offered 3 times in 2007: Winter (Feb 16-18 & March 9-11), Spring (April 20-22 & May 18-20), and Fall (Aug 17-19 & Sept 7-9).

Coming on October 28th is the University of Scouting at Park Center High School in Brooklyn Park From 8:30AM - 4:30PM. There are over 100 classes to choose from.

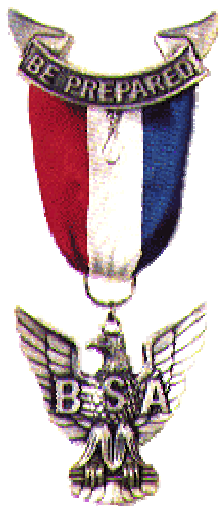
I will again offer to take any uniforms you no longer fit into, or need to the councils uniform exchange at the Scout Office in Golden Valley. Please give them to me at any meeting and I will be happy to drop them off.

Any patrol needing assistance with a camping reservation, or tour permit please give me a call or talk to me at a meeting. There are plenty of camping ideas in the white notebook in the troops storage closet at church. The earlier you make the reservation the better. The tour permit (local) is a relatively easy task, and I can take care of it, or help you with it.

Eagle Preview

The next Mustang District Eagle Preview meeting will be held on October 10th.

This meeting is HIGHLY recommended for any Life scout that is working toward Eagle and is held once in the fall and once in the spring. Location and timing is still to be determined.



Boy Scout Vespers

From Wikipedia, The Boy Scout Vespers is a traditional song of the Boy Scouts. It is usually — like other vespers — sung at the conclusion of the day or service, especially at the end of a campfire service. The first verse below is universal, but the second is at times omitted. The song occasionally ends with the spoken blessing, "May the great Scoutmaster (or Master) of all Scouts watch over us until we meet again," or words to such effect. Sing with reverence to the tune of "O, Christmas Tree":

*Softly falls the light of day,
As our campfire fades away.
Silently each Scout should ask,
"Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared,
Everything to Be Prepared?"*

*Listen Lord, oh listen Lord,
As I whisper soft and low.
Bless my mom and bless my dad,
These are things that they should know.
I will keep my honor bright,
The Oath and Law will be my guide.
And Mom and Dad this you should know,
Deep in my heart I love you so.*

But, of course, as you try to retain a good sense of humor while camping in the rain (is there anything worse?), try singing this version, called "Wetspers":

*Softly falls the rain today,
As our campsite floats away.
Silently each Scout should ask,
Did I bring my scuba mask?
Have I tied my tent flaps down?
Learned to swim, so I won't drown?
Have I done, and will I try
Everything to keep me dry?*

Upcoming Events

49th Jamboree-on-the-Air – by Dale Blomgren

OCTOBER 21-22, 2006

The Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is an annual Scouting and amateur radio event sponsored by the World Scout Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Thousands of amateur radio stations around the world participate. If the conditions are right, it is common to contact a hundred Scouting countries during the weekend. In the United States, Cub Scout dens and Boy Scout patrols visit a local amateur's ham shack during JOTA. Many districts and councils hold events that coincide with JOTA, where amateurs set up stations giving Scouts and leaders a chance to exchange greetings with Scouts from other areas.

Some exchanges lead to long-lasting friendships and the exchange of photos, badges, pins, and patches.

There will be many special Scout stations operating during the event including:

- K2BSA/5 at Camp Wisdom in Dallas, Texas
- K2BSA stations in other areas, such as K2BSA/0, K2BSA/1, etc.
- HB95, the World Scout Bureau headquarters in Switzerland
- GB2GP at Gilwell Park, England

Who May Participate

JOTA welcomes participation by all Scouts, their families, and amateur radio enthusiasts of all ages

When

JOTA always falls on the third full weekend in October. JOTA for this year

Begins: **Saturday October 21, 2006, 12:01 AM**

Ends: **Sunday October 22, 2006, 11:59 PM** (Local time)

Listen In

Special frequencies have assigned for this event. If you have a shortwave receiver at home tune in to the action:

Band	SSB (voice)	CW (Morse code)
80-meter	3.740* and 3.940 MHz	3.590 MHz
40-meter	7.090* and 7.270 MHz	7.030 MHz
20-meter	14.290 MHz	14.070 MHz
17-meter	18.140 MHz	18.080 MHz
15-meter	21.360 MHz	21.140 MHz
12-meter	24.960 MHz	24.910 MHz
10-meter	28.390 MHz	28.190 MHz

Invitation to Talk It Up

Dale Blomgren (WB0KFM) of Troop 695 invites you to visit his Ham Radio Station and participate during the event. Please send an email or call 952-934-1777 to arrange a time and get directions. You will talk to scouts from across the US, and depending upon the time of day and conditions ... you could talk to scouts from other country. Scouts who have completed or are working on their Radio merit badge are especially encouraged to participate.

Event Pocket Patches

Temporary insignia to wear on the right pocket of the Scout uniform or on jackets/vests will be available, \$4 each.

Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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Calendar of Events

Oct 3	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm), Can Recycling
Oct 5	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
Oct 10	Troop Meeting (6:30pm); Eagle Preview (Immanuel Lutheran)
Oct 13-15	Troop Camp-Out – First Aid Challenge
Oct 13-15	Camporee at Philippo Scout Reservation
Oct 17	No Troop Meeting ; PLC Meeting (6:00pm), Committee Meeting (6:30pm), Viking Leader Training (6:30pm), ASM Meeting (7pm)
Oct 21	Popcorn Sales End
Oct 22	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due
Oct 24	Troop Meeting (6:30pm); Wreath Sales End
Nov 2	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
Nov 7	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm), Can Recycling
Nov 10-12	Troop Camp-Out
Nov 14	No Troop Meeting ; PLC Meeting (6:00pm), Committee Meeting (6:30pm), Viking Leader Training (6:30pm), ASM Meeting (7pm)
Nov 18	10:00am-1:00pm Wreath Pickup; Tree Lot Opens
Nov 21	Tree Lot Training
Nov 26	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due
Nov 28	Troop Meeting (6:30pm); Merit Badges Due
Every Sunday	Service Project: Hopkins Care Center – Bingo (1:30-3:30p)

Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, **October 22!** Please e-mail your articles to her at kschwab@mn.rr.com.

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.

Advancement Contacts

- Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator – Karen Vanic
- Boards of Review or Advancement – Mike Toay
- 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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