

SMOKE SIGNALS

MARCH 2012

PATROL REPORTS



Lightning

So far I think that our patrol is in pretty good shape. Almost everyone in our patrol is First Class, and a lot of the Scouts have a position of responsibility. I am looking forward to being Patrol Leader for the Lightning Patrol.

-Matt Allman



Crusaders

As an update for the Crusaders, I believe our patrol is coming along fine. We are making progress on planning for the Survival Outing and also making our patrol flag. We are still trying to come up with a patrol yell, but I think we will have one by the crossover. We are also thinking about going for the National Honor Patrol Award. That is an update on the Crusaders.

-Crusader Patrol Leader
Jason McIntire



Something to do with Penguins

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Penguins patrol went to an Indiana Pacers game. At first we didn't want to do anything. Then I started to throw out ideas and we decided to go to the Pacers game. This was my first NBA game, and they won. Pacers beat Charlotte 108 to 75. It was fun going to Spaghetti Factory and the food was very good. I think everyone had fun, especially the people who had never been to an NBA game before. I think we should go to NBA games more often.



Flames

This is Ab writing my first article as "not-Scribe." I am not Patrol leader, Joseph is. I just want to write the articles! Now all of you have to deal with me for another six months! Now I only have to write one article per month and I don't have to chase people around! I bet Jacob is starting to regret running for Scribe as he now types this! Now I would like to be serious. If you have any position of responsibility, don't wait until the last minute to finish whatever your delegated job is. Do it BEFORE the night before it is due (past experience). I am planning on running for "Troop Comedian" or "Troop Disrespectoid" or "Troop Talker-out-Loud-er during Skills Instructions-er." Vote for me!

-Ab



Cyclones

The Red and Green Banquet always makes me think of Christmas which is the biggest celebration every year. Our Red and Green turned out to be just as much fun.

Daniel McMichael advanced to First Class, and the patrol members all received a lot of Merit Badges that we worked on over the summer and fall. Ben received the Troop's highest honor of the Justin Hilber Award and has his name on a plaque and gets a nice leather neckerchief holder. The Troop selected Ben because he demonstrates true Scout Spirit. The Cyclone Patrol now has 2 Scouts with this honor, Ben and David. So now the pressure is on for the rest of us. Connor and I played Taps on trumpets at the end of the Red and Green. I know I was really nervous, not sure about Connor.

-by Mark Salle-Tabor, Cyclone Patrol

Scribe Corner

Hello Troop! This is my first newsletter, and I think it turned out well. All five patrols did a good job turning in reports. On the other hand, I didn't get many articles from the other positions of responsibility. Hopefully, the rest of the newsletters will be even better. See you next month!

-Jacob Villiger,
Scribe



Thank you to the following Scouts:

For giving your time to my Eagle Scout Project

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Nick Green	8.83
Anton Hopkins	1.42
Robert Pflueger	4.75
Mark Salle-Tabor	2.25
Joseph Yoder	14.08
Alex Hahn	4.75
Matt Massengale	5.75
Ben Seiwert	8.5
Issac Smith	7.33
Alex Von Hoene	5.75
Conner Boyle	3.33
Jason McIntire	1.75

-David Luehrmann

News from the Rocking Chairs

National Wildlife Federation and the Tufts Family are pleased to announce the 3rd Annual Craig Tufts Scholarship. We are seeking nominations (from students between ages of 8-18) to apply for the award.

The award winner and a chaperone will attend a week long educational adventure with the Family Summit Inc program. This year the nature adventure will be in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado .

Scouts need to submit an essay along with a completed nomination form by March 30th to be eligible. You can learn more and download the nomination form at www.nwf.org/craigtufts

Enjoy a spring day on the People Trails!

11th Annual Tour de Trails Run/Walk: April 21

Tour de Trails Bike Challenge: May 19

More info at www.columbusparksandrec.com

PLC Minutes

Date	Opening/ Closing	Skills Instruction	Patrol Meetings	Inter-Patrol Activity/Game	Leave No Trace
March 5	Crusaders	Survival Bracelets– led by Mark Salle- Tabor	Week 3 of Survival Outing	Dodgeball– led by Penguins	Flames
March 12	Flames	OA Election/ Summer → Camp Presen- tation		Capture the Flag– led by Lightning	Cyclones
March 26	Cyclones	All About Troop 555– led by Troop Instructor	Week 4 of Survival Outing	Simon Says– led by ASPL (Isaac Smith)	Crusaders

No meeting March 19 due to Spring Break

PLC is March 12.

Crossover is March 26– Set-up is at 6:00 led by Quartermaster, Lightning, and Penguins
Everybody else , show up by 6:45

Smoke Signals



Troop 555

BINGO

Arrive at 5:00

Earn \$35 plus tips

Troop gets \$15

March 9: David Luehrmann

March 16: Joseph Yoder

March 23: Benjamin Seiwert

March 30: Benjamin Seiwert

New signups will be out soon!

Ask Anonymous



Dear Anonymous,

If I have a problem, who do I go to? I usually ask the nearest older Scout or leader, but lately, people have been telling me otherwise. What is it that I am supposed to do? Who do I seek out in my times of need?

Sincerely,
Needy

Dear Needy,

I am feeling the need for elaborate analogies. Let us use the one of medieval and feudal times. You are a peasant. You live in a castle run by a lord with many other peasants, and you have a problem. You want more cows. Who do you see for this? You would not see the king of all of England, would you? NO, you would speak to the noble of your castle. He would solve the problem for you. If he could not, he would go to the king himself. Kings cannot see peasants, they are running all of England. Only nobles are allowed in the royal court. Cow problems are for nobles. In case you are not getting this: Peasants = Scouts Nobles = Patrol Leaders Castles = Patrols King = SPL England = Troop

Mysteriously,
Anonymous

Notes

Anton Hopkins and Aaron Noll had Eagle Ceremonies recently!
Congratulations!

Upcoming Events:
Webelos Crossover
Survival Outing
Flodderbucks Auction

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles!

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: _____
