



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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June Activities

Responsible Patrol: Cobras

- June 3 Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
- June 8 Fundraiser: Festival of Jazz on the Prairie
- June 10 Court of Honor (6:30pm)
- June 13-15 **Troop Campout** – Superior Hiking Trail



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Service Projects – by Paul Rosol

A big THANKS to all those who have participated in our last three service projects ~ Scouting for Food; Walk for the Cure and finally Feed My Starving Children. We as a troop appreciate all of our hard work and time. We have no other service projects planned for the summer but will get another set of projects lined up for fall. Thanks Again!

Sea Base 2009 – by Erich Schwab

Troop 695 is planning to send a to the Florida Sea Base over Spring Break 2009. Sea Base is one of the three National BSA High Adventure camps (Philmont in New Mexico, and Northern Tier in Ely, MN are the other two).

We need to secure reservations now if we want to get our desired time slot (EP Spring Break 2009 is 3/30 - 4/3). **If you are interested in attending Sea Base, contact Erich Schwab with your first choice for the adventure itinerary you would like to go on (see links below).** Sea Base is open to scouts who will be 14 or older by September 1 of next year (or before the trip for the Scuba adventures).

Seabase Home page: <http://www.bsaseabase.org/>
 Descriptions of the various adventure options: <http://www.bsaseabase.org/adventure/index.html>

Flying Cloud off and running at the Soccer Fields!

Thanks to all the families working out at Flying Cloud this Spring! It has been a little colder than usual, but business is really starting to pick up! In fact on Sunday of the Soccer Club Tournament, we sold almost \$1,300 worth of food! Considering that our most expensive item is basically \$1.50, that's a lot of hot dogs and candy! We are going to try and transfer money from the spring into accounts before the fourth of July, but then we also have Fall soccer starting in August. Shifts will be a little shorter on the weekdays, but this is a great way for scouts to help earn money to pay for their camps. (Plus, I always like to say, it is warmer than working the Christmas tree lot!!!)

Look for e-mails looking to finish out the few remaining spots this spring, and asking you to sign up for fall shifts... Also don't forget about the Jazz and International Festival along with Sunbonnet Days, at these events, it is a chance to get out in front of the community and show our civic pride, (plus earn a little for camp).

Yours In Scouting,
 Kurt H
 Flyingcloud@troop695.org

Leadership Reports

SPL Scratch – Jake B.

This past month has been a rocktastic month for all scouts and scouters. Our theme was golf, and led by the Panthers we learned a lot about golf etiquette and the history of golf. The campout was also sweet. We played 2 rounds of 9-hole golf at Cleary lake, and had some laid back campfires. After staying up late the first night, the youngsters went straight to sleep the second night. So far everyone has been working hard on merit badges and getting their leadership done. Also, the school year is almost over, which means that regular scout meetings will be coming to a close but also Many Point is on the horizon of the future.



Scoutmaster's Corner – Joe Polta

Scouts, you did it again, and you're about to do it another time. You're implementing new monthly plans, things I've never seen this troop do before. That's exciting for me to see, because it shows me YOU care about YOUR Scout troop enough to plan a fresh new series of meetings and campouts.



My challenge to you is to carry that attitude into your summer. Learn something new. Do something you've never done before. Go somewhere you've never gone. See you this summer, and back to more new things in September!

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.

ASPL – Dan P.

Hello, everybody. This is your friendly neighborhood ASPL of patrol leaders writing in to tell you what's up. If you're having trouble meeting your leadership goals as patrol leader, or any other position for that matter, I would love to sit down and give you some good ideas about how to leave your patrol better than you found it. I have a few ideas clanking around in my head that I believe nobody else has come up with, but you should all come and find out. I should be easy to find because I'm usually the kid who stands on the big platform, isn't Jake, and wears a grey neckerchief. See you at a meeting.

YIS,
- Dan P

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of Patrol Leaders and Troop Guides and Whoever Else Needs My Advice

ASPL – Sam R.

Hi – this is Sam your Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Things seem to be going good. Everyone who went camping had a great time and got in a round of golf as well. We also had a good turnout at Feed My Starving Children's volunteer food packing last Tuesday night. We are winding down our meetings for the summer. I would encourage you to get involved in the Leadership Training offered by our Troop. The next class is coming up soon .

THUNDERING DRAGONS – Cody M.

We had a great month. I couldn't make the campout, but I heard it was fun. Coming up on June 8th is the Festival of Jazz on the Prairie. Please plan on attending as it sounds like a lot of fun. I hope to see you there.

HISTORIAN – Ben P.

I brought home the box of Historian photo albums and scrap books. I'm putting pictures from Eagle Cave in a photo album that has pictures from other recent outings. Unfortunately, I missed the May campout and I will miss the June campout, too. So if anyone has pictures that they would like to give me of the May and June campouts, that would be great.

BOBCATS – Theo B.

Hi, this is Theo B.(Bobcat patrol leader) we have all picked out our merit badges for MP and three of us bagged food at FMSC. We are all looking forward to a great week at MP:)

From Theo ;)

Leadership Reports

SCRIBE – Luke B.
TBD.

COBRAS – *Desmond M.*
TBD.

SCORPIONS – *Nate B.*

This month the Scorpion patrol had fun golfing at the Cleary Lake campout. We are currently working on rank advancement, preparing for Philmont and Many Point

FIRE SAFETY INSTRUCTOR – Aaron H.

Hi my name is Aaron H. and I am your fire safety instructor. tip for the month: Remember that fires are dangerous and the first thing you need to do is make sure that you have two 5 gallon buckets of water near your fire at all times.

If you have any questions, see me at the meetings/campouts.

Scouting News

A Scout is Cheerful
By Jeff Shawd

Music is one way to express scout cheer. With this in mind, a new song book has been compiled for Troop 695 that provides many of the traditional scout songs sung at campfires and other scout gatherings. It also contains inspirational and patriotic songs, as well as songs for the holidays. To view the songbook, click on the "Music" link on the homepage of the troop website. In addition, copies of the songbook have been placed in the two troop trailers, as well as in the troop library for each patrol leader. Scouts are encouraged to incorporate these songs into their planning for troop meetings and campouts, as they provide another way for Troop 695 to build on its traditions and share the gift of music.

Another musical element that is part of the scouting tradition is bugle calls. On our website, you'll also notice that we have also posted information about the history and suggested situations when various bugle calls should be used. Recorded examples of each call are also available by clicking on the call title. This information can be used as reference for the scout who is serving as the troop bugler, as well as others who are considering this leadership role. The job description and goals for the troop bugler are also included on the site. Plus, this information can also be used by those scouts who are interested in obtaining their bugling merit badge.

I will be available at troop meetings and by appointment for bugling lessons, not only to guide our new troop bugler but also for those of you who have expressed an interest in obtaining the bugling merit badge.

These are two of the items I am working on as part of my Wood Badge adult leader training. Our goal is to "make a difference in the life of a scout." I hope you agree that music is one of the important traditions we can pass along that can make a difference in the boys' scouting experience.

Scouting News

For Order of the Arrow members

2008 Section Conclave Plans

The 2008 Section C-1A Conclave will be held on September 5-7, 2008. The event will be held at Camp Ripley, a MN National Guard training base near Little Falls, MN. The conclave will provide great program, excellent training, and outstanding fellowship for all Arrowmen who attend! Look for more details after the next COC meeting.

More information should be available soon at the lodge website or the section website:

<http://www.oac1a.org/>

Reminder for all patrols and patrol coaches:

If we are to be covered by the council insurance while traveling we need to turn in a tour permit. EXCEPTION: When staying at a council camp such as Stearns, Andersen, Rum River, etc. we do not need a tour permit. Any travel 500 miles away from Eden Prairie needs a national tour permit. This includes Black Hills, Philmont, etc.

Troop Leaders

| Adult Leaders | |
|------------------------|--|
| Scoutmaster | Joe Polta |
| Patrol Coaches | |
| 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 |
| Troop Committee | |
| 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 |

| Troop Positions | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Senior Patrol Leader | Jake B |
| Asst Sr. Patrol Leaders | Dan P Ben G Sam R |
| 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 |
| Troop Guides | |
| Tigers | Luke C Spencer T |
| Patrol Leaders | |
| 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 |
| Instructors | |
| Camping | Open |
| Cooking | Cory K |
| Fire Safety | Aaron H |
| First Aid | Open |
| Knife/Axe Safety | Jared Z |
| Knots | Open |

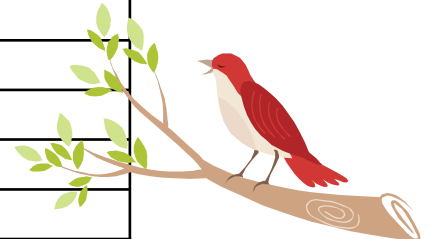


Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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Upcoming Events – June/July/Aug

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| June 3 | Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm) |
| June 5 | Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina) |
| June 10 | Court of Honor (6:30pm) |
| June 8 | Fundraiser: Festival of Jazz on the Prairie |
| June 13-15 | Troop Campout: Cobras/Superior Hiking Trail |
| July 13-19 | Many Point Scout Camp |
| Aug 10 | Fundraiser: Eden Prairie International Festival |
| Aug 24 | Reconnaissance articles due |



Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, **Aug 24!** Please e-mail your articles to her at 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 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

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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