



# THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

May 2007; Volume 12, Issue 5

## May Activities

**Theme: Sporting**

**Responsible Patrol: Scorpions**

### Activities

- May 1 Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
- May 4-6 Camping – Jay Cooke State Park (for 4th Year Scouts & Up)
- May 8 Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
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- May 18-20 **Troop Campout** – Crow Hassen Park Reserve
- May 22 Troop Meeting (6:30pm); PLC Meeting (6:00pm);  
Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
- May 29 Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)

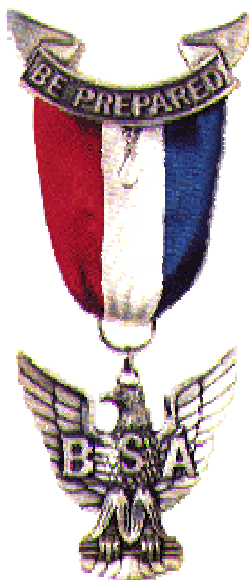


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## **Mark Your Calendars: Eagle Courts of Honor**

*Jeff and Lynnette Shawd  
request your attendance at the  
Eagle Court of Honor  
recognizing  
Andrew Shawd  
Saturday, May 12, 2007,  
10:00 a.m.  
Prairie Lutheran Church  
A luncheon reception  
will follow the ceremony.*



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*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*

## **Campsites & Training** – by Michael Wiig

Let me know if you need assistance in making a reservation for you campsite the month your patrol is in charge. Council camps are most always less expensive than state parks, or Three Rivers Parks sites. The Falcons are on the clock for the September site, and should be thinking about making a reservation very soon. Dragons for October, and Bald Eagles for November.



Training: Fall Training Opportunities  
Sept. 26 - New Leader Essentials  
October 7 - Boy Scout Leader Specific Training  
October 13-15 - Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Training at Phillippe Check the Mustang District website for all the details and sign up information.

### **Reminder to Troop Adults:**

Youth Protection Training is required every two years. It's available online and takes very little time to complete.

### **Northern Tier High Adventure**

We had a cancellation and now have one opening for the Northern Tier High Adventure Canoe Trip from 8/4 to 8/11. If a scout is interested, please contact Bill Brown at 952-826-1054. The group recently started working on their canoeing skills.

# Leadership Reports

## **SPL Scratch** – *Evan F.*

I am very proud to be the current SPL of such a large and active troop. So excited that I am willing to do anything it takes to help this troop reach the level of scouting at its best. We have many things planned for the next 6 months, and with our campout at Baker Park Reserve we are off to a great start. At the campout we built balistas and launched tennis balls, played ultimate frisbee, and welcomed the first-years with a huge,

rip-roaring campfire. I am looking forward to the great activities for the month of May.

Your Senior Patrol Leader - Evan F



## **Scoutmaster's Corner** – *Joe Polta*

I wish I had thought to say this at the end of Saturday's campfire: it was exciting at this past weekend's campout to see how small I could make my role in "running things," and to watch the other adults doing the same. That's a testament to you, the Scouts, for sticking to the job of running YOUR program.

I encourage you to keep sticking to that job, by participating in meetings, campouts, and PLC meetings. Stick to your job. If you see a need, either fill it, or talk to a leader about how to fill it.

To the parents -- thanks for all the "back room" work you've been doing to make these Scouts' program a success, and thanks for letting them take charge.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.



## **ASPL** – *Kyle K.*

Well another election over and done with and many more to come. personally I think that our new staff looks to be very promising, we have a good representation of leadership that was displayed at the campout this past weekend. Unfortunately I have been unable to attend most of the troop meeting due to Track meets, I hope to limit that but as I can't help it I will try to make it to as many troop events as possible. I look forward to seeing this troop move in the direction it is moving in.

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## **FIRE INSTRUCTOR** – *John K.*

First Years, sorry I wasn't on this last camp out to help you guys get your fireman's chit'. I was sick. I'll hopefully be able to do it next camp out or sometime later. Your fire instructor.

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## **LIBRARIAN** – *Niko B.*

Hi! This is Niko. I'm the new librarian, so if you need anything, please contact me.

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## **KNIFE & AXE INSTRUCTOR** – *Fernando N.*

I am the knife and axe instructor. If you need anything for tenderfoot, second or first class , please come see me during one of the meetings or call me. Have a great week

## **TROOP GUIDE** – *Josh B.*

Hi, it's Josh B troop guide from the bobcats. At the campout this weekend we worked a lot on rank advancement. Most scouts are very close to completing tenderfoot. They did their 5 mile hike. They didn't seem too pleased but they are glad to be done.

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## **TROOP GUIDE** – *Zak P.*

This was my first month in my new position, and so far it's going great. Everyone in my first-year patrol (Bobcats) finished up much of their Tenderfoot. It is my goal to get them all to Tenderfoot by the June COH. I couldn't make it to the campout, but I heard it went well. In the next month we'll probably just work on more rank advancement stuff.

# Leadership Reports

## THUNDER DRAGONS – by Cody H

In March, the Thunder Dragons were born. At the past COH the Dragon patrol and the Thunder patrol merged. The Thunder Dragons were in charge of the March merit badge, pioneering. During the meetings we did lashings, knots, and made tripods. We also cleaned up outside the church. We had a good time at the campout, we showed them how to make rope, and we also showed how to use a pulley system to put things up in trees. Until next month, the Thunder Dragons.

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## HUSKIES – Ian V.

Huskies at Sea Base

On spring break the huskies and a couple of dads went down to Florida Sea Base. Our trip of choice was the S.C.U.B.A adventure. We got to see lots of underwater life including sharks, sea turtles, and Moray Eels. The weather was great in the 80's and sunny all week long. I would recommend this trip to anyone who has the chance to go. Overall I rate this trip as a 10.

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## BALD EAGLES – Adam B.

This is Adam B, Patrol leader of the Bald Eagles. Eric H will be the only member of troop 695 to be attending the World Jamboree next summer, which is taking place in London. Good luck to Eric. Two weeks ago some of the bald eagles joined in on Feed the Homeless service opportunity. This summer, a good portion of the bald eagles along with a bunch of other scouts and adults are going to Northern Tier. A high adventure canoe trip up in the boundary waters and Canada. That is about it for Bald Eagle News.

# Troop Leaders

| Troop Positions         |                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Senior Patrol Leader    | Evan F                               |
| Asst Sr. Patrol Leaders | Jake B<br>Dan P<br>Kevin T<br>Kyle K |
| Quartermaster           | David J                              |
| Scribe                  | David O                              |
| Historian               | Reece H                              |
| Librarian               | Niko B                               |
| Chaplain's Aide         | Desmond M                            |
| Bugler                  | Luke B                               |
| OA Representative       | [Open]                               |
| Troop Guides            |                                      |
| Bobcats                 | Josh B<br>Zak P                      |
| Patrol Leaders          |                                      |
| Huskies                 | Ian V                                |
| Falcons                 | Paul R                               |
| Wolver Runners          | Open                                 |
| Bald Eagles             | Adam B                               |
| Dragons & Thunder       | Cody H                               |
| Scorpions               | Nate B/Eric W                        |
| Cobras                  | Jared Z                              |
| Timberwolves            | Sam R/Tom P                          |
| Panthers                | Aaron H                              |
| Bobcats                 |                                      |
| Instructors             |                                      |
| Camping                 | Kory K                               |
| Cooking                 | Andrew T                             |
| Fire Safety             | John K                               |
| First Aid               | Spencer T                            |
| Knife/Axe Safety        | Fernando N                           |
| Knots                   | Open                                 |
| Den Chiefs              |                                      |
|                         | Brandon S<br>Luke C                  |

# Troop Events & Scout News

## Many Point 2007 – by Paula Boudreaux

Many Point sign-up has come to a close. The final payment of \$150.00 is due by the last Tuesday in May. Please don't hesitate to make the payment sooner. Just a reminder again about getting your medicals completed and turned in. I will be setting up a 15 minute meeting with the Patrol Coaches the last Tuesday in April. I will hand out packets and discuss camp set up etc. with them. Please go on the website with your scout and start researching merit badge choices for camp. Just click on Many Point once you get on the site and click on merit badges. There has been one change to the merit badge planning sheet and that is Soil & Water Conservation has been changed to Fire Safety. I will have Jim Sundberg make the changes this week. Also, for any scout entering 8th grade and higher, they need to start thinking about which high adventure programs at Flintlock they want to participate in. They can also find a description of this on the website. They need to scroll down on the Many Point link until they get to the High Adventure descriptions. I will be updating this also because they have added a new program called the "Challenge Course". It is based on the T.V show "Survivor". That is it for now. If you have any questions see me at the Tuesday meetings or drop me an email or telephone call.

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## Sea Base – by Crew Chief, Matt B

Over our spring break we Huskies ventured on down to Sea Base in Florida. We arrived two days earlier to do some fishing in off the Keys. We caught and released seven Sailfish, a King Mackerel, and attempted to catch a Hammer Head shark. We ate like kings with a budget. After our two days in Key West we ended up at Sea Base. We went scuba diving and accomplished 8 dives one of which was a night dive. We saw a 4 to 5 foot Moray Eel and a HUMUNGOUS as my dad recalls Sea Turtle. The reef was beautiful! One day while snorkeling I was treading water minding my business a Man O' War attacked me and tried to pull me under. It was a clean get away, thanks to my Lifeguard training and you can ask anyone there I didn't cry. I came home with only a few scars, but chicks dig'em. In our free time, when we weren't eating ice cream or sleeping we were killing the adults in volleyball.

## Sea Base Adventure

Four Huskies (Matt B, Tyler H, Andrew S and Ian V), along with three adults (Burt Boudreaux, Tom Herzog and Jeff Songle) traveled to Sea Base in Florida over Spring Break on a SCUBA Adventure. Scouts and Adults alike had a great time and it was deemed a very successful trip.

The boys left Minnesota on Friday for Miami, then headed to Key West where they stayed for two days before heading to Sea Base. Key West was site-seeing in "Old Town", with the local dive shop providing much entertainment. Saturday, the first of several "early" wakeup calls, lead them directly to a commercial fishing boat and a bumpy ride to a small reef. The Captain and First Mate caught about 30 "blue backs" to use for bait as "the boys" chased the Wiley Sailfish. The Captain motored out about 7 miles to a depth of 70 feet beyond the reefs and set the table for the boys to catch and release 7 Sailfish (ranging in size from 4½ feet to just under 8 feet) and 1 King Mackerel. They did better than any other fishing boat in the Key West harbor that day, with the highest number of Sailfish caught. Sunday before heading to Sea Base was relaxing, with the highlight the terrific "brickwork", including the outhouse, at a Fort in Key West.

Tyler stated that Sea Base is a great place to go for a high adventure trip and the SCUBA Adventure was a ton of fun. Over the course of the week, they made eight dives, went to Key West for a day and played a lot of beach volleyball. Scuba diving in the Keys was great! The visibility is very good, even when it is windy out. They saw a lot of fish, eels, lobsters, and even a few nurse sharks. Tyler's favorite animal was the sea turtle that had a head as big as his and a shell that was around two and a half to three feet in diameter! A night dive was one of the biggest highlights.

Except for a chance meeting by Matt B with a Man of War and about 40 stings, everyone made it back safe and sound.



# Troop Events & Scout News

## Bingo at the Hopkins Care Center – by Paul Rosol

Our every other Sunday Bingo events continue at the Hopkins Care Center. As discussed at the Parent's meeting, we have assigned patrols to assist each of the remaining Sundays. Below is the schedule and assignments.

Sunday May 6th - Timberwolves and Scorpion Patrols

Sunday May 20th - Panther and Thunder Patrols

Sunday June 3rd - Cobra and Huskie Patrols

Patrol Leaders, please call each of your patrol members and remind them of this commitment. Once you know how many from your patrol will be attending, please email this information to Mr. Rosol so that he has a head count in advance.

Parents, we will also need a few of you to attend this activity and help the scouts and residents.

Thanks in advance for your help.



## Snack Shack Update

The Snack shack is getting ready to open! For those of you who do not know, Troop 695 runs a concessions' stand at the Flying Cloud Soccer Fields. This is an easy way to make a little money for your scout account.

Shifts are a little shorter this year, we are only open from 6-8pm Monday – Friday, and open 8:45am-6:30pm on Saturdays. During the week we are only selling pre-packaged goods so cleanup will be a breeze. On Saturdays we will be allowed to heat up the popcorn and hot dog machine and sit back and enjoy some soccer games.

We are also looking for someone to help run the cashbox. This family would hold the key to the shack and the cash for the day. I would be willing to do it, however, I do not live that close to the Flying Cloud fields... If you are a parent who wants to help the troop without going on any campouts, this is an easy way to do it...

The Sign-up sheet should be posted on the web shortly, all you have to do is send me an e-mail, and I will reply back that you have gotten the shifts you requested... For right now, I would like to limit each scout to four time slots (two for a parent and two for a scout) you can e-mail me at [flyingcloud@troop695.org](mailto:flyingcloud@troop695.org).

If you have any questions, just drop me an e-mail. I check the account at least once per day...

Kurtis H – The Snack Shack Coordinator

## Scout News

Eric W will be performing in the CMS production of The Music Man. Performances will be Tues. May 8, Thurs. May 10, Fri. May 11, at 7PM. The Sat. May 12 performance will be at 2PM.



### Send more news...

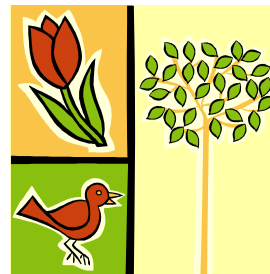
We all love to hear about the great things our scouts are doing, but I need your help. If I don't hear about it, I can't report it. Please be sure to send your articles and updates to me and I'll include them here

# Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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## Upcoming Events – May/June

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| May 1     | Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm), Can Recycling   |
| May 3     | Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)   |
| May 4-6   | Camping – Jay Cooke State Park (High Adventure for 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Scouts & Up)                                |
| May 6     | Service Project: Bingo at Hopkins Care Center   |
| May 8     | Troop Meeting (6:30pm)  |
| May 12    | Eagle Court of Honor - Andrew Shawd   |
| May 15    | Troop Meeting (6:30pm)  |
| May 18-20 | Troop Campout – Crow Hassen Park Reserve  |
| May 20    | <i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due  |
| May 20    | Service Project: Bingo at Hopkins Care Center   |
| May 22    | <b>No Troop Meeting; Merit Badges Due</b><br>PLC Meeting (6:00pm); Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm) |
| May 29    | Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm); <b>Rank Advancements Due</b>  |
| May 31    | Eagle Court of Honor - John Lewis II – 6:30pm   |
| June 1-3  | Troop Campout – Ripley Rendezvous   |
| June 7    | Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)   |



## Bulletin Board

### Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, **May 20!** Please e-mail your articles to her at [kelly.schwab@comcast.net](mailto:kelly.schwab@comcast.net).

### Reconnaissance on the Web

The latest issue of the Reconnaissance is always available online on our Troop 695 website. Visit [www.troop695.org](http://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

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The Merit Badge Sign-Up book can be found by the "Ships" at each meeting.

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