



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.)

July 25-Aug 1

Summer Camp – Tomahawk Scout Reservation

August 9

Outing - Golf Tournament

August 17

Court of Honor/Family Picnic

September 11-13

Campout - OA Induction Weekend

September 18-20

Mille Lacs Lake Fishing Trip

October 9-11

Fall Camporee

October 26

Nightmare at Pinehaven

November 20-22

Merit Badge Weekend

December 4-5

Christmas Party

Note: we still have an important need for **Merit Badge Counselors** and **other important volunteer positions** to help serve the Troop. If you would like to help with these positions please contact Ray Ralston, Ron Schwartz or Patty Ray.

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 mpe5927@yahoo.com or 651-483-2985

Wet and Wild at Mom and Son Campout!



Photos courtesy of Connie Langer

Anoka, MN – By Sam Mastenbook

On Friday night we arrived at the Rum River Scout Camp and helped nine moms set up their tents because this was our annual mom and son camping weekend. On Saturday morning we woke and made a Spam breakfast while the Moms were treated to a special breakfast served by the leaders. In the morning we played a new version of whiffle ball, with the rule of only catching or throwing the ball with a kitchen utensil. After the game, we went to the Bunker Hills Wave Pool for the afternoon. We jumped into the cold pool and let the wave's crash upon us. For lunch we had sub sandwiches and spent the rest of the day swimming. We had so much fun we didn't notice we were getting very sunburned! We got back to camp and fixed Hamburger Helper for dinner and had a cracker barrel later in the evening then went to bed. Sunday morning we packed up, had frosted flakes for breakfast, patrolled the camp for what seemed to be a decade and left! *Editors note: we had a great turnout with 11 moms participating, nine staying overnight.*

Scouting for Food

Shoreview, MN – Thanks to scouts, leaders and parents who participated in our annual Scouting for Food service project. We scoured Shoreview neighborhoods and made a great haul of food to stock the local food shelves. Thanks to all for volunteering, your efforts help make a big difference to those less fortunate and you earned service hours as well.





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Fun and Games at Phillippo

Cannon Falls, MN – Warm weather and not a bit of snow in sight made our April campout to Phillippo Scout Reservation an enjoyable experience, forgetting about the long Minnesota winter! The agenda for this campout was games, games and more games and the boys had a great time testing their skills and competing with each other.



Photos courtesy of Heidi Swanson

Troop Takes Over Theme Park

Shakopee, MN – Our troop outing for May was to participate in the Northern Star's Star Fun event to the Valleyfair Theme Park in Shakopee. The troop joined thousands of other scouts from troops in the Council for a great day of rides and fun. Although the rides were the main attraction, some of our scouts took time for games on the "midway" and walked away with some interesting prizes, as Luke Cheney and Colton Langer show off at our most recent Court of Honor.



We received a nice note from a new Parent

*I would like to mention, our scout has been attending this troop for a short while and I have been **very** impressed with how welcoming everyone has been to both him and myself. We drive a long way to attend and I believe it is well worth the drive. We were invited by another family in the troop who we have known for many years through other activities in our lives and I thank them for investing in our son as well.*

I decided on boy scouts since our son's father travels for work through the season of April - November and he is only with his two sisters, where he is in the middle, and his mother, so he is surrounded by females. I wanted him to have some "testosterone" time, and to be mentored by other good male role models. Thank you for taking him on. It has been a great experience already and I can't wait to see where he will go. He is a great kid, but I have to say, I'm a little biased.

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Upcoming Events

Take off for Tomahawk!

Birchwood, WI – Saturday July 25th marks the departure date for the Troop's annual pilgrimage to Tomahawk Scout Reservation and a week of great camping, outdoor adventure, learning and all around good fun. Located on Long Lake in north-western Wisconsin, 20 miles north of Rice Lake, Tomahawk encompasses more than 3,000 acres of woodland area and over eight miles of shoreline.



When your scout attends summer camp there is a lot more to do than just camping. It's an ideal opportunity and environment for character development, team building, growing as a leader, and having fun with his fellow scouts. During their week, they will have a chance to experience a wide variety of programs in our diverse and extensive program areas plus an opportunity to earn merit badges for advancement opportunity. Start getting ready for summer camp. Make sure you have a footlocker to pack your gear, and have a current medical form. Permission slips and medical forms are on the website. Permission slips must be turned in by June 29th.

It's Tournament Time!

Lino Lakes, MN – Our annual golf tournament is teed up for Sunday, August 9th so mark your calendar now! This family event will be held at Chomonix Golf Course, and is open to all skill levels. Permission slips will be available on the website and at troop meetings in the next few weeks. This is a fun event, don't miss it!



Did You Know?

Which wolf will win?

An Indian was discussing life with some young boys. He said, "A battle rages inside me between two wolves" he explained. "One wolf is anger, envy, sorrow, fear, greed, arrogance, lies, regret, and self-pity. The other wolf is joy, peace, hope, humility, kindness, generosity, truth, and faith."



He said, "This same battle goes on inside everyone, even each of you."

After a minute, one boy asked, "Which wolf will win?"

The Indian replied, "The one you feed."