



THE RECONNAISSANCE

Boy Scout Troop 695 of Prairie Lutheran Church

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October Activities

Responsible Patrol: Scorpions

Theme: Games

- Oct 7 Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
- Oct 10-12 Troop Campout – District Camporee
- Oct 14 **No Troop Meeting**; PLC Meeting (6:30pm);
Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
- Oct 21 Troop Meeting (6:30pm) - *tentative*
- Oct 28 Troop Meeting (6:30pm)



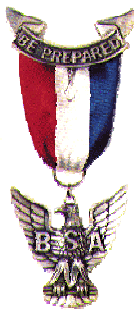
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Eagle News

Flight of Eagles Court of Honor

Not one, not two...but a whole flight of eagles! Six scouts from the Husky Patrol will be honored at a combined Eagle Court of Honor on **Saturday, October 4, 2008** at 10:00 a.m. Being held in the Fellowship Hall at **St. Andrew Lutheran Church** (13600 Technology Drive) this special Eagle Court of Honor will recognize the accomplishments of Matt Boudreaux, Eric Blomgren, Tyler Herzog, Andrew Songle, Ian Vanic, and Tim Wolfgram.



Former Scoutmaster Steve Brennaman (coming from Pennsylvania) and Scoutmaster Joe Polta will serve as guest speakers, along with other dignitaries participating at the event. A light luncheon will be served after the ceremony.

Please RSVP indicating your attendance by sending an email to Andrew Songle at songle19@msn.com by Sunday, September 28. We hope you can join us!

Eagle Preview

Tuesday October 14 – 7pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church All Star and Life scouts, especially Life scouts, and their parents, are strongly recommended to attend the Preview, for this will paint you a complete picture of what are needed, including the Eagle Project, in order to complete the Eagle rank requirements.

Fundraising Opportunities

POPCORN 2008

Hey Scouts! The start of our popcorn fund raiser in less than two weeks away! **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th** is the kick off day! All Scouts should have received a popcorn order form in their ship last week. If you did not get one, please let Paul Rairamo know! Selling popcorn is a fast and fun way to earn money for all of your scouting activities. In addition, you win prizes for what you sell! New this year is an outstanding trail mix complete with peanuts, cranberries, raisins, M&M's, almonds and cashews. Need to do a good deed? Purchase popcorn that supports our military over seas. Let us know if you have any questions. Good Luck with your sales, scouts! Paul, Aarne and Dixie Rairamo



September Court of Honor

Remember to bring treats for the Court of Honor September 30th

Healthy snacks are best: cut up fruit, veggies & dip, bars, chips, pretzels etc. and drinks.

Leadership Reports

SPL Scratch – Jake B.

September was a great month for troop 695. We started the year with a survivor theme led by the Pirated patrol. At our meetings we prepared for situations we might find ourselves in throughout our lives, including knot tying, surviving tips, and what to do during tornadoes. A big part of the September meetings is elections, where troop 695 chose our new leaders. The campout was bomb, and it was a great experience having it with another troop, troop 342. This will be my last Reconnaissance article as SPL, which means that my term is almost over. Congratulations to everyone that has completed their leadership positions, and to those of you in charge for the next six months, congratulations on being elected. I hope this troop will always do their best to work hard and enjoy boy scouts.



Scoutmaster's Corner – Joe Polta

The Golden Rule - "treat others as you want to be treated." At the advanced training course for adult Scout leaders, the final presentation is all about The Secret to Effective Leadership. What is it? The Golden Rule. There. I said it. I revealed the Secret.



Just the other day I was talking with a couple of co-workers. One of them had just come from a seminar, where he was taught the "Platinum Rule" -- treat others the way they want to be treated." Now, that would require going a step farther -- by asking someone how he wants to be treated, because you don't know until you ask.

Whichever you use, Gold or Platinum, you can't do it without thinking beyond yourself, and instead thinking of the needs of others. Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, had that as one of his ultimate goals - getting Scouts to think beyond themselves. So the next time the Scoutmaster in the skit asks, "What would Baden-Powell do?", you'll know the answer: think beyond himself. Treat others as he wants to be treated. Treat others as they want to be treated.

I'm proud to be your Scoutmaster.

Scouting News

OA Conclave – Michael Wiig

After being at the OA district conclave this weekend the OA members missed a good opportunity to help out at Camp Stearns. We cleared trails, campsites, and cleaned buildings. We all worked hard and the food was even pretty good. There will be no spring conclave as all the districts have gone to just the fall. I have spoken to a few scouts about being the troop representative and hopefully someone will step up and take over the position. Other items to think about are the winter event, and some other leadership training that you might participate in. Remember the October Camporee is coming up and they are looking for assistance in a few areas like games, campfire, and flag raising/lowering.

I just got the notice that OA Fall Fellowship is Friday November 14, 2008. The link to the form is: <http://oa.nbsa.org/Forms/2008FallFellowshipFlier.pdf> I realize it's the same weekend as the Nov. campout. If you are not camping please attend, if you are camping maybe go for part of the event.

Camping

It sounds like the November campout planning is well underway. So the Thundering Dragons (January), could consider working on there plan. Please remember we need tour permits for any camping done outside of the council camps.

LIBRARIAN – David J.

I think the meetings went pretty well, except we haven't quite figured out an way to make the elections both efficient and fun. but overall, it was fun, we got some work done on the patrol boxes, there is a lot of equipment that hadn't been used that should have been in patrol boxes before. i think at a camp out we should clean the patrol boxes because some of them were pretty greasy and in need of a good cleaning. it was disappointing that only two people showed up for the equipment thingy on the Saturday before the camp out, but we still got it done the Tuesday after .

HUSKIES – Tyler H.

Wow, October is already here! The Huskies have been busy planning their Eagle Court of Honor this past month. The Eagle Court of Honor will be for six of us!! It will be held at **St. Andrew Lutheran Church** and will begin at **10:00 AM Saturday October 4th**. We hope to see you there!

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/Web Calendar	Kelly Schwab
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Activities Chair	John Lewis
Camping	Mike Wiig
Order of the Arrow	Mike Wiig
Quartermaster	Aarne Rairamo Boon Tan Mike Hoerle

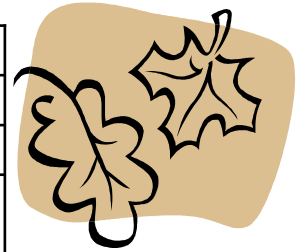
Troop Positions	
Senior Patrol Leader	Jake B
Asst Sr. Patrol Leaders	Dan P Ben G Sam R
Junior Asst Scoutmaster	Evan F Andrew S
Quartermaster	Will J
Scribe	Luke B
Historian	Ben P
Librarian	David J
Chaplain's Aide	Paul R
Bugler	Michael W
OA Representative	Open
Troop Guides	
Tigers	Luke C Spencer T
Patrol 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 –October/November



Oct 2	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
Oct 7	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
Oct 10-12	Troop Campout – District Camporee @ Murphy's Landing
Oct 14	No Troop Meeting; PLC Meeting (6:30pm); Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
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Oct 21	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
Oct 26	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due to Kelly Schwab
Oct 28	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
Nov 4	Troop and Parents' Meetings (6:30pm)
Nov 6	Roundtable and OA Meeting (7pm at Christ Presbyterian in Edina)
Nov 11	Troop Meeting (6:30pm)
Nov 14-16	Troop Campout
Nov 18	No Troop Meeting; PLC Meeting (6:30pm); Committee Meeting (6:30pm); ASM Meeting (7:00pm)
Nov 22	Tree Lot Setup & Training (lot opens in late afternoon) Wreath Distribution
Nov 23	<i>Reconnaissance</i> articles due to Kelly Schwab
Nov 25	Troop Meeting (6:30pm) – or Patrol Night (<i>TBD</i>)



Bulletin Board

Reconnaissance Articles

Articles for the next issue of this newsletter are due to Kelly Schwab no later than Sunday, **October 26!** 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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