

On the Eagle Trail

The Scoop on the Troop

May 2006

For Your Calendar

May

22 - Troop Meeting - Mithun

June

3 - Advancement Signoff: 8-10 am (WCC Geo Lab)

5 - Court of Honor

16-18 - Brule River Canoe Trip

19 - Final Many Point Scout/Parent Meeting

24 - Twin Baseball Game and Pregame Color Guard vs Chicago Cubs 6:10 pm

July

22 - Philmont Scout Camp through Aug 6th

30 - Many Point Camp through Aug 5

August

18 - Apostle Islands/Stockton through Aug 22

Troop meetings 7:00-8:30 Parent meetings 7:00-8:30

PLC meetings 6:45-8:15 Mondays after campouts

No meetings on school holidays



Welcome

Troop 283 welcomes the following new Scouts:

Scott G	Riley K
Alex B	Nathan V
Chris H	Christopher L
Matthew B	Jacob S
Adam S	Abram S
Austin M	Elliot F
Jeremy N	Michael M

In addition, we welcome a transfer, Tyler Johnston.

Upcoming Events

BRULE RIVER CANOE TRIP

Do not miss out on this exciting opportunity. Our troop will campout on Friday and canoe the upper Brule River near Lake Superior on Saturday, June 17th. If you are 13 years old and First Class or higher, you are eligible to kayak the more challenging lower Brule River on Sunday, June 18th. Adults are welcome to sign up for the kayaking as well. If you are signing up for both canoeing and kayaking, you will need to fill out both registrations (see attached).

If your son is a 5th grader, we highly recommend that you canoe with your son on Saturday. This allows everyone to keep up with the group.

COURT OF HONOR

We have our next Court of Honor scheduled for Monday, June 5th. The last chance before this Court of Honor for Scouts to get sign-off for a merit badge or to advance in rank will be Saturday, June 3rd from 8-10 am at the Geo Lab at WCC. Please contact your merit badge counselor in advance to find out if they can meet with you on Saturday, June 3rd. Mr. Kellum will be available for Scoutmaster Conferences and we will have adults available to perform your Board of Review.

The Court of Honor meal will be pot luck this time. Our Senior Patrol Leader has assigned each patrol to bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert. Each patrol member should bring enough to feed 8 to 10 people. Don't forget to bring your own plate and utensils.

CLASS B UNIFORM ORDER

Class B T-Shirts and Sweats can be worn in place of the more formal Class A uniform shirt around camp or for less formal gatherings. The Class B uniforms are generally more comfortable, versatile and easier to clean than the Class A uniforms. They also help Troop 283 stand out while at camp.

The new Class B uniforms will be forest green and will have the new logo which matches the new neckerchief logo on them. An order form will be available at the May 15th Troop Meeting or online on the Web at www.Troop283.net

T-Shirts, a Hooded Pullover and Polos, for adults, can be ordered as well. Get your orders in by June 7th.

Volunteer Update

June 5th will be the last Court of Honor that Dudley Bartholow will serve as the Troop Advancement Chair. We want to thank Dudley for his many years of service to the Troop. He has done an excellent job for Troop 283.

Troop Committee Chair position remains available for a new volunteer. Donna Larson will work closely with this person over the next year on training. See Donna to get more information.

ORDER OF THE ARROW ELECTION

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives

To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit

To promote Scout camping

To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Uner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. Today, the OA is recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society.

To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping during the two years before his election. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop members, following approval by the Scoutmaster.

We are very pleased to announce that Luke S has been elected by his fellow Troop members to the Order of the Arrow. This honor was announced at the Valley Fair event on May 20th. We are also pleased to announce that two adult leaders were also elected to the Order of the Arrow. They are Roger Birnbaum and Scott Janke.

Congratulations to all!

Recognition

Congratulations to our 4 Wayzata High School Graduates who are all also Eagle Scouts:

David A
Thomas B

Tim W
Rob W

We wish them well in their next year at College and thank them for their leadership in Troop 283.

Troop News

GREY WOLF

We are pleased to announce that Jeff S and Luke S have been selected to attend Grey Wolf leadership training. They are signed up for the August 14-19 session at Rum River Scout Camp. At Grey Wolf they will develop skills in:

1. Giving Presentations
2. Team Building
3. Problem Solving
4. Decision Making
5. Scout Skills
6. Troop Operation

We fully expect that Jeff and Luke will have an unforgettable experience. This is truly an awesome opportunity for them and we hope to send two or three boys next summer.

PHILMONT '06 UPDATE

Six scouts and two leaders camped and hiked on May 5/6, and though it was quick, it was a great event! William O'Brien St Park on the St Croix River was a fabulous spot for our campout and 5-mile backpack hike. After being awoken fairly early by numerous

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birds (including a pair of sandhill cranes), we learned a few things about how to pack gear in and on our backpacks. We were impressed with how quickly we were able to get up and going on Saturday morning! Several new pairs of boots logged their first miles, with minimal blisters reported. We got some good practice in map reading and trail selection. And we can report that the wood ticks are out!

The next Philmont '06 Prep Camp/Hike is planned for June 23/24, with the location TBA.

UPCOMING PHILMONT '06 FUNDRAISERS

The 2006 Philmont group is once again fundraising by bagging groceries at Cub Foods in Plymouth on Friday, May 26th from 4-9. Last time we did this, we collected over \$1,000 in tips to put towards our Philmont trip.

If you would like to help these scouts by volunteering your time, you may count these hours as volunteer hours for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award but ONLY if you are NOT one of the scouts attending Philmont. You may join us for all or part of this fundraising experience. The more scouts we

have, the more tips we raise.

To sign-up, please call Mrs. Moran at 763-449-9376. Please wear your class A scout shirt.

Philmont scouts and parents, please advise if you will be there for all or only part of this fundraiser.

The Kemp's food product tasting fundraiser has been rescheduled for August 28th at 6:50 PM in WCC Mithun.

Thank you,
Laura Moran

WHAT IS A DEN CHIEF?

Tyler W has been serving a Den Chief for a Cub Scout den in Pack 283 this year. A den chief is a leadership position for the Troop that serves by assisting a Cub Scout den leader. Tyler attends den meetings and many Pack events, too. He helps manage the boys, lead games and activities, teach scout skills, and is a role model for the Cub Scouts in many ways including attitude and uniforming. A successful den chief needs to be responsible, self motivating, and enjoy working with younger boys. He should be an older Boy Scout, preferably at least First Class and must complete Den Chief training. If you are interested in learning more about being a Den Chief, contact Scoutmaster Kellum or Mrs. Larson.

THANK YOU

Cub Scout Pack 283 would like to thank several Troop 283 scouts who helped with its spring Join Scouting Night event on May 1. These volunteers worked at a number of activity stations and helped supervise prospective Cub Scouts. Troop 283 Scouts that helped out included Alex B, Christian F, Matt F, Will J, Elliot J, and Tyler W.

TROOP 283 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The following article appeared in the District Navigator:

Troop 283 Celebrates 90th Anniversary

Over 200 alumni, Scouts, families and friends gathered at Wayzata Community Church on Sunday, March 19 to celebrate 90 years of Scouting. This included 20 Eagle Scouts, 10 former scoutmasters, as well as city officials from Plymouth and Wayzata.



Lots of great memories were shared, including historic photos and documents. A commemorative book was created for participants. It included photos, a troop timeline/history, a list of scoutmasters and Eagle Scouts, as well as proclamations from

the Mayors of Wayzata, Plymouth, and Governor Pawlenty and a copy of the Congressional record from the US House of Representatives by Jim Ramstad all saluting this milestone. A special neckerchief with the words "90 years strong" was also distributed at the event.



Former scoutmasters and Scouting officials had a chance to share their thoughts. Participants agreed that some of the highlights were hearing about Eagle projects and their ongoing community impact, as well as how glad former leaders and members were to see the continuity and legacy of Troop 283 going forward.



Congratulations Troop 283 and thanks to the committee that made such a celebration possible.

Eagle Scouts attending 90th anniversary of Troop 283

Announcements

Northern Star Council had a request for donations for Troops in the Hurricane Katrina damaged area. Our troop is donating all our old scout tents to this cause.

Troop 283 Patrol Roster

04/25/06

Aaron L – Senior Patrol Leader
Luke S, Anthony L, Jeff S and Andrew W – Asst. Senior Patrol Leaders
Dan D – Quartermaster
Billy M – Troop Scribe

Venturers

PL-Thomas M
APL-Thomas B

Matt F
Andrew W
Thomas B
Taylor K
Luke M
Billy W
Sam W
Ben S
Ryan F
Justin L

Panther

PL-Elliot J
APL-Alex B

Jacob Z
Ryan M
Ben L
Jon A
Christian F

Wolves

PL-Tyler J
APL-Shane S

Adam B
Tyler W
Weston B
Jason V
Jeff S

Fox

PL-Will S
APL-Will J

Thomas B
Matthew F
Theo M
Gregory M
Josh P
Billy M
Matt C.

Nighthawks

PL-Thomas Mc
APL-Ben M

Timothy P
Alex E
Aaron L
Anthony L

Flaming Arrows

PL-Jacob S
APL-Chris H

Matt B
Jeremy N
Scott G
Adam S
Abram S

Owls

PL-Thomas H
APL-Matt D

Jon W
Paul H
Drew K
Dan D
Luke S

Dragons

PL-Riley K
APL-Chris L

Alex B
Michael M
Elliot F
Austin M
Nate V

Instructor Specialists

Fire Chief: Tyler W

Knives, axes, hatchet, saw specialist: Matt D

First Aid specialist: Adam B

Knots, ropes, lashings specialist: Paul H

Cooking specialist: Matthew F

Nature specialist: Ben M

Outdoor survival specialist:
Drew K

Troop Positions

Librarian: Christian F

Troop Guide: Gregory M

Bugler: Thomas Mc and Tyler J

Historian: Ben L

Chaplain's Aide: Josh P

Den Chief: Tyler W

OA Troop Rep: Open

Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster: Justin L

Canoe the Brule River
Brule, Wisconsin
June 16-18, 2006
For Scouts and Parents too!!



Please turn in your registration at the May 29 Troop meeting, or mail to Harry Mann by May 29.

Water safety is "Job One." We encourage adults to attend the canoe trip with their scout. We also require **everyone** Canoeing — scouts *and* adults — to take swim qualifications. Scouts or adults that were unable to qualify as "Swimmer" in the swim qualifications may still canoe, but special arrangements will be made to ensure water safety. If you did not attend the swim qualifications, please contact Harry Mann(see below).

What: Camping Friday and Saturday nights, canoeing the Brule River on Saturday. Parents are encouraged to come and join us for this fun and wonderful trip.

Bring: Personal gear, sleeping bag, pad, eating utensils and cup. Be prepared for wet & cold weather (bring warm clothes and good raingear a must). Canoes and personal flotation devices are provided.

Departure and Arrival: Meet at WCC parking lot Friday afternoon, June 16th, at 4:00 p.m. for trailer pack-up. Taillights at 4:30 p.m. We will stop for dinner on the way up, Make sure your scout brings some cash for dinner. Scouts must wear there Class A uniform when traveling.

Cost: \$40.00 per individual (scout or adult) – Parents are welcome to come and Kayak with us!!!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, May 29, at troop meeting or mail to: Harry Mann
Questions? Please call me at Home phone: 763-473-7970

- Please make checks payable to Troop 283---Please keep top portion of flyer for information -

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Scout Name: _____ Phone: _____ Patrol & Rank: _____

Parent name: _____ Phone (if different): _____

Can parent/guardian drive? Yes No

Can parent/guardian tow Troop trailer? (requires class III hitch, 2" ball and 4 prong flat electric) ? Yes No

ATTENTION: If you have completed a Driver Survey, thank you!

If you have not then you can now do this on our website at www.troop283.net/troop_283_147.htm

Payment: Number of individuals attending (scout and adult): _____ X \$40.00 = _____

Payment: Check Enclosed, Check# _____ Cash Enclosed _____ Scout Account _____

Permission: I hereby authorize _____ to participate in the June Brule Canoe trip

June 16th – 18th, 2006 and to participate in all activities. _____
(Name of scout)

(Parent or guardian signature)

Return registration form to Harry Mann by May 29.

Kayak the Lower Brule River
Brule, Wisconsin
Sunday, June 18, 2006
High Adventure Option
For Scouts and Parents too!!
 (Must be Class 1 and at least 13 years of age)



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Water safety is "Job One." We welcome any adults who want attend the Kayak trip with their scout. We also require **everyone** Kayaking — scouts *and* adults — to take swim qualifications. Scouts or adults that were unable to qualify as "Swimmer" in the swim qualifications may still canoe, but special arrangements will be made to ensure water safety. If you did not attend the swim qualifications, please contact Harry Mann (see below).

What: Kayaking the Brule. This will be done Sunday June 18, 2006 the day after the canoeing done on Saturday June 17. Parents are encouraged to come and join us for this trip.

Bring: Personal gear, sleeping bag, pad, eating utensils and cup. Be prepared for wet & cold weather (bring warm clothes and good raingear a must). Kayaks and personal flotation devices are provided.

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Cost: \$37.00 per individual (scout or adult) – Parents are welcome to come and Kayak with us!!! The Kayaking cost is additional and separate from the Canoeing cost.

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Payment: Check Enclosed, Check# _____ Cash Enclosed _____ Scout Account _____

Permission: I hereby authorize _____ to participate in the June Brule Kayaking trip
(Name of scout)
 June 18, 2006 and to participate in all activities. _____
(Parent or guardian signature)

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