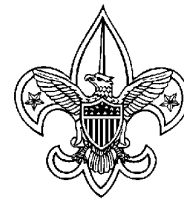




Troop 695



Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Attention Senior Webelos

Even though most Senior Webelos don't "cross over" into a Boy Scout Troop until February or March, now is the time to start visiting Troops so that you and your family can make an informed decision when it comes time to choose a Troop. In Eden Prairie, we are very lucky to have six quality Troops to choose from.

Troop Meetings

Troop 695 meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Our meetings are held in the lower level of Prairie Lutheran Church (PLC), located at 11000 Blossom Road, just south of the intersection of Pioneer Trail and Bennett Place.

Camping with 695

Our camping program this past year included weekend campouts, a week at Many Point Boy Scout Camp in northwest Minnesota, and for higher adventure camping (14 years and older), the Scouts went to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Each year in February the boys participate in "Merit Badge Madness." They have the opportunity to earn merit badges while having fun and building camaraderie. In 2004, Merit Badge Madness was held at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI.

Fundraising

Fundraising is one of Troop 695's strengths. The Scouts work at the concession stand at Flying Cloud field and at our Christmas tree lot, located at the Super America on the corner of Pioneer Trail and Hwy. 212. The money that the Scouts earn is kept in an account for them and can be used to pay for camping trips, equipment, and other Scout activities. And, as if that weren't enough, they have a blast working at these venues.

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Important Dates for Your Calendar

Monday, November 8th, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

WALL CLIMBING: Bloomington REI

Learn how to wear a harness, belay, and rappel under qualified supervision.

Tuesday, December 7th, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

TROOP and PARENTS MEETING, PLC

Parents and Scouts are invited to visit Troop 695 to find out what a typical Troop meeting is like and meet some of the parents of our Scouts.

Tuesday, December 14th, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

COURT of HONOR, PLC

You don't want to miss our quarterly Court of Honor. You will have the opportunity to meet our Scouts, and find out what type of merit badges they have been earning. You will also learn what big trips they are planning. As an added incentive, refreshments will be served following the meeting. *Remember: You must attend a Court of Honor in order to earn the Summit Award.*

If you are unable to attend a Troop 695 meeting on either December 7th or December 14th, we'd be happy to have you visit any of our Troop Meetings which are held on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. We meet at Prairie Lutheran Church.

Sunday, January 30th, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

WINTER SURVIVAL OUTING, Staring Lake

Webelos will be joining our Scouts for a morning of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, ice bowling, and winter survival training. Troop 695 Scouts will demonstrate how to make **your** own snowshoes (something our new Scouts do each year). Refreshments will be provided, of course.

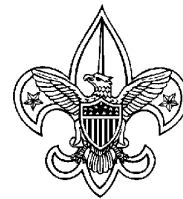
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