



SMOKE SIGNALS

APRIL 2012



PATROL REPORTS



Crusaders

OK, the Crusaders are doing very well. We have three people attending the Survival Outing and we also finished our flag.

-Patrol Leader Jason McIntire



Flames

I am very angry. Last month there was NO campout, and this month we haven't had one yet. This disappoints me due to the fact that there is hardly anything to write about! The new Scouts have just crossed over so now the Flames aren't the new Scouts! I can't wait to torment them with Ian Fox on the Spring Camporee!

-Ab

(Scribe's Note: Don't worry, he's kidding about that last part)

SPL Report

What's your position?

During the past two months, we've been getting used to a new term of office, like we do every six months. Different positions of responsibility all have to learn their responsibilities and start to complete new contracts. As a group, we have to establish a new chain of command, with different people acting as patrol leaders and ASPLs who represent everybody in the troop at the Patrol Leaders' Council.

We've been through all of that already. Now, as we begin the month of April, I would like us to increase the amount of effort that each of us puts into our positions. Believe it or not, each of us has many positions within the troop; unfortunately, we don't realize some of them until it's too late.

There are the obvious positions like Patrol Leaders, SPL, ASPLs, Quartermaster, and Scribe. All of us have contracts, and we are expected to do our best to complete them every term. In addition, all of us have duties within our patrol. One of our main focuses should always be to be an ACTIVE patrol member. That means knowing what every meeting's agenda is before arriving to the meeting, participating in activities assigned to your patrol at the PLC (like skills instructions and games), and arriving on time to scouting functions. If you are unsure of how to complete any of your duties as a patrol member, ask your patrol leader! There is no reason for being uninformed. Working together, we can all pass around the information required to function as a patrol-based Troop.

-Connor Boyle, SPL

Scribe Corner

Hello Troop! I didn't get that many articles this month. I know Spring Break and the skipped meeting made the newsletter deadline hard to remember, but it will always be the last meeting of the month (at least while I'm the Scribe). Also, I've received next to no Position of Responsibility articles. Some people, like the Librarian, are supposed to send something in every month, and others need to send in three or four articles during the term. There are only four more articles before the next elections, so make sure you start writing soon. See you next month!



-Jacob Villiger,
Scribe

Orienteering Puzzle

From a given point on a map, you walk one mile due north, then turn east and walk one mile, then turn south and walk one mile. Your companion says, "Hey, we're exactly where we started from!" And he's right! Where *are* you?

Answer in the next issue!

Guide Report

I, Graydon Chisholm, the Troop Guide of Troop 555, am very excited to see the new Scouts cross over. I am prepared to greet Troop newcomers. I ask everyone to take a small amount of time to introduce themselves personally

I would like to thank anyone who gives any time to greeting the new Scouts and makes them feel welcome.

-Graydon Chisholm

News from the Rocking Chairs

What do toothpaste and the Scout Law have in common?? Well, it seems that toothpaste is out of the tube forever once you squeeze it. What???

When a scout is unkind, it's just like toothpaste that's out of the tube. You see, unkind words that come out of your mouth cannot be taken back. So when you are tempted to say something unkind, remember the parable of the toothpaste, and keep the unkind words to yourself and don't squeeze the toothpaste so much.

PLC Minutes

Date	Opening/ Closing	Skills Instruction	Patrol Meetings	Inter-Patrol Activity/ Game	Leave No Trace
April 2 (Anarchy Meeting)	Crusaders	Food Engi- neering led by Cyclones	Week 1 of Spring Camporee	Flag Belt Tag led by Lightning	Flames
April 9	Cyclones	Flodderbucks Auction	—————→		Everyone
April 16 (PLC)	Something to Do with Penguins	Proper Uniform by Flames	Weeks 2 & 3 of Spring Camporee	Ultimate Fris- bee led by Crusaders	Lightning
April 23	Lightning	How to Pack your Back- pack led by Penguins	Week 4 of Spring Camporee	Dodgeball led by Cyclones	Crusaders
April 30	New Scouts and Flames	Wood Tools led by Crusaders and Miss Souza	Week 1 of May Overnighter	Soccer led by Penguins	Cyclones



BINGO

New sign-ups are out!

April 6: Worker needed
 April 13: Worker needed
 April 20: Worker needed
 April 27: Worker needed

Arrive at 5:00
 Earn \$35 plus tips
 Troop gets \$15

Ask Anonymous



Message from Anonymous:

There has been speculation as to my motives and identity. I would just like to make it clear that I am in no way affiliated with the Internet terrorist group known as “Anonymous”. I am an advice columnist. We simply share the same name. Thank you for your time.

Notes

Welcome, New Scouts!

Will Noll, Peter Awad, John Lyvers, Mark Allamanno, and Kyle Pittman just crossed over from Pack 555!

Upcoming Events:

Flodderbucks Auction: April 9
Spring Camporee: April 27-29
West Point Camporee: April 27-29
May Overnighter: May 18-20

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles!

Smoke Signals



Troop 555

PLC is April 16th. Don't Forget!

How did I do? Want to make Smoke Signals better? Give me to the Scribe!

Name: _____

Rating:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Awful

Terrific

Comments: _____
