

Troop 283

Good evening.

Troop 283 is proud to have been a part of this community since 1915.

The principal aim of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide a program, that builds character, fosters citizenship and develops fitness of both mind and body.

What is character? It is honesty, courage and integrity. It includes the four “self” qualities: self-reliance, self-discipline, self-confidence and self-respect. The Scouting program utilizes outdoor activities to develop these traits.

In the outdoors, scouts can learn much about living with others. They face real life challenges and learn to solve real problems. Outside, a scout gets close to the natural world: the land, the wildlife and the environment. The program of the Boy Scouts of America is unique among youth organizations in its focus on the “Outdoor Experience”.

Troop 283 schedules campouts almost every month. Our Program includes Camporee’s in October, January, and May, that are planned by our Scouting District and attended by all the Troops in our district.

Troop 283 has a number of annual events including a November outing to Heritage Lodge at Stearns Scout Camp where we jointly prepare and share a Thanksgiving meal. A very popular annual event is our July Canoe trip on one of the local river routes such as the Brule, Namakagon, or Crow wing Rivers. Another popular outdoor adventure is our annual ski trip to Giants Ridge in January.

Each July, our troop spends a week at Many Point Scout Camp close to Park Rapids. Last year, 30 scouts attended and earned over 115 awards. At camp, we learn to swim, sail, and canoe. We earn merit badges like Leatherwork, Basketry, Environmental Science, and First Aid. We also learn to safely enjoy Archery, or Rifle and Shotgun Shooting. Best of all, we have fun.

Another part of Scouting is the High Adventure Program. This program provides Scouts over thirteen who have earned the rank of First Class a more challenging outdoor experience. Troop 283's High Adventure Program has taken us to the Boundary Waters canoeing, to the Apostle Islands sailing, to the Black Hills hiking and climbing, and to the Florida Sea Base Sailing.

This year Troop 283 expanded its High Adventure program to include several day trips to explore new frontiers. We went kayaking, scuba diving, climbing, and on a bike trip along the Elroy Trail. Troop 283's summer High Adventure schedule includes a weeklong canoe trip in June of 2005 to the Northern Tier Canoe Base in Atikoken Ontario.

The highlight of Scouting's High Adventure Programs is a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch, 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo range of the Rocky Mountains at Cimarron New Mexico. Troop 283 has signed up scouts for a 2-week trip to Philmont in 2006 and 2007.

What is citizenship? It is defined as "behavior in terms of the duties, obligations, privileges and functions of a citizen." It is the quality of an individual's response to membership in a community. Citizenship is about love of country and community. It is understanding government, democracy and our heritage and history.

Scouting teaches citizenship through its Merit Badge program where we earn Merit Badges like “Citizenship in the Community”, “Citizenship in the Nation”, and “Citizenship in the World”.

Scouting also promotes community service projects. Troop 283 has service projects to clean up local parks, plant trees along Wayzata’s roadways, help out Wayzata Community Church at its annual rummage sale, and enjoy the company of our community’s elderly at some of the local Nursing Homes.

Troop 283 has also had a long connection to “Bobs Sleepout”. In 1996, Bob Fischer a local shoe repairman began a winter sleep out to raise money for Thanksgiving Dinners for the homeless. In that first year Bob raised \$10,000. By 2004 Bob’s Sleep-out had grown to a Community wide event raising \$1,280, 857. Troop 283 has been an active participant in this event. This year we had XXX boys sleep out resulting in \$XXX dollars being raised.

Another way our troop contributes to our community is through Eagle Service Projects. The rank of Eagle is Scouting’s highest rank. One of the requirements to achieve Eagle is to perform a community service project. This project entails extensive planning by the Scout, who then recruits and supervises the labor provided by his fellow scouts and friends. Recent examples of our Eagle Scout projects are:

- New landscaping and a flagpole erected at Baker Park
- Retaining wall planter at a Plymouth Fire Station
- Repainting of fire hydrants
- Tables and display booths built for Wayzata Community Church’s rummage sale

Fitness. The scouting program strives to develop physical, mental, emotional and moral fitness in young men. Each scout swears to the scout oath and lives by the scout law of conduct, each of which pertains to these aims of scouting.

Probably the most important philosophy of Troop 283 is the concept of the “boy-run troop.” Our troop is organized so that the scouts do the work of running the troop. Boys learn by doing. Scouting recognizes the advantages of learning by making mistakes, practicing skills, and eventually being successful. Over the years, hundreds of Scouts have had their first leadership experience by serving in a Troop 283 leadership position.

An older Scout serving as the Senior Patrol Leader runs the Troop. The Troop has two Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, a Troop Scribe, and a Troop Quarter Master. We also have a Chaplains Aide, Bugler, Historian, and Librarian. Scouts are organized into “Patrols”, each led by a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. It is through this leadership experience that scouts develop moral and emotional fitness.

While Scout led, Troop 283 relies heavily on parental involvement. Adults who are committed to Scouting’s goals serve as Scout Master, Committee members, Advancement Coordinators, and Counselors. Parents provide scheduling and reservation assistance in support of the Scout developed activities. Parent’s aid in teaching various scouting skills, and volunteer to be Merit Badge counselors. It is this support that has sustained Troop 283 over its long history.

A constant in Troop 283’s history is the support of its chartering organizations.

Our Troop has been continuously chartered since November 15th, 1915. Our sponsoring, or charter organizations have included, Wayzata Public Schools, Wayzata American Legion, Wayzata P.T.A., Wayzata Community Church Men’s Club, Wayzata Lion’s Club and Wayzata Community Church. We are especially grateful to Wayzata Community Church who has been our chartering organization since 1958. The use of its facilities and

the ongoing support of its parishioners is by far the number one reason Troop 283 has existed for so long.

Troop 283 currently has a roster of 47 Scouts and 22 Adult volunteers. We have an exciting and well-attended calendar of events including High Adventure opportunities for senior Scouts.

We wish to thank the Wayzata community and Wayzata Community Church, along with all those who have been involved with the Troop past and present for providing area youth with the opportunity to participate in the “Scouting Experience”.

Thank you all very much.

Abstract of Charter

Wayzata Public Schools.....	1915 – 1927
Wayzata Community Church.....	1928
Wayzata American Legion.....	1929 – 1944
Wayzata P.T.A.	1945 – 1948
Wayzata American Legion.....	1949 – 1950
Wayzata Community Church Men’s Club....	1951 – 1952
Wayzata Lion’s Club.....	1953 – 1957
Wayzata Community Church.....	1958 – Present

Troop 283 Scoutmasters

1915	Edmund C. Magill	1946	Robert P. Smith
1916	Harold L. Borst		Fritz Weber
1917	Harold L. Borst	1947	Fritz Weber
1918	Oke Dahlberg	1948	Fritz Weber
1919	Sam Batson	1949	Fritz Weber
1920	Sam Batson	1950	Fritz Weber
1921	John E. Manning	1951	Fritz Weber
1922	H. S. Probasco	1952	Fritz Weber
1923	Dewey Lindquist	1953	Vernon D. Anderson
1924	Sam Batson	1954	Richard S. Peterson
1925	Sam Batson	1955	Richard S. Peterson
1926	Sam Batson	1956	Richard S. Peterson
1927	Sam Batson	1957	Richard S. Peterson
	Wendell O. Rogers	1958	William S. Mitchell
	Culbert E. Munns	1959	Gunnar V. Ellstrom
1928	Floyd R. Ross	1960	John V. Palmer
1929	Cuthbert E. Munns	1961	Alan Green
1930	Cuthbert E. Munns	1962	Roger J. Stevens
1931	Cuthbert E. Munns	1963	Roger J. Stevens
1932	Cuthbert E. Munns	1964	Roger J. Stevens
1933	Cuthbert E. Munns	1965	Roger J. Stevens
1934	Cuthbert E. Munns	1966	Donald G. Schwie
1935	Cuthbert E. Munns	1967	N. Prentice Merrill
1936	Cuthbert E. Munns	1968	N. Prentice Merrill
1937	Cuthbert E. Munns	1969	Donald G. Schwie
	Wallace H. Hagen	1970	John H. Berryhill
1938	Wallace H. Hagen	1971	John H. Berryhill
1939	Fritz Weber	1972	Robert E. Doan
1940	Fritz Weber	1973	Robert E. Doan
1941	Walter G. Olson	1974	William R. Fruen
1942	Hal Widsten	1975	William R. Fruen
	Donald S. Streeter	1976	William R. Fruen
1943	Donald S. Streeter	1977	George J. Theodore
1944	Robert P. Smith	1978	Robert Bechtel
1945	Robert P. Smith	1979	Lloyd J. Olson

1980 Donald Peterson
1981 Donald Peterson
1982 William C. Peterson
1983 William C. Peterson
1984 William Brownell
1985 Vern Hartenburg
1986 Vern Hartenburg
1987 Bill Wachholder
1988 Bill Wachholder
1989 Bob Strom
1990 Bob Strom
1991 Bob Strom
1992 Dave Gaudette
1993 Dave Gaudette
1994 Jeff Grimm
1995 Steve Peterson
1996
1997
1998 Robin Lindquist
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2001 Pat Moran
2002 Pat Moran
2003 Pat Moran
2004 Pat Moran
2004 Jim Laska

Troop 283 Eagle Scouts

Junior Buck	1918	Steven V. Schueler	1982
Leslie L. Buck	1918	Andrew Hoem	1983
Irwin Berger	1918	Robert Irish	1985
Robert Spencer	1919	Joseph P. Binish	1985
Danford Thomas	1919	Brian J. Quin	1986
Everett Squire	1922	John C. Hartenberg	1987
Tom Batson	1923	Richard P. Schueler	1987
Fritz Weber	1932	Brian C. Hadley	1987
Ralph Newberg	1932	Troy J. Hokanson	1987
Wayne Mullane	1934	Marvin R. Mealman	1988
Gerald O'Keefe	1934	Eric M. Stetz	1988
Howard Milbert	1934	Brian P. Hetchler	1988
Edward Munns	1934	David L. Welliver	1988
Robert Love	1935	Mark Oliver Dahlquist	1989
John C. Slothower III	1963	Michael Gerald Wherry	1992
Stephen A Comer	1963	John Robert Strom	1992
Larry W. Schwie	1963	Luke Allen Hegge	1992
Bruce C. Jondahl	1963	Grant F. Jones	1992
Douglas B. Murphy	1963	Reed Allen Beckler	1993
Herbert E. Cargill	1963	Michael Brokaw	1993
Barton W. Tarman	1963	William Schaefer	1993
Richard Slothower	1964	J. Russell Woolery	1993
Thomas R. Stevens	1964	Gabe Maentz	1995
Gerald M. Lopez	1964	Mark Louis Wherry	1996
Gregory M. Crow	1964	John Gruning	1996
Gerald Slothower	1964	Jacob Maentz	1997
Mark R. Omlie	1964	Luke Gaudette	1997
Jeff L. Peterson	1964	Tom Hegge	1997
Richard Raitt	1964	Dan Guerrero	1997
Pudge Linman	1964	Brian Shawley	1997
Bob Lopez	1965	Clark Gregor	1998
Mark W. Stuhfant	1965	Joshua C. Lindquist	1998
Harold F. Easton	1965	Gerrad Petersen	1999
Roger Scott Warner	1967	Nicholas Marvin	1999
Robert T. Weaver	1967	Nicholas Gaudette	2000
Tim R. Vinton	1968	Franklin Li	2001
Roger E. Slothower	1969	Nicholas R. Lindquist	2001
David E. Merrill	1969	Peter Werts	2002
Robert C. Lafean	1970	Lee Homan	2002
William R. Johnson	1970	Brent Larson	2003
Jeff Q. Vinton	1970	Andy Swenson	2004
Craig H. Shaver	1972		
Peter E. Doan	1974		
Christopher W. Smart	1976		
William D. McConnell	1977		
Marc C. Foster	1977		
Jeffrey J. Schueler	1979		