



TROOP 9625 NEWS



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Upcoming Events

(Troop meetings are Monday nights at 7 PM, except for the 3rd Monday of each month. PLC meetings are the 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM.)

February 13-15

Campout – Stearns Scout Reservation

February (TBD)

Campout – Boot Lake (T-wolves)

February 16

Court of Honor/New Scout Induction, PUMC

March 6-8

Campout/Skiing@Wild Mountain, New Scout Advancement – Fred C. Scout Reservation

April 17-19

Campout – (tbd)

May 1-3

Campout - Webelos Woods – Fred C. Anderson Scout Res.

May 9

Outing for Shooting Sports Day

May 15-17

Outing for Council Star Fun

May 18

Court of Honor

June 12-14

Campout - Bunker Hills Wave Pool (location TBD)

July 25-Aug 1

Summer Camp – Tomahawk Scout Reservation

August (TBD)

Outing - Golf Tournament

August 17

Court of Honor/Family Picnic

September 11-13

Campout - OA Induction Weekend

“Good Neighbor” Event Does a Good Turn

St Paul, MN – Over 130 folks had a warm meal on December 13th thanks to the volunteer efforts of the scouts and adult volunteers of Troop 9625. We prepared a hearty meal of Sloppy Joes, corn and everyone’s favorite, tater tots for the main course. For dessert, tasty homemade pies were provided from volunteers.



Scouts set tables, served meals and cleaned up



Volunteer Kitchen crew whipped up a great meal

Now an annual event, the Troop prepares a meal for the less fortunate at the Berean Coptic Church near downtown St. Paul. This event is co-sponsored by Peace Methodist Church, and offers everyone in the troop a chance to give back something to the church and the community as a thank you for all the support

we receive during the year. Thanks to Ron and Jeanette Schwartz for organizing this event, and thanks to all who pitched in to help!

Scouts Earn “Zero Hero” at Spearhead

Birchwood, WI – Six scouts and 4 leaders braved the freezing temps and recently attended the Spearhead winter camping experience at Tomahawk Scout Reservation. Outside for almost 26 hours straight including sleeping Saturday night under a parachute or in the open, these hardy souls easily earned the coveted “Zero Hero” as temperatures dipped to minus 13°. In addition to staying warm, activities included kite flying, sledding, participating in a blue diamond hunt/placement and cross country skiing/snowshoeing.



Ice Fishing

Snail Lake – Saturday the 24th was the 12th Annual Northwest District Ice Fishing Contest and at the thermometer hovering at 0° it was a very “cool” event! Those that braved the cold included scouts John Krolak, David Liu and Andy Schwartz, and supervised by adult leader and resident ice fishing pro, Ron Schwartz.

Big Group Brings Big Fun to Beaver Valley

Beaver Valley, WI – The First Year’s took Beaver Valley by storm and had a great time despite the near 0° and below temperatures. Eleven of the Troop’s first years braved the cold and, armed with sleds and warm clothes, enjoyed all that this great venue has to offer – a death-defying “hill” to slide down, a warm and cozy cabin to relax in, and lots of hot chocolate, to keep the fun going. Thanks to the leaders who helped manage this wild and wooly bunch and make it a fun and memorable adventure.



Need Writers/Story Contributors – If you are interested in contributing to this Newsletter either to satisfy a Merit Badge (Journalism) or just wish to write, please contact Steve Ray at mpc5927@yahoo.com or 651-483-2985



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Campout at Stearns

Stearns Scout Reservation – February 13-15 are the dates for our campout at Stearns Scout Reservation. This is a beautiful camp, located near Clearwater, MN, offering lots of trails for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The main attraction of this camp is a great sledding hill which has lights on until 10:30 PM.



This will be an outstanding weekend for winter fun both day and night so bring a sturdy sled, warm clothes and lots of energy. Permission slips will be available shortly.

Court of Honor

Shoreview – February 16 will be our first Court of Honor of 2009 and will be a special event with the induction of new scouts into the troop. In addition to welcoming in the new scouts, we also will recognize achievements and accomplishments of scouts who have advanced in rank or earned merit badges or other special achievement. This will be held at Peace United Methodist Church, with the ceremony starting promptly at 7:00PM.



Skiing Trip – March 6-8

Fred C. Anderson Scout Reservation –



Our annual camping/ski trip is to Wild Mountain this year, March 6-8. We will be camping at Fred C. and skiing at Wild

Mountain Ski Area near Taylor's Falls. Skiing will be open to all scouts with the exception of the new scouts that join the troop in February. Those scouts will have activities at the camp to help them attain the rank of scout and to do advancements toward the tenderfoot rank. This is a great time to enjoy the remaining weeks of Winter, so get your ski equipment ready for a great time before spring arrives. Save the date. Permission slips will be forthcoming.

Note: we still have an important need for **Merit Badge Counselors**, a **Scouting for Food Coordinator**, and a **Scout Sunday Coordinator**. If you would like to help with these positions please contact Ray Ralston, Ron Schwartz or Patty Ray.

It's time to Order Your Troop 9625 T-Shirt and Matching "Hoodie"



Attention new scouts and current scouts of the Troop. We are accepting orders for official "Class B" t-shirts and the matching Kelly green hooded sweatshirt during the next few weeks. The t-shirt is part of our uniform for all scouting activities where the "Class A" uniform isn't required and needs to be ordered if you do not have one. If you already have a shirt, this is a good time to order a spare. The cost is \$9.

The Green sweatshirt, though not required, is a nice warm "hoodie" style garment that will keep you warm around camp or out on the trail. Cost for this is \$25. Attached to this newsletter is an order form.

The **Deadline for ordering is March 16**. Please bring your order to the Troop Meeting or send to: Deb Cheney, 675 Emil Ave. Shoreview MN 55126. 651-481-8496

Did You Know?

The Oldest Eagle Scout

A boy joined the Cub Scouts in 1928. Over the next few years, he moved on to Boy Scouts and fulfilled all the requirements for his Eagle rank. But, then something called World War Two happened and he joined the Navy, putting his country's needs before his own.

When he returned from war, he put his family's needs before his own and raised his children.

As an old man, looking through his childhood objects, he located his Eagle Scout documents.

In the summer of 2007, he was finally awarded his Eagle Scout rank, at the age of 88 years.

Now, don't expect to receive your Eagle when you're 88 - you have to finish before you turn 18. But, this man had put Scout Spirit to work in his life - duty to his country and others before himself - so he was recognized for it.

He had earned Eagle as a young man. He hadn't received a medal or a certificate. He had taken the values and spirit of what it means to be an Eagle Scout to heart and lived it out. That is something we can all strive for, no matter our rank or age.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 9625
Shirt / Sweatshirt Order form**

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| 1. Troop Hooded Sweatshirt – Kelly Green with Troop 9625 Logo | |
| Men's sizes | Price |
| L XL XXL 3XL 4XL | \$25.00 |
| 2. Troop T-shirt – Kelly Green with Troop 625 Log | |
| Men's Sizes | Price |
| M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL | \$9.00 |

Scout Name _____ Phone No. _____

Item (Circle Size)	Price (Each)	No. Ordered	Total Dollars
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Hooded Sweatshirts

L XL XXL 3XL 4XL	\$25.00	_____	_____
M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL	\$9.00	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BOY SCOUT TROOP 9625
CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER FORM

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