

Troop 420

(www.troop420.org)

January 2010 Newsletter



Happy New Year!

Recent/Upcoming Schedule

January

Monday, January 4
Troop Meeting #14
Service Patrol = Indian

Monday, January 11
Troop Meeting #15
Service Patrol = Liberty Bell

Monday, January 18
Patrol Leader Council
6:30 pm at Clifton Gunderson, 8215
Greenway Boulevard in Middleton
Topic will be the first two of three modules
of Troop Leadership Training (TLT)

Saturday-Sunday, January 23-24
January Outing
Easter Seals Elks Club Respite Camp
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Monday, January 25
Troop Meeting #16
Service Patrol = Pedro

February

Monday, February 1
Troop Meeting #17
Service Patrol = Pheasant

Monday, February 8
Troop Meeting #18
Service Patrol = Liberty Bell

Monday, February 15
Troop Meeting #19
Service Patrol = Pedro

Monday, February 22
Troop Meeting #20
Service Patrol = Pheasant

January Outing Details

Easter Seals Elks Club Respite Camp
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Itinerary: Saturday, January 23, 2010

7:45 to 8:00 AM Check in at Garner Park
parking lot, 333 Rosa Rd
8:00 AM (Sharp) Depart Garner Park
9:00 AM Arrive at Easter Seals Elks Club
Respite Camp
9:30 to 10:00 AM Settle in to cabins and
Elks Lodge
10:00 to Noon Begin patrol box cleaning and
organizing

Noon to 1:00 PM Lunch served by one patrol
1:00 to 5:00 PM Gym fun and sledding
5:00 PM Supper served by one patrol
6:00 PM Gym fun
7:00 PM Movie time

Itinerary: Sunday, January 24, 2010

7:30 AM Reveille
8:30 AM Breakfast served by one patrol
9:30 AM Troop Worship
10:00 AM Clean up gym, cabins, and Elks Lodge
11:00 AM Depart Easter Seals Elks Club Respite Camp
Noon Arrive in Madison

Requirements:

- Register by Monday, January 18 with Scoutmaster Mr. Fargo by e-mail (darrylfargo@charter.net) or telephone (437-6905) or with Troop Treasurer Mr. Fellingner at a troop meeting.
- \$20 per Scout and adult includes three meals and indoor lodging.
- Adults needed as chaperones and/or drivers.

Learn more about our destination:

Easter Seals Wisconsin:

<http://camp.eastersealswisconsin.com/respite/respite.html>

Message from the Troop Chair, Duncan Moss

I wanted to take the opportunity of this first news letter of the New Year to thank every one involved with Troop 420 for a great year in 2009. We have had a very successful scouting year. We had a great year because of the efforts and dedication of our scouts, our leaders, committee members, and parents.

This past year we renewed our annual charter in January 2009 with a total of 28 Scouts and 24 adults. We then welcomed

nine new first year Scouts to our troop during March and April. Mark Miller joined Troop 420 as a Scoutmaster in April of 2008.

We had some wonderful achievements. In May, I was proud to take part in our Eagle Court of Honor where we awarded two of our senior scouts their Eagle Rank. By the end of 2009 we had four more scouts on track to gain Eagle Scout rank in 2010. In addition to this ultimate scouting award, scouts in the Troop earned countless rank advancements and merit badges. We also spent 100's of hour volunteering in the community. These awards are the result of a lot of hard work by the scouts who earn them, the merit badge counselors who teach them, and the scout leaders who guide them.

2009 was also a banner year for camping and high adventure. Attendance at summer camp was outstanding with 28 Scouts and seven adult leaders traveling north on the bus to Camp Philips. In April, 9 scouts and 7 parents had a memorable week-long trip to the Grand Canyon National Park hiking down to Phantom Ranch and spending a day at Hoover Dam. In August, 7 scouts and three adult leaders had an unforgettable two week trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The measure for how our team had prepared for this hike is that not one blister appeared over the over 60-mile hike! In addition to the high profile adventure and summer camps, scouts and leaders participated in numerous weekend camps during the year.

Finally, scouts and parents put endless time and effort into raising funds for the Troop and the scouts. Under the leadership of our Popcorn Kernel, our scouts sold over \$9,400 of popcorn. Bratfest and Christmas wreath sales saw 100's of hours of volunteering from parents and scouts.

When you reflect on 2009, while the economy may not have been great, please take time to reflect on what scouting with Troop 420 has provided to you and your

friends in the Troop. Then think of the great opportunities that 2010 and beyond offer. I think we are going to have another great year, and I look forward to spending that time with everyone in the Troop 420 family over the next 12 months.

Thank you

Troop 420 Eagles Flying High

(Written by Larry Kahan, a former Troop 420 Scoutmaster)

Larry is taking a month off from his writing to enjoy some time in the Florida sun

Report on December Outing

Outing Location: Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) in Oshkosh, WI
Date: Saturday, December 12

Scouts

Ryan Das
Raban Muller
Andrew Gaard
Taylor Treamer
Tim Weakland-Warden

Adults and Siblings

Darryl Fargo
Hannah Fargo
Jeff Gaard
Mark Miller
Cameron Treamer
Dave Treamer

The group car-pooled for a day trip to the museum, and in a guided tour learned about the very earliest attempts at aviation all the way through the most recent private rocket launches into outer space. This trip is a reprise of past trips to the EAA, and is a proven crowd pleaser!

Report on November Outing

Outing Location: Camp Indian Trails in Janesville, WI

Date: Saturday, November 14 thru Sunday, November 15

Scouts

Tanner Bilstad
Will Blanchard
Gabe Crawford
Ryan Das
Luke Dietzen
Ryan Fallon
Aaron Fargo
Andrew Gaard
Suman Gunasekaran
Garner Moss
Raban Muller
Ryan Murphy
Taylor Treamer
Tim Weakland-Warden
Patrick Werner

Adults

Brian Bilstad
Darryl Fargo
Jeff Gaard
Mark Miller
Duncan Moss

Webelos Guests

Jenny Crawford
Lucas Crawford
Brad Gottschalk
Henry Gottschalk
Adrian Raiser
Steve Raiser

The outing theme was "Lashings for First Year Scout Advancement & Patrol Building". The scouts divided into teams, and competed to see who could lash together the sturdiest flagpole. This was used for the

official flag-raising and flag-lowering ceremonies. Other activities included the preparation of excellent Saturday night dinner, with a dutch oven dessert enjoyed during the movie, and Sunday morning breakfast. Temperatures were in the high 40s, and balmy for mid-November!

Reminder to all Scouts and Parents Regarding Boards of Reviews

Troop 420 expects all scouts participating in a Board of Review to bring to the Board of Review the following:

1. Scout Handbook
2. Neckerchief

Always looking for New Assistant Scoutmasters or Committee Members !!!

Mr. Fargo and Mr. Moss are always looking for adults willing to step in to help guide the scouts. A wide range of opportunities exist at all times. Please consider helping. Whatever you give will be returned to you many times over via your son or other scouts.

Travel Chair Request

Mr. Treamer, Troop 420's Travel Chair has a request. In order to safely transport Scouts to monthly outings the Boy Scout Council requires the troop to have information regarding each driver, the vehicle and the associated car insurance. If you are an eligible driver Mr. Treamer requests that you contact him at dave.treamer@charter.net.

Treasurer Request/Reminder

Mr. Fellingner, Troop 420's Treasurer reminds all members that Scouts dues are \$42/quarter. Please contact Mr. Fellingner at a meeting or at bsfelli@charter.net if you have questions regarding the balance of your troop account.

Each scout's troop account has recently been charged in the amount of \$84 to pay their troop dues for the first two quarters of our 2009/10 fiscal scout year, ending August 31st. And a 2nd quarter charge of \$42 for those scouts that had already paid their 1st quarter dues.

For those scouts that had sold popcorn, their sales commissions have been calculated at 39% of their total popcorn sales and credited to their troop account, which has offset their troop dues charge.

January Birthdays

We wish the following Scouts and Scouters a happy birthday:

Seth Frei, January 4
Benson Bradford Brown, January 6
Daniel Petersen, January 17
Sami Jarour

Newsletter Update

The newsletter is meant to share with current scouts, parents, scouters and former members of Troop 420 the latest events of our troop. Anyone having information, photos or needs that they would like to share is asked to submit it to Jeff Gaard at jgaard@strang-inc.com