

# TROOP 96 GAZETTE

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## Indiana wants me...

By Pat Klemens - Scoutmaster

As usual, we gathered at the StG parking lot on Friday evening full of anticipation for the weekend. While 28 Scouts planned to camp, three had to bailout due to illness. The rest of us loaded the trailer, piled into the cars and headed southeast. Chicago's Friday "rush-hour" traffic did cause us to pedal slower but we had planned on that. Nevertheless, we still arrived within just a few minutes of our target time.

We pulled in at 10 PM *Eastern Time*. Since we were then on the western edge of the Eastern Time zone, it stayed light outside much later. There was still some light in the sky as we began to make camp just after 10.

Of course, that light didn't last long and soon enough, we were working with lanterns, headlamps and flashlights. Fortunately, the only other campers in the youth campground were not too close while we banged things around to make camp. It was nearly midnight (our time) before we got in our tents. Fortunately, most Scouts slept in the cars on the drive here. They always get plenty of sleep!

Saturday dawned clear, bright and warm. It's gonna be a good day. Our acting SPL, Dalton Nitto, wakes up the troop and nudges everyone in the direction of making breakfast. The



patrols are into it quickly. Soon enough there are mountains of bacon, pancakes, French Toast and eggs being consumed. Dalton calls the troop together for our morning assembly and briefs everyone on the plan for the day. Within 10 minutes of our planned departure, we were on our way to South Bend.



When we arrived, it almost didn't look like it was open. A few workers were nearby, but no boats, helmets or PFDs were in sight. We sat in the shade and just as the clock strikes 12 noon, everything was ready to go. Our Scouts got their

tickets, and worked their way to the launch point. In groups of 4-6, Scouts and adults queued up to make their runs down the diverted St. Joe River that flows into the watercourse. As the afternoon played out, Scouts returned to the shade for lunch, rest or just to hangout.



Stories are shared of near-disasters and wild water. But with a lifeguard located every few feet, serious risks were never really present. Most Scouts got four or five runs, while a few even managed to do it six times.

By 3:30, everyone was ready to go “home” to camp. When we got back to camp (and after the Scouts woke from their 30-minute nap during the drive back), it was time to fix dinner. We were alerted that there was a tornado warning in Lake County (that was unnerving to be so far away from home).



Fortunately, it was “just a warning” and no severe weather resulted. Using our smartphones, we tracked the same storms across Lake Michigan and saw that we, too, were in their path. The troop worked to ensure that everything was “battened down” for the night. We had hoped to sneak in an evening campfire, but at about 8:30, it began to rain. We canceled our campfire and went to bed. There were no complaints. As we

lay in our tents, the rain fell steadily, but was not severe. Thanks to our “connected phones,” we were confident the storms would not pose a risk. We heard a few thunder booms but not much more. It rained steadily for a few hours and was generally over by midnight.

As we woke on Sunday, it was another clear and bright day. Our tents and dining flies were wet from the rain, but otherwise there were no problems. Cooking breakfast on Sunday morning can often go slow, but soon enough the patrols had eaten and were working on washing dishes, cleaning their patrol sites, packing up and loading the trailer. An interfaith service was held to remind us how fortunate we are to share the beauty of the outdoors with each other.



Just before we got into the cars for the ride home, we celebrated Joey Cambio’s and Josh Ball’s birthdays. A round of Happy Birthday was belted out and “birthday donuts” were passed out by Joey’s dad. Woo-hoo.

Another fantastic outing goes into the expanding archives of Troop 96. Thanks to everyone who made this happen. It was a real success.

You can see more photos from this outing on our website under *Photos* (or you can try [this link: https://flic.kr/s/aHsjYCsWuo](https://flic.kr/s/aHsjYCsWuo))

Scouts participating in the June Campout:

Chris Judge	Thomas Hinkley	Justin Jones	Ethan Blennis
Brandon Nitto	Nathan Cibula	Edgar Arenas	Ryan McLenithan
William DeKeyser	Collin Jones	Joey Cambio	Nick Borovka
Matthew Powers	Cameron Beard	Andrew Oehlschlager	Matthew D'Souza
Eric Ostick	Jacob Stutzman	Dalton Nitto	Cameron Duffy
Luke Symonds	Joshua Ball	Nathan Stutzman	Matthew Symonds
Chris Matthews	David Powers		

Adults Participating in the June Campout:

Greg Ball	Chris Borovka	Dave Cibula	Steve Cambio
Joe Judge	Joe Matthews	Dan Ostick	John Powers
Doug DeKeyser	Gerry D'Souza	Pat Klemens	

### ***Makajawan 2014***

With only a one weeks to go till summer camp check out the Troop website for these important documents that should be helpful to those attending.

MaKaJaWan Packing List

MaKaJaWan 2014 Merit Badges.

MaWaJaWan 2014 Merit Badge Schedule. MaKaJaWan 2014 Parents meeting notes.

MaKaJaWan Mosquito Net Article 1 (For 2014, we recommend the simplest version shown as Option 2: Dowels rods topped with tennis balls)



### ***Like Scouting?***

If you enjoy scouting, if you have fun, if it helps make you a better person, then share scouting with your friends and family. Speak positively about how scouting is fun, builds character and makes you a better citizen.

Local scouting units, especially Cub Scout units are in need of new members.

Share the fun and encourage those who would benefit to visit a Pack or Troop. It will strengthen your community.

## ***Philmont 2015***

Three Philmont crews have been formed and have begun meeting by now. Attending crew meetings to develop your crew are as important as being fit for the trek itself, or having the right gear. Crews should also be working together to develop fund raising opportunities, successful fundraising will help ease some of the financial burden.



Only one spot is still available so if any qualified scout would like to join the crews please have them contact Mr. McCall as soon as possible. A \$100 deposit will secure your spot.

The deadline for the next payment of \$500/participant is September 1<sup>st</sup> Mr McCall will accept payments on your account at any time prior to the due date. So if it would be easier to make smaller more frequent payments please do so and see Mr. McCall.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 6:00PM all are encouraged as often as possible to participate in the regularly scheduled hike around Rollins Savannah. Meet at the Washington ST entrance. Cycling is also an option at 8:30AM on Saturday mornings, same place.

Crew members should be preparing by making regular hikes and setting some goals such as hiking the Rollins Savannah 3 mile trail with a 10 lb pack by September or October. Knowing where you are in your training is important so you know how far you have to go to be fully prepared.

Mr. Wehde has provided some helpful articles on hiking boots, hiking boot lacing techniques and backpack selection. They are posted in the documents section of the Troop web site. We encourage all participants to become familiar with them.

Here are some links to follow as you prepare for your Philmont adventure.

For a starting point on what to bring: (Work with your crew to decide what is best for you)

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/Hikers/WhattoBring.aspx>

For Wilderness Preservation:

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/wilderness.aspx>

For a description of Philmont Trek Itineraries:

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping/TrekPlanning/PhilmontItineraries.aspx>



### August 2013 Campout

This month most troop members are heading to Camp MaKajaWan for our annual summer camp. But our August Campout will be a new one for Troop 96. We will be attending the first annual Scout AirFest at the Lewis University Airport near Romeoville, IL. The campout will be August 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> and we will be camping on the on the airport grounds.

This event should be amazing. There will be thousands of scouts from across the Midwest in attendance. **Registration is \$40 and will close on July 2 for Troop 96.** Contact Mr. Joe Matthews if you want to participate.



## Camping Plan Schedule

- - 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
- - September 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: Shooting Sports at Bristol, Wisconsin
- - October 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> : Back country camping, cycling Channahon State Park, Channahon, IL
- -November 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>: Webelos Invitational, Camp OhDaKoTa, Burlington, WI

## Troop Activity Calendar

- Monday June 30th: 7PM  
Troop Meeting
- Sunday July 6th: Troop Departs for MaKaJaWan Week 1, Summer Camp
- Monday July 7th: No Troop Meeting
- Monday July 14th: 7PM  
Troop Meeting at Jones Island – Water Sports
- Monday July 21st: 7PM  
Troop Meeting at Jones Island – Water Sports
- Monday July 28th: 7PM  
Troop Meeting at Jones Island – Water Sports



the Scoutmaster's Corner  
by Pat Klemens

In June, the troop went to Potato Creek State Park in Indiana near South Bend for an **awesome weekend of camping and rafting on the St. Joe River**. We had a great outing with 25 Scouts and eleven adults. If you missed this one, plan to join us in August for AirFest 2014 in Romeoville. We'll camp at the airport and enjoy the air show and static displays on Saturday. See Mr. Matthews no later than July 5 to be able to go!

Are you ready summer fun at **Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan**? The troop heads north on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll gather at the StG Parking Lot at 7:00 AM. You can get a copy of the "Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Packing List" on our website to help you get ready. Remember, we expect every Scout to show Troop 96 pride at camp: The PLC voted that we would wear full uniforms for breakfast and dinner each day. Bring your neckerchief and slide (or bolo tie) to wear each day for breakfast and dinner.

Troop **T-shirt designs** are in! Be sure to pick yours up on Monday so you have it for Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan.

*UPCOMING EVENTS:*

Beginning the week we return from MaKaJaWan (July 14), the troop will re-locate its **Monday night troop meetings to Jones Island on Gray's Lake**. Meetings will still be from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Bring a swimsuit and, if you have one, a boat, kayak, canoe or beach toy and enjoy our "home away from home." Meetings will be held at Jones Island from July 14<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will resume our regular meetings at St. Gilbert on August 11.

**Congratulations to David Hoffman, Andrew Goger, Christian Mack and Owen Schwab** who have completed a week of National Youth Leadership Training at MaKaJaWan. Good job, fellas! We look forward to your input to make our troop even stronger.

**Do you have a friend** that you'd like to have in the troop? Tell him about our troop, show him our [2013 video on YouTube](#) (on our website) and offer to pick him up and bring him to a meeting. Let your friends share in our fun!

You can always get the **latest troop news** at: <http://www.BoyScoutTroop96.com>

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## **BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP– Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan 2014**

**SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS DUE: Monday, June 30, 2014**

**EVENT LOCATION: BSA Long-term Camping at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan near Pearson, WI**

**Meeting time:**

First week campers: **7:00 AM on Sun, July 6– St. Gilbert Parking Lot**

Second week campers: per arrangements made for your Scout.

**UNIFORM / CLOTHING: CLASS A UNIFORM for traveling**

**TRANSPORTATION: Adult leaders/parents will provide transportation.**

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## **BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP – Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan 2014**

**EVENT LOCATION: Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan near Pearson, WI**

**DEPARTURE for First Week Campers: 7:00 AM on Sun, July 6– St. Gilbert Parking Lot**

SCOUT \_\_\_\_\_ 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 without delay, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child.

Parent (Guardian) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Parent phone number in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other important information in an emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications: Provide separate medication administration form and all medications for the week in their original containers and sealed within a plastic bag.**