

TROOP 96 GAZETTE

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Congratulations to Christian Mack

December was a busy month for Eagle Scouts. Troop 96 is extremely proud to announce Christian Mack successfully completed the District Board of Review on Thursday December 12th 2013 and completed his journey to Eagle. Christian's project supported the Equestrian Connection's mission to help those with special needs connect with horses.

Christian, Your commitment to your goal and to yourself has earned you this success. Be proud of what you've accomplished. Use this success to remind yourself just how capable you can be.

Your family and Troop 96 are all very proud of you!

Congratulations to Nathan Cibula

The second and final Troop 96 scout to earn the Eagle rank in 2013 was Nathan Cibula. Nate completed the District Board of Review on Saturday December 21st 2013 and completed his journey to Eagle. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Nathan delivered a homebuilt media cabinet for use by Joy Lutheran Church.

Nate, Your commitment to yourself has earned you this success. Be proud. Now that you've reached this mountaintop more mountaintops await you, we know that you will succeed in whatever you choose to do.

Your family and Troop 96 are all very proud of you!



SEVERE WEATHER CANCELS TROOP MEETING

The January 6th Troop meeting has been cancelled due to the severe cold in the forecast. The Patrol Leaders Council Meeting on Tuesday, Jan 7 at Kyle Judge's house is on as scheduled.

MR KEVIN WEHDE TO RECEIVE THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD



The Council Silver Beaver Committee met to select those people who have had significant impact on Scouting in our Council. Troop 96's own **Kevin Wehde** was selected as one of six recipients to receive the Council's highest award. Mr. Wehde will be presented with this much-deserved award at the annual Council Dinner.

The Annual Dinner will be on Wednesday, March 12th at Chevy Chase Country Club at 6 p.m. Registration on the NEIC website will open January 10th.



Troop 96 Leaders Recognized by Order of the Arrow for 'Cheerful Service'

At the recent OA Winter Banquet our own Scoutmaster Pat Klemens and Assistant Kevin Wehde were selected for the Vigil Honor by the MaKaJaWan Chapter of the Order of the Arrow. This is a tremendous honor and well deserved. We in Troop 96 know all too well the devoted service these two leaders provide the Troop. It is wonderful when our leaders are recognized by the more extended scouting community. Please offer them your appreciation for the great job they do.



January 2013 Campout

The Troop will camp one night January 18th at Big Foot State Park on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin. Saturday Jan. 18th, we'll leave from St. Gilbert's parking lot at 8:00 am with our iceboats in tow! We'll spend the day sailing our iceboats on Lake Geneva. Check out the iceboat article on our website. Permission slips and \$10 food money for the campout are due on Monday, Jan 13 (no exceptions). This will be a Winter Camping experience 'Be Prepared'





the Scoutmaster's Corner
by Pat Klemens

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable holiday season. As the holiday season ends, we move into winter in Illinois...and what a winter it's been already! Do you think the worst is about over or is more yet to come?

◆ Special congratulations to **Nathan Cibula** who was approved as an Eagle Scout by the North Star District Eagle Board of Review on Dec 21. Nathan is the seventh Eagle Scout in our troop in 2013!: David Bryant, Paul Jacks, Ben Hudzik, Nathan Timmins, Ethan DeKeyser, Christian Mack and Nathan Cibula. Well done! We look forward to your future successes.

◆ We will **tent camp one night** at Big Foot Beach State Park at Lake Geneva on Jan 18-19. On Saturday, we'll leave from St. Gilbert's parking lot at 8:00 am with our iceboats in tow! We'll spend the day sailing our iceboats on Lake Geneva. Check out the iceboat article on our website of David Hoffman and his dad on Gray's Lake. Permission slips and \$10 food money for the campout are due on Monday, Jan 13 (no exceptions).

◆ We will hold our **Winter Court of Honor** on Monday, January 27. We hope all families will join us on this special evening to recognize and celebrate our Scouts' success. We'll meet starting at 7 pm with refreshments immediately after the ceremonies.

◆ **Mr. Dan Ostick** will receive the Troop's Silver Acorn Award this year. Join us at the North Star's District Dinner on Feb 1 to see him recognized. Thanks for all you've done in 2013 for the troop. We appreciate it very much.

◆ You might remember that during Christmas 2012 we worked with a Special Needs troop at Little City in Palatine. This year, Mrs. Blennis has found a troop that was established to provide Scouting to developmentally disabled young men. They are unique in that they use horses in their program. Check out this link. We've been asked if we'd like to **join them at their Dancin' in the Dirt Party on Friday, Jan 10th**. It will be a lot of fun and we can make a difference at their event. [Click here for more information](#). We'll have a signup sheet at the next meeting on Monday, Jan 6 or call/email me or [Mrs. Cheri Blennis](#) to say you will attend.

◆ At the same time, if there are Scouts who would be interested in the **Disability Awareness Merit Badge**, Mrs. Blennis and Mrs. Mack are counselors for this badge. Scouts are supposed to take the initiative to start a merit badge, so give one of them a call and make it happen.

- ◆ It's nearly time for the annual **Order of the Arrow Election**. Are you eligible? You are eligible if you have camped 15 nights within the last 24 months (including 5 consecutive nights (like summer camp or Jamboree), have demonstrated Scout Spirit and are at least First Class. The website will post the date election.
- ◆ In other Order of the Arrow news, both Mr. Kevin Wehde and myself were surprised to be recognized for the **Vigil Honor** at the annual OA Lodge Dinner. We will participate in the Vigil Honor Induction as part of OA Vigil Weekend at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan on July 11-13, 2015.
- ◆ As you may know, we have a fantastic opportunity to travel to the mountains of New Mexico and Scouting's **Philmont Scout Ranch in 2015**. If you are interested in attending, there will be an Informational Meeting on Sunday, Feb 2 at the StG Chapel Hall from 6 pm (to as late as 8 pm depending on questions). Scouts will be able to sign up and pay the \$100 non-refundable deposit at the meeting.
- ◆ This is the **Crossover Season**: new Scouts begin joining our troop in late February. We have 15-18 Webelos Scouts joining us from area packs! Just like a campfire, you have to keep adding to the fire to make it grow larger. We will be growing larger and stronger in 2014! Be a Good Scout and welcome our newest members with a smile and a handshake.
- ◆ Would you like to learn **Wilderness First Aid**? As we are planning a trek to Philmont in 2015, we are required to have at least one adult certified in Wilderness First Aid with each crew. This certification must be within two years of our trek. Further, since our troop does many outdoor activities and campouts, it would be excellent to have more trained adults in First Aid. Scouts can also enhance their knowledge and "Be (more) Prepared" for first aid emergencies.

Note: Any Scout attending must already have completed First Aid *and* Emergency Preparedness merit badges.

Details: 1/11/14 to 1/12/14: Class will start at 8am on Saturday morning and end on Sunday at Camp Crown's Jadel Training Center.

Costs: Course fee of \$35 to cover the training material and all meals, except Saturday Dinner. Register and pay at the Jan 6th troop meeting or email Mr. Craig Levy by Tuesday at craig.levy@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

What to bring: Please bring your personal gear (sleeping bag, ground pad change of clothes etc.) as we will be staying overnight. Please note that there are shower facilities at camp. You'll need a few extra bucks for Saturday evening's dinner (TBD). Youth Protection Rules will be in place for cabin camping inside the Jadel Training Center.

◆ Once again in 2014, we have been invited to participate in **Nanotech Day on March 1 at Northwestern University** (from 9:15a to 1:00p). Only five Scouts from our troop will be able to participate this year (same as previous years): You will learn about the exciting field of Nanotechnology, meet and work with the scientists who are discovering surprising properties of matter at the nano-scale, conduct hands-on experiments, see demos, and chat with the scientists.

To participate, you must be in the 6th grade or higher. There is a fee of \$10 per person and that includes a patch & pizza party with the scientists. Advance registration is required. Please see Mr. Judge or myself before Feb 10th to register.

You can learn more about nanotechnology at discovernano.northwestern.edu/ and the IIN at iinano.org/. See pictures of the 2013 event at <http://sites.weinberg.northwestern.edu/vanduyne/outreach/>

◆ The **Patrol Leader's Council** will meet this Tuesday, January 7 at 7 pm at Kyle Judges' house. All members of the PLC are expected to attend and any Scout with a troop position is welcome to attend.

◆ The Troop Committee will meet this Thursday, January 9 at 7 pm at the Grayslake Area Public Library.

◆ The **troop's website** (www.boyscouttroop96.com) always has the latest Scouting and Troop 96 news. Did you know you could write and submit articles too? After you login, you will see Members Menu and a link to Submit an Article. It's easy to do and the troop wants to know what you have to say.

TROOP GUIDE HELP WANTED

Troop 96 is looking for good scouts interested in demonstrating scout spirit and leadership.

The position of Troop Guide is open to First Class scouts and above who will have been with the troop at least two years by March 2014. Older scouts are especially encouraged to consider this valuable position, where their experience can be put to use improving the troop. Scouts with less tenure but considerable camping nights may be considered should they be needed.

To be a Guide, you must be willing to join the new scout patrol, attend Webelos crossover ceremonies and camp frequently. If you are interested in this important troop position, please contact Mr. Klemens, Mr. McCall, Mr. Jacks or Mr. Mack during the troop meeting. A February Troop Guide Training day will be announced during January, pay close attention to the closing messages

Camping Plan Schedule

- - January 18-19: Big Foot Beach State Park near Lake Geneva, WI (Tent camping) Activity is Ice Boat Sailing
- - February 21-23: Indian Mounds Scout Reservation, west of Milwaukee. (Cabin Camping) Activity: Skiing & Tubing
- - March 15-16: McHenry Roller Rink Lock-in, New Scout Training & Roller Skating
- - April 11-13: Mississippi Palisades State Park near Savanna, IL. Activity is Caving in Maquoketa Caves State Park in Iowa
- - May 16-17: TBD (Crown?). Activity is Astronomy w/ Shelter Building
- - June 20-22: TBD (Potato Creek State Park in Indiana?) Activity is White Water Rafting in South Bend
- - July 6-12 and 13-19 Weeks One and Two at Summer Camp at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation near Pearson, WI
- - August 8-10: Camping at Lewis University Airport. Activity is the first-ever Air Fest 2014

Calendar of Troop Events

- - January 6th Monday: Troop Meeting “Cancelled due to Severe Winter Weather”
- - January 7th Tuesday: Troop Patrol Leaders Council 7PM at Kyle Judge’s house
- - January 9th Thursday: Troop Committee meeting, Grayslake Public Library 7PM
- - January 10th Friday: **Dancin’ in the Dirt Party Lake Forest**, See the information in the Scoutmasters Corner. Contact Mr. Klemens to attend. [Click here for more information.](#)
- - January 10th Friday: registration opens on NEIC website for Council annual Dinner March 12th
- - January 11th – 12th : Saturday 8AM thru Sunday Wilderness First Aid \$35 Camp Crown Jadel Center. See the information in the Scoutmasters corner. Contact Mr. Wehde or Mr. Levy to attend.
- -January 13th Monday: Regular Troop meeting Campout planning for Ice Boating trip
- -January 18th – 19th Saturday thru Sunday Ice Boat Campout at Big Foot State Park on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin.
- -January 20th Monday: Regular Troop meeting
- -January 27th Monday: Winter Court of Honor
- -February 1st Saturday: North Star District Dinner, at 5:00 PM Round Lake Beach Civic Center 2007 N Civic Center Way Round Lake Beach Please register online at NEIC.org
- -February 2nd Sunday: Philmont 2015 Informational Meeting at St. Gilbert Chapel Hall 6PM – 8PM To reserve a spot \$100 deposit will be taken from scouts. Must be age 14 by 7/17/2015 and First Class

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BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP– Ice Sailing Winter Campout

SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS DUE: Monday, January 13, 2014

EVENT DATES: Saturday, Jan 18 overnight to Sunday, Jan 19, 2014

EVENT LOCATION: Camping at Big Foot Beach State Park, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

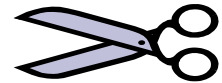
Meeting time: 8:00am Saturday morning– St. Gilbert Parking Lot

RETURN: approx 1:00 PM, Sunday, Jan 19 (Call 847-223-7233 after 9AM for a better estimate)

EVENT COST: \$10/per scout for food. Payable in cash to the Patrol Leader on Jan 13th.

UNIFORM / CLOTHING: CLASS A UNIFORM for traveling; dress for winter overnight

TRANSPORTATION: Adult leaders/parent will provide transportation.



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EVENT LOCATION: Big Foot Beach State Park in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

DEPART: 8:00 am Saturday morning – StG parking lot

SCOUT(S) _____ and _____ has my permission for full participation in BSA programs, subject to the limitations noted herein. I further agree that Troop 96 and its Junior and Adult Leaders, as well as the St. Gilbert Church and the Knights of Columbus shall be held free from liability, financially or otherwise, for any injury or accident incurred by my son during this event. I have also included a separate sheet with any special instructions regarding my son.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me (or someone else if noted on this form). In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the medical personnel selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child.

Parent (Guardian) Signature: _____ Dated: ____/____/____ **Can Drive?: Y / N**

Parent phone number in case of emergency: _____ or _____

Allergies or other important information in an emergency: _____

Medications: _____

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS: ONLY PARENTS OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS CAN PICK UP YOUR SCOUT. IF ANYONE ELSE IS TO BRING YOUR SON HOME YOU MUST PROVIDE THAT AUTHORIZATION BELOW:

(NAME) _____ (CELL) _____ IS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP MY SCOUT
AT THE CHURCH (PARENT SIGNATURE) _____ DATE ____/____/____