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Congratulations to Chris Judge

Troop 96 is proud to announce Chris Judge, our newest Eagle Scout. Chris successfully completed the District Board of Review for Eagle on February 3rd. Karl becomes our 66th Eagle Scout.

You've reached the top of the scouting mountain. Your hard work and commitment to scouting has earned you this success. Be proud of yourself. Your family and your Troop are proud of you.



Swoosh – That's the sound of our scouts
skiing, snowboarding and tubing at Sunburst

– Craig Levy

On Friday February 20th, Troop 96 scouts headed north for what has become an annual winter sports adventure. We went to Indian Mounds Scout Reservation in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, about 90 minutes northwest of Grayslake. The scouts arrived about 8 pm and set up camp. OK, we really just brought our gear and patrol kitchens into... a heated cabin, with bunks for 24, a kitchen with a 6 burner stove and oven, and a big upgrade from 2013 – working plumbing. This is always one of our most popular campouts. We sold out the cabin (3rd year in a row) and had adults tenting outside. Cracker barrel and card games were had and lights out at 10pm.

Saturday, our camping SPL – Nick G. had us up at 6am cooking breakfast. We then took a 2 mile hike through camp, came back and made our travel lunches and then departed for the Sunburst Sports area in Kewaskum – about an hour north of camp. Conditions were perfect. Sunny, 25 degrees and almost no wind. Meeting us at the ski area for the afternoon were the Cibula, Duffy and Levy families – all seeking to get in some winter fun. By the way – new scout families – guests are always welcome on campouts. If you are

interested in joining the fun, just ask someone in a sharp looking khaki uniform during our troop meetings.

A group of scouts, led by Mr. Mack went straight for the tubing area where two “magic carpet” conveyor belts transport the rider and tube to the top of the 20 run area. In all 15 scouts went tubing!

Another group of scouts rented skis and snowboards. William D and Kevin G to took lessons and after a short while were shooshing down the slopes. Mr. Levy worked on the snow sports merit badge with Nathan C and Cameron D. By the end of the day many scouts were skiing and snowboarding with ease (OK they all ate some snow along the way.. but you get the idea).

Learning from our 2014 adventure (of leave the ski area late and eat really late) – we rounded up the troop about 5 pm and headed back to camp. The three patrols cooked up wonderful dinners, and as we were inside, several card games ensued while the adult patrol took full advantage of the commercial grade kitchen to prepare their meal. We ended the night with a rose, bud thorn session.



Light cracked into the cabin at 6 am and we were up for another filling breakfast, pack out and a Scout’s Own service where we were all thankful for the great experiences and a safe trip.

Scouts Participating both nights:

Alex K	Andrew O	Cameron B	Cameron D
Edgar A	Eric O	Ethan B	Fritz K
Joe T	Kevin G	Nathan C	Nick G
Ryan M	Thomas H	Will D	Wilson H
Zack L			

Scouts Participating one night:

Joey C	Owen S		
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Adults Participating:

Mr. Cibula	Mr DeKeyser	Mr. Klett	Mr Levy
Mr Mack	Mr Matthews	Mr Ostick	Mr Tamulaitus
Mr. Boos (1 Night)	Mr Schwab (1 Night)	Mr Cambio (Visitor)	

How to be prepared for Cold Weather Camping

By John McCall, Asst. Scoutmaster

Cold weather camping can be great fun, if you are prepared.

Troop 96 camps every month except December. You can expect winter conditions for the January, February and often at the November and March campouts. The scout motto plays a critical role when it comes to winter camping.

"Be Prepared"

Begin with proper clothing. The object is to keep your skin dry. Getting wet can lead to a dangerous risk of hypothermia. Getting uncomfortably cold on a campout is not fun.

Dress in layers, several layers provide more insulation than one heavy garment.

Start with a base layer of long underwear and socks. Avoid cotton fabrics; they can be dangerous, use wool, acrylics, or polypropylene. Cotton, and fabrics that contain cotton, will absorb moisture and hold it. When the moisture freezes, and it will, you'll be left wearing a coat of ice, unable to keep warm. Avoid snug fitting garments, these prevent your blood from circulating properly and warming the extremities especially when it comes to hand and foot wear. Too many socks or tight shoes will constrict and reduce circulation.

Over the long underwear wear layers, a warm shirt, sweater, fleece vest and warm pants. Wool is the best fabric to wear or something polyester so that it will let the perspiration out and not get damp in the process. The outer layers should be wind proof and water-repellent, a nylon parka with an insulated liner and ski or snow pants supported by suspenders will keep the inner layers dry. The idea is that the inner layers are porous with many air pockets to hold body-warmed air while outer garments are designed to keep cold air outside

In addition to keeping your body warm and comfortable you need to protect your feet, hands, head, face and neck. Good fitting insulated winter boots with an insulated insole along with one or more pair of wool socks are a must. A good fit is a must to allow the blood to circulate freely. Mittens, and gloves for when you need to use your fingers, are to keep your hands dry as well as warm. Be sure you have your ears protected also. Stocking caps, ear muffs and hats will keep the heat from escaping through your head. A scarf, neck gaiter or balaclava will protect both the neck and face. Finally you should pack extra clothes especially socks, underwear and head gear.

Remember the key to keeping warm is to keep clothing **Clean**, avoid **Overheating**, wear **Layers** and stay **Dry**.

Follow the same advice for sleep systems, insulate well between your sleeping bag and the ground, supplement your sleeping bag with wool or acrylic blankets and don't always trust the temperature rating of your bag. Never sleep in the same clothes you wear during the day clean dry clothes for sleeping are critical to being comfortable. Changing clothes in the cold may be difficult but sleeping in damp clothing can be dangerous. Once again "Be Prepared".

IMPORTANT NOTE to PARENTS OF NEW SCOUTS

Before scouts can accompany the Troop on campouts we must have them registered with Troop 96. And the Troop must have in hand a current BSA medical form. If you have not already submitted a Boy Scout Youth application to the Troop please do so at the next Troop meeting. Applications should be marked as a transfer if your scout was registered with the Cub Scout pack. There is a fee to transfer your membership to Troop 96. Some goes to National and some to Troop 96 to cover expenses. Registered scouts will continue to receive Boys Life magazine if they were registered with the pack at recharter.

Applications can be had from Mrs. Bryant-Klett, Mrs. Ruprecht or Mr. Klemens at the troop meeting. They can also be picked up at the council office in Highland Park. Here is a link to the required medical form, parts A & B are required for weekend camping a medical professional signature is not required for parts A & B. Participation in summer camp will also require part C.

[BSA Fillable Medical PFD](#)

(http://bsaseabase.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf)

March 2015 Campout

The Troop will camp March 20th – 22th. We will be Camping at Camp Lakota near, Woodstock, IL we'll meet at St. Gilbert's parking lot at 5:30 pm. Friday March 20th Activities will be Basic Scout skills Camping, Cooking Firebuilding Etc. Permission slips and \$15 food money for the campout are due on Monday, March 16th (no exceptions).



NEW SCOUT PARENT MEETING

7:00 P.M. Thursday March 12, 2015 Grayslake Public Library
Presented by a panel of Committee members and Program Leaders

- (Just before the monthly Troop Committee Meeting). While this meeting will focus on those things most important for the parents of our newest Scouts, all parents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be available, too along with time for your questions.

Philmont 2015

Please see the Philmont documents posted on the troop website, The Unit Planning Guide and the 2015 Treks guide and the Amtrak Confirmation and Group policy and Chaperone Requirements.

Participants both youth and adult should be getting their medical forms completed in the next few months. Here are the Philmont Medical requirements.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD Requirement

Every camper and Advisor is required to have a medical evaluation within twelve (12) months of their participation date by a physician licensed to practice medicine. An examination conducted by a physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner will be recognized for states where they may perform physical examinations to students enrolled in public school systems. The BSA Annual Health and Medical Record must be used.

This form is available through our website, go to Documents/ Philmont Trek Documents Advisors are to collect completed forms for each participant, Parts A, B and C, and make sure a copy of the participant's Health Insurance Card is attached. These forms will be turned into the infirmary upon arrival at Philmont which is part of Day One's processing. Philmont Scout Ranch Supplemental Information should be read by each participant and parent or guardian, if under 18 years of age, and shared with the medical provider completing the medical evaluation. The Supplemental Information contains helpful information and interpretation.

An individual should always contact the family physician first and call Philmont at 575.376.2281 if there is a question about the advisability of participation. Philmont's chief medical officer and other medical staff of the Health Lodge reserve the right to make medical decisions regarding the participation of individuals at Philmont.

Crews should elect their crew chiefs as soon as possible now.

Crew Chief (or Crew Leader, one youth crew member): The Crew Chief, or Crew Leader, is a youth member elected by the youth members of the crew. The success of the trek is absolutely dependent on the Crew Chief. The Crew Chief provides leadership for the crew members and is **accountable** for all crew activity. The Crew Chief supports all crew members in executing their assignments. The Chief makes certain the crew is healthy, clean, safe, and eating good food. And *most of all, the Chief establishes a social environment that guarantees all crew members an exciting and fun adventure.* In the language of Scouting, the Crew Chief is a "Servant Leader".

Note carefully the use of the word "accountable" as opposed to "responsible." The "responsible" crew member has the duty to accomplish a task. The Crew Chief who is "accountable" provides the leadership to make certain the task is completed by the "responsible" members. The crew counts on the "a-count-able" person to know all is well.

The 2015 Itineraries are now on the Troop web site use these to make your top 5 trek choices and send an e-mail to Mr. McCall with those choices. We will submit them as soon as Philmont requests them.



the Scoutmaster's Corner
by Pat Klemens

This month, the troop will head west to **beautiful Camp Lakota** near Woodstock for a weekend of "Camping Skills – Basic and Advanced." Scouts must turn in their Permission Slip (available on our website) on March 16. Food costs are \$15, payable in cash, by Scouts (and parents wishing to participate).

Seven **Troop Guides** completed specific training for their position on Saturday, Feb 14. They are ready and willing to assist our newest Scouts.

We are in the middle of our biggest **Crossover Season** ever with new Scouts from five area Packs are joining us. We expect as many as 32 (!) Webelos Scouts to become Troop 96 Boy Scouts – woohoo! Be a Good Scout and welcome our newest members with a smile and a handshake.

Our annual **Parent's Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 12 from 6-7:30 pm at the Grayslake Library (Just before the monthly Troop Committee Meeting). While this meeting will focus on those things most important for the parents of our newest Scouts, all parents are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be available, too along with time for your questions.

The **Troop Committee** will meet Thursday, February 12 from 7:30 to 8:50 pm at the Grayslake Area Public Library. All Scout parents are invited.

Do you have a friend that you'd like to have in the troop? Tell him about our troop, show him our 2014 video on YouTube (or from our website) and offer to pick him up and bring him to a meeting. We'd love to have every boy join Scouting and enjoy all the things we do!

It's time to make plans for summer camp at our Council's beautiful **Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan**. We will be at camp for two weeks (July 5-11 and 12-18). You can choose the first, the second or both weeks (new Scouts go the first week only). Parents: We need your participation too! We are looking for parents who might be interested in spending the week at camp with experienced leaders. We also need parents who would be willing to drive our Scouts to/from camp (you will be reimbursed). See Mr. David Cibula or me as soon as possible.

The new **Senior Patrol Leader** elected on March 2 will soon be appointing all other Troop positions. If you need a troop position for rank advancement, now is the time to get busy.

Attention all First Class, Star and Life Scouts! We will have a **Life-to-Eagle Information Session** on March 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Symonds Funeral Home. If you believe you are up for the challenge of Eagle, please attend with your parents for this informative session. Please RSVP to Mr. Klemens no later than Friday, March 13.

Our annual **Scouting for Food Drive** is underway. Get food bags at the troop meeting and hang them on doors of the homes close to your house. Any food you collect is due to the Troop on March 16. All food collected will be sent to PADS in Grayslake to assist with their mission to provide shelter to the homeless.

Our annual Troop **Order of the Arrow** election was held last Monday, Feb 23. We had twelve Scouts on the ballot. The results will be revealed during the big Order of the Arrow Fire on Friday, July 10 at the end of our first week at camp. By the way, our next troop OA meeting for Arrowmen will be held on March 10 from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Symond's Funeral Home.

Adults interested in **Wood Badge Training** (advanced leadership skills training) can ask anyone who's been there for advice. This year, Kevin Rupperecht, Jane Bryant-Klett, Kevin Wehde and me will be on staff as well. As an added incentive, when you complete the course, the troop will reimburse you for half the cost!

Did you know that for each of our monthly campouts the Troop uses a **Camping Hotline**? We update the hotline on Sunday morning at about 9 AM to provide parents with an accurate estimate of our time to return to GL. The Hotline number is always on the permission slip. Please try it out this month so you can be at our Quartermaster's Shed behind the Chapel Hall at the same time as your Scout!

The Scouts plan their annual camping themes at the **Annual Planning Conference**. This year, we are trying something different. The meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26 from 6 to 8 PM (Location to be determined). All Scouts are encouraged to attend and bring their best ideas for the adventures the troop should plan this year.

Our **annual Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on May 2 at Westlake Academy. We need help to make our only troop fundraiser a big success. Please see Mr. Dan Ostick if you'd be willing to help a little or a lot!

With a troop as large and active as Troop 96, there are **many opportunities for parents to get involved**. We could use help on our Troop Committee, as a Merit Badge Counselor, as a monthly camper, as a long-term camper at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan or even getting fully trained as a "direct contact" leader. Please see Mrs. Jane Bryant-Klett to talk about any and all possibilities. Thanks – the Scouts need you!

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? It's easy to do and the troop wants to know what you have to say.

Camping Plan Schedule

- - March 20-22: New scout training at Camp Lakota near Woodstock. We will get the Gould Shelter (open shelter) in case in turns rainy
- - April 17-19: Horseback Riding, likely near Kettle Moraine in Wisconsin
- - May 15-17: Bike-riding trip, location pending
- - June 19-20: Kayaking Trip, location pending



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BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP– March Campout

SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS DUE: Monday, March 16, 2015

EVENT DATES: Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22, 2015

EVENT LOCATION: Camp Lakota, BSA near Woodstock, IL

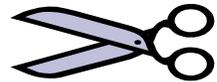
Meeting time: No later than 5:30 PM on Friday, March 20– St. Gilbert Parking Lot

RETURN: Call 847-223-7233 after 9AM for actual return time; estimated now for 12 noon

EVENT COST: \$15 for food. Payable in cash to the Patrol Leader on March 16.

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

TRANSPORTATION: Adult leaders/parent will provide transportation.



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EVENT DATES: Friday, March 20 – Sunday, March 22, 2015

EVENT LOCATION: Friday to Sunday at Camp Lakota, Woodstock

DEPART: no later than 5:30 pm Friday evening – 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 ____/____/____