



# THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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## April Activities

**Responsible Patrol: Cobras**  
**Theme: First Aid & Emergency**

- Apr 1 No Troop Meeting – *Spring Break!*
- Apr 8 Troop and Parents’ Meetings (6:30pm)
- Apr 12-13 **Troop Campout** – Eagle Cave in Wisconsin
- Apr 15 **No Troop Meeting;** PLC, Committee and ASM Meetings (6:30pm)
- Apr 22 Patrol Meeting Night
- Apr 26 Scouting for Food
- Apr 29 Troop Meeting (6:30pm)



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## Successful Friends of Scouting – by Jeff Shawd

We closed the 2008 FOS campaign at Troop 695, and I'm happy to report that our unit achieved its goals!

In total, the troop pledged \$7,210, which exceeded our goal of \$6,800. This represents the highest single-year contribution from the troop for at least 5 years (how long I've been doing this role and keeping records), and surpasses our record of \$7,083 from the 2007 campaign.

Regarding our participation requirement, all families were invited to participate in the campaign through multiple group presentations, a personal letter from me, and several articles in the troop newsletter. Pledge cards were also distributed in each family's Ship.

A total of 27 families contributed in this year's campaign, which is lower than than the 44 families who contributed last year. However, the number of active troop families has declined slightly (15 families) since 2007, which means our average contribution per family increased to \$230, as compared to \$160 for last year.

In addition, matching gifts this year totaled an even \$1,000, a slight increase from the \$900 we received credit for in 2007.

Since Troop 695 has met its participation and financial goals, we will now receive free rank advancement and merit badges from the Northern Star Council.

## Announcements

### **Class B Shirts Available**

Class B scout shirts are in stock and available for \$10.00 each. Shirts can be ordered in Small, Med, Large or XL. Payment can be made by check made out to Troop 695 or your payment can be deducted from your scout account. If you are interested in ordering a class B shirt. Please email Mary Munkvold at [Munkvold1@hotmail.com](mailto:Munkvold1@hotmail.com). Please indicate size and type of payment.



# Leadership Reports

## **SPL Scratch** – *Kyle K.*

Well my time is coming to a close. First of all I want to thank my leadership staff for a wonderful term, and the scouts who made it all possible. I also would like to thank everyone in the troop for your continued support through out my term. thank you everyone for the wonderful experience as serving as your SPL. also I want to wish the new leadership good luck, especially Jake Brown your new SPL. I know he will be able to handle things perfectly, the troop is in good hands.



## **ASPL** – *Zak P.*

I've really enjoyed my term as ASPL over the last six months. I have had a lot of fun having a part in leading the meetings. I would strongly advise any incoming ASPL or SPL to have access to the scouts' phone numbers. A lot of phone calling is involved in these jobs, and it's been a big help for me having a troop directory. I hope the incoming staff has as much fun as I did during my term.



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## **HISTORIAN** – *David J.*

I think the month of march went pretty well. the meeting plans were ok, but it seemed like they didnt have enough stuff to fill the time. im ok with that as long as we get everything we needed to get done done and the meeting can be over early, but for some reason we have to fill the full 2 hours. i think as long as we get what is needed done, we shouldn't be wasting any extra time just so we can waste time up to 8. as far as planning goes though, we should try to fill the whole time because that is how long the meeting is supposed to be.

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

Over the past month, I've had more chances than usual to tell people that I have a Boy Scout Troop, and that it has 72 members. Even other Scoutmasters are amazed at that number (we're much larger than the typical troop). They ask me, "how do you do it?" And I tell them, "I don't. The Scouts plan the events, and run them. The meetings, the campouts, whatever they can." "Well, right," the other Scoutmasters say, "of course . . . that boy-run thing . . . (nervous laughter) . . . but really, how do you do it?" I keep re-wording my answer until they get it.



Now, we all know it doesn't always happen easily, and sometimes your parents and I have a hard time restraining ourselves from jumping in and doing it for you. But then we remind ourselves that you CAN do it, and you'll never really learn to do it unless you're given the chance.

It's your program to run. Run with it!

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.

## **SCRIBE** – *Eric B.*

Scribe has been a wonder leadership position. It is my last position for the Eagle requirement. I recommend it to anyone who is thinking about trying out for a leadership position, because it's an easy and fun position. So far, attendance has been great since February, and everyone has been doing a great job on showing up.

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## **PANTHERS** – *Brian M.*

Panthers, thanks for allowing me to be your patrol leader. I enjoyed the position and I hope I served the patrol well. I'm happy to report that Reece will be the new Panther patrol leader. Congratulations Reece.

Just a Reminder that the Panthers are in charge of May and the theme is golf.

# Incoming Troop Leaders

<b>Adult Leaders</b>	
Scoutmaster	Joe Polta
<b>Patrol Coaches</b>	
Tigers	Doug McKenney Erich Schwab
Bobcats	John Beauchamp Derrick Poirier
Panthers	Mike Madsen
Cobras	Burt Boudreaux Erich Schwab
Timberwolves	Mark Kronlokken Paul Rosol
Thundering Dragons	Mark Jennen Derrick Poirier Mark Donahoe
Scorpions	Bill Brown Mike Toay
Pirates	Craig Beveroth Boon Tan Mark Fairbrother Don Qually
Huskies	Paula Boudreaux
<b>Troop Committee</b>	
Committee Chair	Jessica Poirier
Finance Chair	Jeff Shawd
Fundraising	Carina Smith
Treasurer/Scout Acct	Bob Olson
Check Writer	John Lewis
Advancement Chair	Nancy Madsen
BOR Scheduling	Mike Toay
COH Scheduling	Kay Thomsen
Goals	Anne Kollmeyer
Records Chair	Ellen Hoerle
Medical Forms	Diane Grunewald
Troopmaster/Roster	Karen Zemlin
Newsletter/Calendar	Kelly Schwab
Webmaster	Jim Sundberg
Activities Chair	John Lewis
Camping	Mike Wiig
Order of the Arrow	Mike Wiig
Quartermaster	Aarne Rairamo Boon Tan Mike Hoerle

<b>Troop Positions</b>	
Senior Patrol Leader	Jake B
Asst Sr. Patrol Leaders	Dan P
Junior Asst Scoutmaster	Evan F Andrew S
Quartermaster	Will J
Scribe	Luke B
Historian	Ben P
Librarian	David J
Chaplain's Aide	Paul R
Bugler	Michael W
OA Representative	Open
<b>Troop Guides</b>	
Tigers	Luke C Spencer T
<b>Patrol Leaders</b>	
Huskies	Tyler H
Pirates (Bald Eagles/Falcons)	Chris M
Thundering Dragons	Cody M
Scorpions	Nate B
Cobras	Desmond M
Timberwolves	John K
Panthers	Reece H
Bobcats	Theo B
<b>Instructors</b>	
Camping	Open
Cooking	Cory K
Fire Safety	Aaron H
First Aid	Open
Knife/Axe Safety	Jared Z
Knots	Open

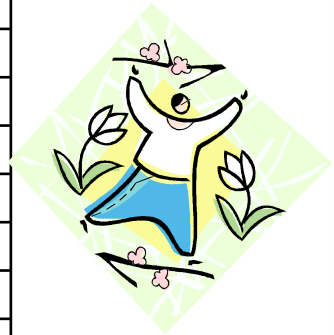


# Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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## Upcoming Events – April/May

Apr 1	<b>No Troop Meeting</b> – <i>Spring Break!</i>
Apr 3	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
Apr 8	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
Apr 12-13	<b>Troop Campout:</b> Cobras/First Aid-Emergency – <i>Eagle Cave in Wisconsin</i>
Apr 15	<b>No Troop Meeting;</b> PLC Meeting (6:30pm); Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
Apr 22	Patrol Meetings ( <i>arranged by patrols</i> )
Apr 26	Scouting for Food
Apr 27	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due
Apr 29	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
May 3	Church Clean-up
May 6	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
May 8	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
May 13	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
May 16-18	<b>Troop Campout:</b> Wolverrunners/Golf
May 20	<b>No Troop Meeting;</b> PLC Meeting (6:30pm); Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
May 25	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due
May 27	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)



## Bulletin Board

### Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, **April 27!** 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 – Diane Grunewald
- 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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