

Troop 420

(www.troop420.org)

March 2010 Newsletter



Spring begins on
March 21!

Recent/Upcoming Schedule

March

Monday, March 1
Patrol Leaders' Council #3

Monday, March 8
Troop Meeting #21
Service Patrol = Indian

Monday, March 15
Troop Meeting #22
Service Patrol = Liberty Bell

Monday, March 22
Troop Meeting #23
Service Patrol = Pedro

Saturday-Sunday, March 27-28
March Outing

Monday, March 29
No Troop Meeting
Madison Schools closed for Spring Break

April

Monday, April 5
No Troop Meeting
Madison Schools closed for Spring Break

Monday, April 12
Troop Meeting #24
Service Patrol = Pheasant

Monday, April 19
Troop Meeting #25
Service Patrol = Indian

Monday, April 26
Troop Meeting #26
Service Patrol = Liberty Bell

Troop 420 New First Year Scouts

Please extend a warm Troop 420 welcome to five new scouts, all with connections to Cub Scout Pack 320:

Henry Capuano
Tommy Heidinger
Guramritpal Hundal
Matthew Johnson
Noah Schryver

Troop 420 Eagles Flying High

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

Eagles Go Far

When I started doing these articles, I thought finding Eagles on both coasts was a little surprising. Then I exchanged emails with one of our Eagles in Africa, another in London and one in Turkey. I found at least two of our Eagles in Japan. However, I recently learned of one of our Eagles who has gone REALLY far. Now, how could an Eagle go farther away than Japan – that's just about half way around the world, right? Here are some pictures of Mike Patterson, Troop 420 Eagle Scout (2003) who has gone a lot farther than Japan (which is a mere 6300 miles from Madison). Mike has gone to the South Pole, not once, but 4 times! (The South Pole is around 9200 miles from Madison – as the Eagle flies).



In case you can't make out why Mike is smiling in the first picture, it's because he just received some Boy Scout popcorn. Popcorn doesn't last long at the South Pole because the air is so dry that it dries out and won't pop.

Mike is working on the UW Ice Cube project at the pole. That's a neutrino observatory that has been installed deep in the South Polar ice. You can find out more about it here: <http://icecube.wisc.edu> and if you look carefully at the pictures on the website, you'll find a few more pictures of Mike. Mike has not just gone to the South Pole. He's now hiking in New Zealand and will visit Australia on his way home.

I'm not sure which of the points of the Scout Law Mike has found most valuable, but from the smile on his face in a T-shirt in South pole temperatures, "a Scout is Cheerful" certainly has to be high on the list.

Report on February Outing

Outing Location:
Bishop O'Connor Catholic Pastoral
Center in Madison, WI
Date: Saturday, February 13 –
Sunday, February 14

Scouts

Tanner Bilstad
Ben Blanchard
Will Blanchard
Henry Capuano
Gabe Crawford
Ryan Das
Spencer Eckerty
Ryan Fallon
Aaron Fargo
Tommy Heidinger
Sami Jarjour
Matthew Johnson
Matt Marsland
Noah Schryver
Nathan Webber
Patrick Werner

Adults

Brian Bilstad
Darryl Fargo
June Fargo
Mark Werner

Siblings

Hailley Fargo
Hannah Fargo

Cub Scout Afternoon Guests

Lucas Crawford
Jenny Crawford
Adrian Raiser

The Outing Theme:
Scouts' Night on the Town

Learn more about our February Outing
destination:
Bishop O'Connor Catholic Pastoral Center:
www.madisondiocese.org/DioceseofMadison/BishopOConnorCenter

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

March Birthdays

We wish the following Scouts and Scouters a happy birthday:

Ben Blanchard, March 15
Robert Marsland, March 31

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