



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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May Activities

Responsible Patrol: Panthers
Theme: Golf



- May 3 Church Clean-up
- May 6 Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
– *sign-up for summer fundraising events*
- May 13 Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
- May 16-18 **Troop Campout** – Cleary Lake
- May 20 **No Troop Meeting;** PLC and ASM Meetings (6:30pm)
No committee meeting
- May 27 Troop Meeting (6:30pm)

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Eagle Recognition

Todd H would like to thank everyone for all their support throughout his Scout career and especially for all the help with his Eagle project. Because it is so close to graduation, he will not be having an Eagle Court of Honor but would like to invite everyone to his graduation Open House to be held:



Monday, June 9th
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Centennial Lakes Park Centrum Building
7499 France Avenue South
Edina MN 55435
www.CentennialLakesPark.com

There will be displays of his Scout achievements and Eagle project and plenty of pizza and salad for all.

Call him at 952-949-1368 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Training Opportunities

May 3rd
Boy Scout Leader Specific Training
Pax Christi Catholic Church
8 am–4 pm
For Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Chairs to learn the basics of BSA troop meetings, advancement, methods, missions, and outdoor experiences. Must have completed “New Leader Essentials”. Registrations due April 28th. \$15.00 fee includes handouts, books & lunch.

May 9th to 10th
Boy Scout Leader Outdoor Training
Location: Rum River Camp
The outdoor, hands-on portion of the Boy Scout Leader Specific Training. This training will be conducted as an overnight campout. \$30.00 fee will include camping fee, Friday night snack, breakfast, lunch & dinner Saturday, books & handouts. Registrations are due April 28th.

Leadership Reports

SPL Scratch – *Jake B.*

The month of April went by pretty fast and I think that that means that it must have been a good month for troop 695. Our meetings seemed to run smoothly, and all the scouts learned how to use a compass, read a topographic map, and play hangman with words that I didn't know at all. The cave campout was bomb- it seemed that everybody really liked chilling in the cave and spelunking around in those tiny crevasses. It was a nice break from having to make our own food, and I thought it was a good first campout for the first years. It seems like the first years are doing really well, and they all got rank Scout by the first meeting. We also had JLT at starring lake for all of the leaders, where we played a poison ivy game and Captain Cory K. cooked up his specialty soup. To end the month all the patrols had patrol night, there was scouting for food, and Robbie B. had his eagle project.



Scoutmaster's Corner – *Joe Polta*

It looks as if our new leadership community is off to a good start. We had a good turn-out for Troop Leader Training (also known as JLT) in mid-April, and as usual, there were a few surprises. The Scoutmaster Soup went over better than I would have guessed. Scouting has been around for over 100 years, and we're still not out of ideas.



For those of you who didn't attend, your leaders played a most interesting game that demonstrated how easy it is to get ahead and succeed if everyone cooperates . . . and how hard it is to succeed if even one person, or one patrol, doesn't do its part, even if all the others are doing their absolute best. I hope the "game" gets reflected in your everyday lives, and in your dealings in the troop.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.

ASPL – *Ben G.*

This month we elected leaders and had a leadership training meeting at Starring Lake Park. We played games that helped us work on our leadership skills and ate soup cooked by Cory K and Mr. Polta. It was good. I am looking forward to being an ASPL with Dan P and Sam R. I think Jake B is going to do a great job as SPL.

ASPL – *Sam R.*

Hi – this is Sam Rosol, I am one of your new Assistant Sr. Patrol Leaders. I am looking forward to my new role and getting to know everyone a little bit better. We have some fun campouts coming up and I hope to see all of you on a number of them including summer camp at Many Point. If you need anything or have ideas on how we can make our troop better, please email me or any of your other leaders.

BOBCATS – *Theo B.*

I'm Theo and I'm the new patrol leader for the bobcats and for our patrol meeting we did the lashing requirements for first class. At the April camp out all of us were there and we're making plans for Many Point.

THUNDERING DRAGONS – *Cody M.*

A Junior Leadership Training Meeting was held on Thursday, April 17th. This meeting was held at Starring Lake for all the new incoming scout leaders. This meeting taught us how to work together as a group and how to negotiate with others. We played some fun games that involved negotiation too. Everyone was asked to bring a can of soup with them to the meeting. We mixed all the different types of soup together and cooked it on the camp stove and then ate it. It was a great team building meeting

HISTORIAN – *Ben P.*

I'm glad our troop had the chance to go the Eagle Cave last month. The campout was filled with lots of interesting picture taking opportunities. One of my favorites was the peacock. Everyone got very muddy after climbing around in the cave. And in the arcade there were lots of fun games going on. I'll try to get pictures to the webmaster for all of you to see.

Leadership Reports

SCRIBE – Luke B.

Hi! I'm Luke B your new scribe. As scribe I will begin to have attendance taken at meetings and some other troop events. I wrote this paragraph describing my experience at our most recent campout at Eagle Cave.

A couple of weekends ago I went to Eagle Cave in southern Wisconsin with my Boy Scout troop. It was more fun than I thought it was going to be. We got to explore wherever we wanted in the whole cave! Any holes we found we could go in, except the back exit. Some of the holes were big and some were barely big enough to fit through. When we got down there in the small, slimy, wet tunnels, it was really cool. Then when we were down in that muddy and damp environment, we would look for another tunnel branching off of the one we were in. There was one long tunnel that was pretty narrow. We had to lay our bellies down on the cold, hard earth sometimes. It was also really dark when we got down there. If you didn't have a flashlight you wouldn't be able to see in most places. Our clothes got really muddy. Then in the dark night we slept in the exhilarating cave. The part that I slept in used to be a quarry. The whole trip was really cool, and an exciting adventure.

COBRAS – Desmond M.

Hello this is Desmond M from troop 695 and currently the Patrol Leader for the Cobras . Last month camp-out in April we took a cave campout in Wisconsin . We had lots of fun and I hope we will have that much fun on the May outing. Hope you are excited about going to Many Point this summer. I also hope all the scout choose merit badges that look appealing to them.

HUSKIES – Tyler H.

Hello everyone. This is Tyler H, the Huskies new patrol leader. The Huskies are organizing an Eagle Court of Honor for the Huskies on Saturday October 4 at 10 AM. There should be five Huskies being honored so you should all come. There will be food and refreshments afterwards. I hope to see you all there!

Service Opportunities

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

The Race for the Cure is on Mother's Day, May 11th at the Mall of America. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the clean-up following the walk. The clean-up will begin immediately after the last walkers start and will continue until we reach the finish line. We will be responsible for picking up trash along the route, as well as pulling the trash bags out of the collapsible garbage cans along the route. Scouts and a parent must volunteer together – why not bring the entire family along to help! You'll not only be walking as a part of the walk but also helping the organizing committee in a huge way by helping with the clean-up.

If interested, please email Paul Rosol, as soon as possible at paul.rosol@comcast.net

Feed My Starving Children

Our troop will be packaging meals at Feed My Starving Children's Chanhassen location on Tuesday, May 20th beginning at 6:00 pm and going until 7:30. Please arrive around 5:45 pm to get signed in, etc. Parent's please plan to stay with your child and if you would like to bring your entire family let me know and if space permits that would be great. If you are just dropping off your scout please come into Feed My Starving Children as I think there is a permission slip you will need to sign. If you are dropping your scout off, please return promptly at 7:30 to pick-up your scout.

If you are interested in signing up and have not yet done so, please contact Paul Rosol, as soon as possible at paul.rosol@comcast.net

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

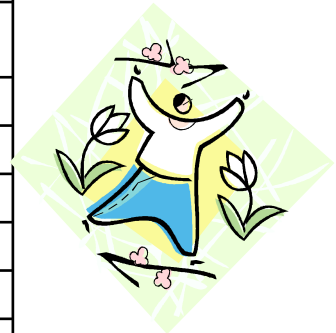


Calendar and Bulletin Board Information

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Upcoming Events –May/June

May 3	Church Clean-up (8:00am)
May 6	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
May 8	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
May 11	Susan G. Komen 'Post-Race Sweep' (8:30-11am)
May 13	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
May 16-18	Troop Campout: Wolverrunners/Golf (Cleary Lake)
May 20	No Troop Meeting; No Committee Meeting PLC Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
May 20	Eagle Court of Honor: Jake Poirier
May 20	Feed My Starving Children (6:00-7:30pm)
May 25	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due
May 27	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
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 (Cleary Lake)



Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, **May 25!** 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
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- 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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