



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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Summer Activities

- May 29 Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
- June 1-3 **Troop Campout** – Ripley Rendezvous
- June 5 Court of Honor (6:30pm)
- June 11-17 **Troop Campout/High Adventure** – Black Hills
- July 10 Troop and Parents' Meetings – Many Point attendees only
- July 15-21 **Troop Campout/Summer Camp** – Many Point Scout Camp
- Aug 4-12 Northern Tier High Adventure – Crew 1
- Aug 11-19 Northern Tier High Adventure – Crew 2
- Sept 4 Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm) – Troop Nominations



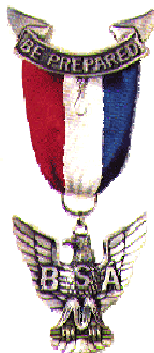
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Mark Your Calendars: Eagle Court of Honor

I would like to invite all to my Eagle Ceremony at Prairie Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 31, 2007. The program starts at 6:30pm. Please come out and help me celebrate this event.

John L. II



Many Point 2007

July 15-21, 2007
Depart July 15th at 8:00 a.m. in the Staring Lake upper parking lot. Please arrive at 7:30 a.m. to check in and load gear on bus.



We'll arrive back in Eden Prairie July 21st between 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the lower parking lot at Oak Point School.

I must receive a signed note from a parent if your son is traveling to camp separate from the troop!

FINAL PAYMENT DUE MAY 29th.
FINAL DATE FOR MERIT BADGE AND HIGH ADVENTURE CHOICES MAY 29th. May email me your choices if you did not give them to your patrol coach.

MEDICALS DUE TO DIANE GRUNEWALD MAY 31st.

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Northern Tier High Adventure Trip

- by Bill Brown

We've had two canoe outings. One at Starring Lake to work on basic skills and the second was a 15 mile canoe trip on the Crow River. The boys are becoming stronger canoers and are looking forward to our adventures in August.

PHOTOS WANTED

One of my summer projects is to put together a slide show for Eric H. If anyone has any photos of him that they would be willing to share, I would greatly appreciate it. Camp outs, COHs, troop meetings, whatever. Digital would be easiest but I can scan and return hard copy photos as well. Thank you! Barbara H

Leadership Reports

SPL Scratch – *Evan F.*

Hello this is Evan, and here is my Reconnaissance article for May.

The spring months have run smoothly ending with a good campout in May where half of our Troop went on a canoe trip while the other half stayed back and played various sports. When our Troop reunited we played a long, fun, and intense game of capture the flag. Not only did we play games at the campout we have played many during each Tuesday meeting. With the warm weather coming in we are waiting for the summer activities to begin. I am looking forward to seeing everybody at Many Point.



Your Senior Patrol Leader - Evan F

ASPL – *Jake B.*

This past month has been a good month for our troop. We had a good sports theme and played a lot of good games and learned first aid. We had a good camp out and those who attended it enjoyed it. All patrol leaders and troop guides are becoming stronger leaders in their patrols.

BALD EAGLES – *Adam B.*

I am Adam B, patrol leader of the bald eagles. In the last few weeks, a few things have happened. Eric H has just recently finished his Eagle rank Scoutmaster Conference, and will be getting Eagle quite soon. Making him the second 5th year scout (Andrew Shawd was first) to get Eagle. Quite a bunch of Bald Eagles participated in this year's scouting for food. The Bald Eagles raised at least over 250 lbs!

FIRE INSTRUCTOR – *John K.*

Hi this is your Fire Instructor John K. I'm just going to tell you that I will be going to Many Point in case any of you need help with your fire. Have a great summer!!!!

BUGLER – *Luke B.*

We haven't had a bugler in a little while and now we do. I think that's cool. I'll be playing at flag ceremonies and at Many Point to wake you up.

Scoutmaster's Corner – *Joe Polta*

Some great weekend campouts, a flurry of meetings, some badges or other marks of achievement, the end of school . . . and then what?

Then comes a summer of outdoor adventure. I have heard people say Scouting is all sorts of things. Everything from "it's about moral development" to "it's about jackknives and bonfires." True, it is about those things, and other things. But in the next few months, most of you will be lucky enough to experience the fulfillment of your Scoutmaster's promise to you: the promise of outdoor adventure. In the next three months, over 50 of you will be experiencing outdoor adventure in the Black Hills, at Many Point, and in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Along the way, you'll experience jackknives, bonfires, friendship, challenge, frustration, triumph, independence, teamwork and learning. And yes, even moral development, when you think not only of your own well-being, but the well-being of others, when you make a decision. Sound exciting? I know I had you at "jackknives."

Make sure yours is sharp.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.



SCORPIONS – *Nate B.*

Hi everybody,
I think that this month went well. Thanks for all those who attended the meetings. Hopefully more can come next time. On the camp out we had a lot of fun. We played badminton, boche ball, horseshoes and capture the flag.

Thanks again, Nate

TIMBERWOLVES – *Sam R.*

The Timberwolves are responsible for the month of June. This will include the last Troop meeting in May and the June Court of Honor. The June campout will be the Ripley Rendezvous at Camp Ripley. It is Friday June 1 - Sunday June 3rd. There will be thousands of Scouts attending.

Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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Upcoming Events – Summer & September

May 29	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm); Rank Advancements Due
May 31	Eagle Court of Honor - John Lewis II – 6:30pm
June 1-3	Troop Campout – Ripley Rendezvous
June 5	Court of Honor (6:30pm)
June 7	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
June 11-17	Troop Campout/High Adventure – Black Hills
June 17-23	Grey Wolf National Youth Leadership Training Session 1
June 25-30	Grey Wolf National Youth Leadership Training Session 2
July 8-14	Grey Wolf National Youth Leadership Training Session 3
July 10	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm) – Many Point attendees/parents/guardians only
July 15-21	Troop Campout/Summer Camp – Many Point Scout Camp
July 15-21	Grey Wolf National Youth Leadership Training 4
July 22-28	Grey Wolf National Youth Leadership Training 5
Aug 4-12	Northern Tier National High Adventure Base – Crew 1
Aug 11-19	Northern Tier National High Adventure Base – Crew 2
Sept 4	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm); Can Recycling
Sept 7-9	Order of the Arrow Section Conclave (OA Members Only)
Sept 8	Shed and Trailer Shake-out
Sept 11	Troop Meeting (6:30pm); Troop Elections
Sept 14-16	Troop Campout
Sept 14-16	Order of the Arrow Mustang District Conclave (not confirmed)
Sept 18	No Troop Meeting; PLC Meeting (6:30pm); Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
Sept 22	Troop Leader Training (also known as JLT)
Sept 25	Court of Honor (6:30pm)



Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the first fall issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, **August 19!** Please e-mail your articles to her at kelly.schwab@comcast.net.

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