



SMOKE SIGNALS

AUGUST 2012



PATROL REPORTS



Cyclones

I am a delegate writing for the Cyclones. We have been having a good month as David Benson finished up his Eagle Project and everyone had a good trip on the cave outing.

-Matt Fuehne



Flames

The last outing I was on was the spelunking outing. We were in the cave for four hours. My favorite part about the cave was the natural bridges. My least favorite part was the water. We had great food and a great time.

-Joseph Yoder



Crusaders

Hi everyone! The Crusaders are doing great! I heard that the Caving Outing was a lot of fun and that we all made it back safely. Also, we added two more members to our patrol (Joseph Yoder and Sam LaVelle) and we are happy to have them join us. Finally, I would like to congratulate all the new positions of responsibility and I hope we are all excited about all the new outings we will be going on this year!

- Jason McIntire



Lightning

Overall, I think we had a great term. I had a lot of fun serving as the Lightning PL. I want to thank my fellow patrol members for giving a great term to remember. I hope that the next PL for the Lightning patrol has as much fun as I did.

-Matthew Allman, Lightning PL



Something to do with Penguins

On the Whitewater Rafting trip the most fun was going through the rapids. When we first got there we had to check into our spot and everything, but after we settled in we ate dinner then went swimming in their amazing lake. Their lake had every blow up water toy you could imagine. We pretty much did that every night. During the day we had really fun trips like duckies, whitewater rafting, and rock climbing. I recommend you go.

-Will Connor

Bugler Report

How a Bugle Makes its Sound

A bugle is one of the simplest brass instruments. A bugle works by the vibrations by your lips. Bugles don't have any valves, so they are limited in the options of notes to the harmonics. The fast vibrations make a high pitch, and the slow vibrations make a low pitch. All bugle calls are composed of these harmonics, and the music is based on just four notes.

-Robert Pflueger

Scribe Corner

Hello Troop! Well, it's been a great term with six great newsletters. I'm proud to be in a Troop with scouts who send in so many quality articles. I now gladly pass the Scribe baton to Matthew Allman. If you want to give him any thoughts on what he should change, add, or keep the same, you can use the comments box on page four. See you around!



-Jacob Villiger,
Scribe

Ask Anonymous

I'm extremely disappointed that I was not nominated for any positions of responsibility. From this point on I will not write any more articles for the newsletter.

Mysteriously (and Furiously),
Anonymous



News from the Rocking Chairs

Thanks Everyone for a Great Caving Outing.....AGAIN

I have now been "wild caving" twice. I really do not know much about caving other than what I've learned from the BSA Caving publication (19-102B), various websites, and Sam Belding and his contacts at the Indiana Karst Conservancy (IKC).

So how did such a great outing happen?

It started with an idea at the 2011 Annual Planning Conference. And was selected as an outing for the Troop Calendar due to it meeting Troop goals. But that's only the beginning.

For the detail plan, I asked Mr. Belding for suggestions on a cave to explore. He contacted Dr. Julian Lewis of the IKC who referred us to Anthony Owens. Mr. Owens recommended Donnehue Cave for our experience level. Further research by Mr. Belding turned up video footage on the internet, more detail location information, and a published map and description. This gave the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) the confidence to choose Donnehue Cave.

But we cannot forget safety and preparation. The PLC planned for a skills instruction to review necessary equipment and safety. A caving plan was developed and contact arrangements were made so that if we did not come out of the cave on time, authorities could be notified to come find us.

So now the question became: where to camp? Proximity to the Bedford Boat and Sportsmen's Club (BBSC) made it the ideal and first choice. But it is a private club. Scherschel's to the rescue. Having had Scouts participate in the Scherschel Canoe Race, which ends at BBSC, I knew the Scherschel family had contacts there. Contact with Greg and Mark Scherschel put me in touch with Chris Taylor at BBSC. Mr. Taylor sought and gained permission for the Troop to camp at BBSC.

On the Scout side, you organized yourselves into 2 Patrols and identified Scouts for all the necessary duties. Camp set up went well and even included erecting our own flagpole, giving our camp the appearance of a quality unit.

Finally, Mr. Owens took time from his busy schedule to meet us on Saturday morning. He provided a more detailed map along with verbal description, instructions, and confirmation of the cave entrance and exit.

So that's how great outings happen....lots of people helping out, individual contributors giving of themselves to make a collective goal happen. Knowing that helping Scouts is building our leaders of tomorrow.

-Mr. Luehrmann

PLC Minutes

Date	Opening/ Closing	Skills Instruction	Patrol Meetings	Inter-Patrol Activity/Game	Leave No Trace
August 6 (at K of C)	Penguins	Canoeing led by Cyclones	Weeks 2 and 3 of Canoeing	British Bull- dogs led by Crusaders	Flames
August 13	Flames	Court of Honor	—————→		All
August 20 (at K of C)	Crusaders	Whitewater Presentation led by Rafting Crew	Week 4 of Ca- noeing	Blindfolded Tent Setup Race led by Lightning	Penguins
August 27	Lightning	Rock-Climbing Gear led by Crusaders	Week 1 and 2 of Outdoor Rock Climbing	Ultimate led by Penguins	Cyclones

PLC is August 20.

Court of Honor Snack Assignments: Crusaders– Desserts Penguins– Drinks
Lightning– Salty Snacks Cyclones– Healthy Snacks Flames– Utensils

Smoke Signals



Troop 555

BINGO

Arrive at 5:00 with parent/adult
Earn \$35 plus tips
Troop gets \$15

August 3: Matthew Allman
August 10: Daniel McMichael
August 17: Joseph Yoder
August 24: St. B's 8th Grader

Call Mrs. Luehrmann if you would
like to work at 546-5811

Former SPL's Summer Report

By Connor Boyle

Hello everybody! I'd like to thank everyone, scouts and adults, for making this past summer extremely fun and successful. Here's a quick recap of the summer's events:

- OA Spring Conclave, June 2012 – Three members of our troop: Connor Boyle, Nick Green, and Darren Green earned their Ordeal membership in our council lodge, Nischa Chuppecat!
- NYLT, June 2012 – Five scouts in our troop: Matt Allman, Jacob Villiger, Mark Salle-Tabor, Robert Pflueger, and Alex Hahn have successfully completed National Youth Leadership Training with Unit 121. They have the skills that BSA deems essential for all youth leadership positions. Congratulations!
- Summer Camp, June 2012 – A fun week of euchre, merit badges, pioneering, rank advancement, and tasty Maumee Scout Reservation food! On Thursday evening, nine members of our troop were called out to pursue membership in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society!
- Whitewater Rafting, July 2012 – Sixteen members of our troop took a seven-hour drive to ACE adventure resort in West Virginia to go rock climbing and rafting on the New River. All scouts that went earned the Whitewater Merit Badge. "If you hear banjos... paddle faster!"
- Caving Outing, July 2012 – Eighteen members of our troop explored (and swam through) Donnehue Cave in Bedford, Indiana. It was definitely the most exciting monthly troop outing of which I've ever been a part!

Thanks again for a great summer! I'm looking forward to another OA Conclave and Canoeing Outing this August!

Notes

Nick Oliver had an Eagle Ceremony recently!
Congratulations!

Upcoming Events:

OA Fall Conclave: August 10-12
TLT: August 12
Court of Honor: August 13
Canoeing Outing: August 24-26
Fall Festival: September 22 (Setup 9/21)
Climbing Outing: September 28-30

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles!

*Want to make Smoke Signals better?
Give me to Matt Allman, the new Scribe!*

Name: _____

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