

# TROOP 96 GAZETTE

Knights of Columbus  
St. Gilbert Church



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## Congratulations to David Bryant

The North Star District Eagle Board of Review met May 8th to interview **David Bryant** and check his credentials. After a thorough review, David was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout! Congratulations, David! The Board was very impressed with your perseverance: the fact that your sponsor changed their minds and you ended up doing **THREE** projects totaling more than 1700 hours really got their attention. Well done. Enjoy the moment - you earned it and we're proud of you.



## April Showers Wash out Troop Plan

*The April campout planned for the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a washout. Storms with record rainfall on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> flooded the DesPlaines river and our campground at Van Patten woods. For the first time in Troop history a campout was cancelled for something other than a blizzard.*

*Our "Anything that Flies" activity still went ahead on Saturday Grayslake Central High School rockets were launched and various other craft took to the skies.*

*Hopefully all those from the Troop 96 family made it through the storms without too much grief and are all dried out and looking forward to our May campout.*

### May Campout

**Date:** May 17-19

**Time:** Meet at Saint Gilbert parking lot at 5:30 PM Friday Afternoon May 17th  
be prepared for any weather.

**Camp Location:** Lake LeAquaNa northwest of Freeport, Illinois

**Activity:** Biking on the Jane Adams bike trail, or fishing at Lake LeAquaNa.

**Cost:** \$15 per scout for food. Permission slips and Money due Monday May 13th at the Troop meeting no exceptions.



## MA-KA-JA-WAN BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

Make plans to join Troop 96 at  
Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Boy Scout Summer Camp

2013 Summer Camp Week #3: July 7 - 13

2013 Summer Camp Week #4: July 14 - 20

**Cost is \$350 for 1 week. \$650 for 2 weeks (This includes transportation costs)**

**Payment is due May 13, 2013**

**(Scouts who joined the Troop after 1/1/2013 are exempt from this deadline)**

### Forms You Will Need

- BSA Medical Health Record - Parts A, B, & C
- Medications

Everyone attending camp for more than 72 hours must have a completed the BSA Medical Health Record - Parts A, B, & C

While at camp, basic health service and emergency care is provided at the health lodge. Certified medical personnel are available in camp 24 hours a day to provide service.

### Notes To Scouts

#### Where is MaKaJaWan?

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation is located in Pearson, Wisconsin, 25 miles northeast of Antigo. It consists of 1,560 wooded acres and includes two lakes and a natural creek.

#### Who goes to Makajawan?

Scouts of all ages enjoy the activity-filled schedule in this efficiently run Scout campground. For Webelos transitioning into scouts, this is a valuable first extended camping experience that positions a new scout for rapid advancement within the troop. Older scouts can achieve multiple merit badges and engage in a variety of sports and programs not available elsewhere. Of particular interest to more seasoned scouts are higher adventure activities like white-water rafting, backpacking, or canoe trips.

#### What do you do when you get there?

With the assistance of trained staff, adult leaders, and senior patrol leaders, scouts will plan a full agenda including snorkeling, sailing, boating, diving, swimming, fishing, archery, riflery, hiking, rafting, and a variety of merit badge programs. Newer scouts can participate in the Trailblazer program which focuses on the requirements necessary to achieve the rank of First Class.

#### What do you eat?

Camp MaKaJaWan participants are well fed in tradition-filled dining halls. The food service staff goes the extra mile in making sure each scout gets plenty at each tasty and nutritious meal.

### Notes To Parents

Should your child forget something, a well-stocked trading post is available for supplies and souvenirs.

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**PARENT LEADERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND CAMP**

Contact Doug DeKeyser with any questions regarding MaKaJaWan Summer Camp

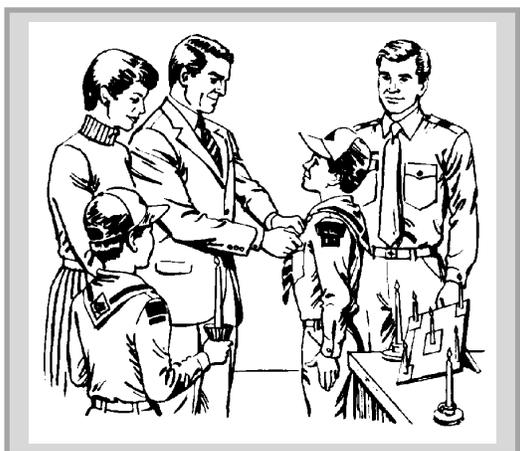
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**Check out the Troop Website – [www.boyscouttroop96.com](http://www.boyscouttroop96.com)**

**MaKajawan Trailblazer Program**

First time at camp? Don't sweat it! At Trailblazer first year scouts can earn most of the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Requirements. Our Trailblazer program is designed to teach basic scout skills for new scouts. Led by experienced staff members, Trailblazer is a comprehensive program that teaches young Scouts basic skills for camping, cooking, first aid, knots, lashings, swimming, map and compass, and nature skills.

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**Court of Honor**  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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Recognition is one of the methods we use to achieve the Aims of scouting. Recognition is important to all of us and sharing our moment in the spotlight with our families and those important to us makes it all the more appreciated.

Boy Scouts recognition, such as that which takes place at a Court of Honor serves to motivate our scouts to succeed in scouting and in the long run to succeed in life. This is an opportunity to participate in the recognition of our scouts, and it is very important to them. They may not tell you that they appreciate it, they are teenage boys after all, but they truly do want you to be there.

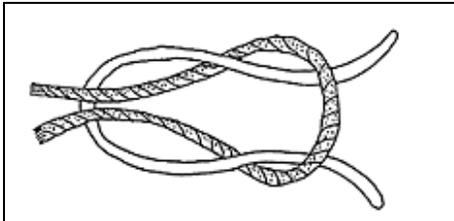
We would like to invite all Troop 96 Families to join us for the quarterly Court of Honor to be held at our regular Troop meeting on May 20th. PLEASE come out and support your sons' efforts, and get refreshments, too!

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**UNIFORM EXCHANGE:**  
Troop 96 has a Uniform Exchange. Please gather your serviceable scout uniform shirts, pants, shoulder loops, hats, neckerchiefs and unneeded insignia and donate it to the Troop 96 Uniform Exchange. If you are in need of uniform shirts, insignia etc. check out the Exchange they just might have what you need.

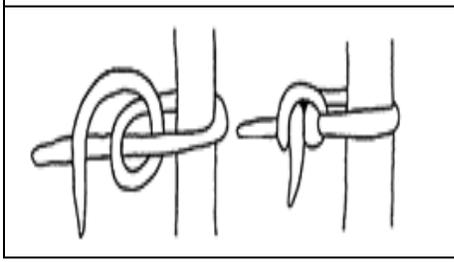
### Basic Boy Scout Knots

These knots are all required knots for rank advancement and should be known by all scouts First Class and above



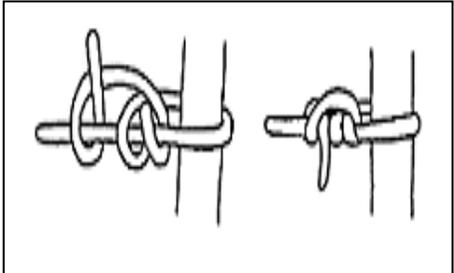
#### Square Knot

For tying two lines together or tying something down. It is often used to tie off bandages in first aid and to secure packages. The Square Knot is easily tied and will not jam, so it is always easy to untie.



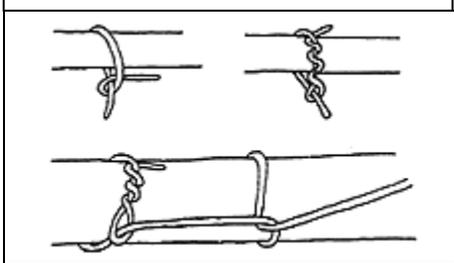
#### Two Half Hitches

This knot is suited to tying a rope to a post or grommet. It can be used to tie down gear. This knot will slide, resulting in a tight grip. The knot can slip apart under high stress loads so it should NOT be used for "mission-critical" things.



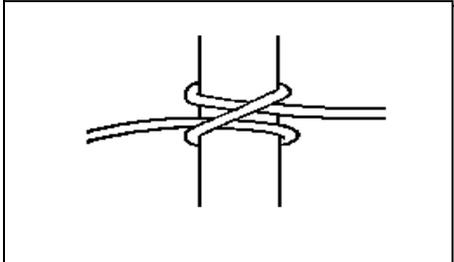
#### Taut-Line Hitch

The Tautline Hitch is an adjustable knot that is commonly used for tensioning guy lines, such as on a tent. Use it to tighten or loosen a guyline by pushing the hitch up or down. The knot will easily slide up and down the standing part of the line, but won't budge when strained.



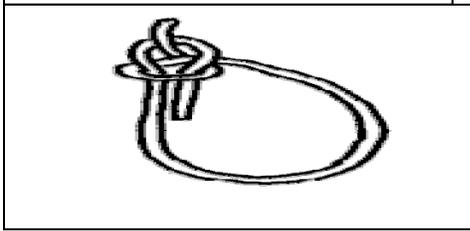
#### Timber Hitch

The Timber Hitch is used to drag logs and heavy objects and is often used with a half hitch as shown here. It is easy to tie but should not be used where security is an issue such as lifting heavy objects. It is used to start a diagonal lashing.



#### Clove Hitch

The Clove hitch is used to start most lashings. It can also be used to attach a rope to a bear bag to hang your food from a tree to keep it out of reach of animals. There are two ways to tie it. Learn both ways.



#### Bowline

The bowline forms a loop that will not slip and is easy to untie. It is very useful in rescue situations. With practice you can tie it with one hand.



## Scoutmaster's Corner by Pat Klemens

Our **April campout at Camp Crown** was canceled due to the heavy rains and floods that hit our area just before the weekend. Our reserved campsite was flooded and so were our alternatives! We made the best of it and held our **"Anything that Flies"** event on Saturday using the fields at Grayslake North High School. We launched rockets, flew kites and even saw a small R/C helicopter and an R/C car give it a go.

Our campout in May will *hopefully* see much better weather than either March or April! We plan to be biking and fishing over the weekend of May 17-19. We'll camp at Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park northwest of Freeport, IL. All Scouts must have an approved bike helmet and have their bike inspected to be able to go. Permission slips and \$15 food money are due on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our semi-annual **Clean-up of Almond Road** from Washington Street to Gages Lake was completed on March 13th. Thanks to everyone who turned out for the event to make our community a bit nicer. Thanks also to Mr. Cibula who organized the event this spring.

**Troop Leadership Training** was held on Friday evening, April 29. Our new PLC learned the in's and out's of troop operations and a few good leadership skills, too. Congratulations to Bryan W, Paul J, Matt S, Nathan C, Matt P, Alex K, Drew A, Kyle J, David H, Christian M, Nick G and Spencer B for completing this semi-annual training.

We'll be heading to **summer camp in just two months!** New Scouts can attend for the first week (July 7-14; all other Scouts can attend for up to for one or two weeks (July 7-20). You can enjoy all kinds of activities: swimming, archery, scoutcraft, sailing, fishing and much more. It's a great time - don't miss it. Mr. Doug DeKeyser is handling our MaKaJaWan reservations. Grab all the information and get your deposit in **now** at any troop meeting. Fees will go up shortly.

**Spaghetti Dinner 2013** was another success! We've come to expect good things each year and this was no exception. We served a lot of meals and heard only great comments about the delicious food and excellent work by the Scouts of our troop. A big thanks goes out to everyone who worked so hard to make this fundraiser a success, especially Dan Ostick and his team. Well Done!

Troop 96 will embark on **"The Big Trip"** from June 15th through the 23rd. The Troop will be led by our Trip Chairman, Dan Ostick, and newly elected SPL Bryan W. Under his expert leadership, we will see the Badlands, hike around Devil's Tower in Wyoming and see the Crazy Horse Monument. We'll visit Mt. Rushmore and perhaps even retire the flags at the monument that evening. Plan to hike Custer State Park and go caving, too.

Our local contingent heading to the **2013 National Jamboree** held at the Bechtel Summit in West Virginia. Troop 96 has 16 Scouts joining the 260 from northeast Illinois who will ultimately total nearly 40,000 Scouts from all over the USA. Wanna go? There are still a few openings due to Scouts who had to cancel. Contact Mr. K for all the details – but hurry. The Jamboree will be held from July 15-24<sup>th</sup>!



## Troop 96 at Science Night

During the week of April 22, the North Star District held four Science Nights at area Middle Schools. First up was Grayslake's own Frederick School. Volunteers set up more than 15 experiments for Cub Scout aged youth to try. As they moved through the various events, they got to see Boy Scouts helping make the event a success. More than 200 people came out!



Thanks to Spencer B, Ryan R, Ethan D, Eric O, Joey C, Nick G, David P, Matt P, Richard W and David C for your cheerful service!



Here is an idea of the size of the crowd..



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**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96  
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Parental Authorization and Permission**

The Troop 96 May 2013 Campout will take place on May 17-19 at Lake LeAquaNa State Park near Freeport, Illinois. The troop will leave StG parking lot on Friday at 5:30 PM. The activities on Saturday will be the Scout's choice of a bike hike or fishing.

Please note on the permission slip if an Adult will accompany the Scout or if special transportation arrangements will occur for the Scout.

Contact the camping hot line at (847) 223-7233 after 9:00 AM on Sunday to get a more precise return time, and plan on collecting your son within 10 minutes of the time announced on the camping hot line. Parents are to pick up Scouts at the church parking lot and take home troop gear for cleaning/drying as assigned by the Troop Quartermaster.

During the outing, the troop adult leadership can be contacted (in case of emergency) at the following number: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Retain the upper portion for your records and information)**

My son: \_\_\_\_\_ can attend the Troop 96 Campout on May 17-19, 2013.

I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for myself or my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation. In case of emergency involving my child, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose to the adult in charge examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any allergies or relevant medical conditions. Please list all medications, dosages and administration times for any meds to be taken during the outing.

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