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Congratulations to Ethan DeKeyser

Once again Troop 96 is extremely proud to announce a new Eagle Scout. Ethan successfully completed the District Board of Review on Wednesday October 23rd and has completed his journey to Eagle. Ethan's project was for the Grayslake Historical Society and involved building a patio and garden bench.

Ethan, Your hard work has paid off; you've reached the top of the scouting mountain. Your commitment to your goal and to yourself has earned you this success. Be proud of what you've accomplished.

Your family and Troop 96 are all proud of you!

The "very-nearly-world-famous" Mystery Campout

by Pat Klemens

Our October campout saw a return to our Mystery Campout format. What is a Mystery Campout (you already know what a misery campout is)? The Mystery is a campout in which the Scouts don't know the location of the camp, only the activities for the weekend. In the parking lot, the Scouts receive navigational clues that they can use to direct the driver to the camp. Sometimes it even works.

Every month, we face the prospect of driving to camp on Lake County's rush-hour roads. It's fun. This month, the scouts had plenty of time to read the clues as we sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic. We were heading west to "points unknown." At least the weather was great.

We motored first through Lake County, then McHenry County, Boone County, Winnebago County, Stephenson County and, finally JoDavies County. Hmm. There are a lot of places to camp out there. It's a beautiful part of the state that wasn't flattened by glaciers to the extent of the rest of Illinois. But which camp were we going to? Ha...the Scouts' keen



sense of dead reckoning and deciphering the clues lead us to a small canyon on a small river – Bingo – Apple River Canyon State Park.

Upon arrival, we see that this is a popular place. Scout troops are set up all throughout the Walnut Grove Youth Campground. We find our spot, and hey, it's really nice. We're not alongside the road and we don't have anyone other either side of us. We make camp and prepare for Saturday.

Despite the dire weather forecasts, Saturday dawns clear and bright – and cold. There was a bit of light frost on the car windshields. Yikes, winter is coming. The Scouts get to work on breakfast while the adults do the same. Hot meals do wonders to get you moving and soon enough we're ready to head to the trails.

We do a quick check of our compasses and then head over to where the town of Millville once stood. Apparently, more than 100 years ago, a severe rainstorm broke the dam upriver of the town. As the floodwaters raced through the canyon, the torrent was too much. Everything in its path was wiped away. Millville was no more. We



looked at the placid Apple River now and it was hard to imagine how it must have looked to the townspeople that fateful day.

We took a couple of very short hikes before lunch and learned a bit of geology and navigation along the way. After our hikes, it was good to get back for a hearty lunch. The Scouts had a hearty lunch of soup and grilled sandwiches. And the adults, well, theirs was not so much. Actually, it was pretty darn good with homemade chili and cheese, but not much to look at, huh? But load it up with the fixin's and you're ready for a full afternoon. In the rain.

The forecast called for a 30% chance of rain in the afternoon. The 30% was 100% on our campsite. Despite the rain, the Scouts built a pioneering tower from spar poles and rope so that a radio antenna could be hoisted up high. Mr. Boos brought his mobile radio station to our site to be able to add our voices to the annual Jamboree on the Air. The Scouts were able to chat with other stations around the US, in Argentina as well as a pilot flying over Kentucky. This is a pretty respectable effort from a small-powered, mobile radio station located in a canyon in the corner of northwest Illinois!

As the afternoon wore on, the rain ended and the Sun re-appeared. It was looking like it was going to be a great evening. Kyle J and I found a great spot along the river just below the bluffs under our campsite. But as we served dinner, the unmistakable sound of rain on the canvas dining fly could be heard. Drat! We did not expect the rain to re-start but since it did, we had to re-think the evening's plan. Although it finally did end later in the evening, we did the unthinkable and cancelled



the campfire. That's a real rarity. Surprisingly, there were no complaints. Scouts (and adults) were ready to climb into their tents and enjoy a restful night's sleep as the temps dropped.

We woke before the sun to be able to get home before noon. Dark and cold. Ice on the canvas and hard frost on the cars. But we were motivated to get going so in no time everyone was up, cooking breakfast and breaking camp. Nick K prepared a thoughtful Interfaith Service to our assembly. A solid effort by everyone got us on our way by 9AM. No need for special clues or driver instructions to make our way home...point the cars east and go.

Scouts participating in this month's campout:

Kyle	David H	Spencer B
Nathan C	Eric O	Joey C
Chris M	David C	Nick K

Adults participating in this month's campout:

Mr. Ostick	Mr. Boos	Mr. Cibula
Mr. Hoffman	Mr. McCall	Mr. Judge
Mr. Klemens		

Recharter with Troop 96

If you haven't rechartered yet, you're LATE! Please get in touch so you can enjoy **another great Troop 96 year of Scouting**

Questions??? Call Mrs. Rupprecht at 847.529.5897 or email at ceterupp@aol.com

The Troop would like to use the recharter process to ensure that boys and adults are current on their health forms and that all registered adults are current with their Youth Protection Training and Troop Position Training. If you have completed health forms and training documentation, please bring them.

Looking forward to 2014

Upcoming Troop 96 Service Projects

PADS Set ups - 4:30 to 6 PM on Nov. 7, and Dec. 5
Blood Drive Set ups -Nov 24

Troop Leadership Training – Fall 2013 (By Pat Klemens)

A whopping 17 Scouts attended Troop Leadership Training held on Sunday, November 3. Your troop leaders spent the first evening in Standard Time working on a variety of topics to make the troop stronger. Through lecture and exercise, the Scouts reviewed the Stages of Group Dynamics, the basics of good planning, the application of the EDGE Method of training and just a hint of Leave No Trace principles. Although the weather was getting cold as the sun set, we did well in our outdoor classroom by the gear shed.

Thanks to all who participated and giving your time to improve the troop:

Richard Wegner	Nathan Cibula	Nick Grzesik
Alex Kagay	Matt Symonds	Joey Cambio
Eric Ostick	Rahil Verma	Fritz Klett
Kyle Judge	Ethan DeKeyser	Jacob Stutzman
David Hoffman	Christian Mack	Andrew Goger
Nick Borovka	Zack Levy	

Please help the devastated ranchers in South Dakota

Over 100,000 cows perished in the storms of the past few weeks.

Troop 96 wants to raise \$500 before Thanksgiving to help out those who have had their entire family businesses destroyed by the storm.

Did you or your family go on the big trip and enjoy all the wonderful things that the region had to offer? If so, the ask is simple - if the families that went each donated \$10 for each person in their party - we would be just about there. OK, so you were not able to go on the trip (you had other priorities like Jambo, Camp or other things going on in the summer)... could you please do a good turn for these ranchers and make a donation?



We will have a collection box at the troop meetings until the week of Thanksgiving. The troop will consolidate our donations and write a check to one or more Local Charities. We are also exploring the possibility of a troop match.

Thank you for your help

Commit 2 Be Fit and the 2013 Hike Lake County Challenge!

Walk the trails of the Lake County Forest Preserves.

5th Walk: **Sunday, November 10th** at 1pm, **Millennium Trail**
(Fourth Lake),
Lake Villa (1.8 miles) *Park at the Operations and Public Safety Facility, 19808 W. Grand Avenue.*



6th Walk: **Sunday, November 24th** at 1pm, **Greenbelt, North Chicago** (1.4 miles) *On Green Bay Road, south of Route 120 and north of Route 137.*

Packs, Troops, Crews and Teams...all family members are welcome!
Hike Lake County signs will be posted at each location for a starting point.
I will be wearing my black/white Commit 2 Be Fit t-shirt.

I look forward to walking with you!

Cheri Blenniss
NEIC Fitness Coordinator
~ **Commit 2 Be Fit** ~
Cell# (847) 942-1804 call/text



The Timmins Family and
Boy Scout Troop 96 of Grayslake
cordially invite you to an
Eagle Scout Court of Honor
for **Nathan Timmins**

Please join us in the Community Room at the State Bank of the Lakes,
50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake, IL 60030
Saturday, November 23, 2013
2:00-3:30pm



the Scoutmaster's Corner
by Pat Klemens

- What a **fantastic month October 2013** was for Troop 96! We saw two of our Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout (Nathan Timmins on Oct 1 and Ethan De Keyser on Oct 23), we camped at beautiful Apple River Canyon and also joined in on the Jamboree on the Air, we celebrated the 30th year of Troop 96 in Grayslake, and we announced our 2014 camping calendar (Jan to August).
- THIS JUST IN: We have been awarded **one crew to go to Philmont** in 2015! Nine Scouts and three adults will have the chance to attend Scouting Paradise near Cimarron, NM. We're still hoping to add another crew, but won't know if it's possible until Dec 4. For now, do your research about the Philmont Scout Ranch and decide if you want to go.
- **Camping Plans through August 2014**
 - - 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
- **Troop Meeting Plans** are posted on the Troop Website through Dec 2.
- **Troop Leadership Training Completed** on Sunday, Nov3. XXXX Scouts from the PLC met and were trained in their responsibilities as the leaders of the troop. Your PLC learned about key leadership skills, including the importance of good communication. Further, we reviewed the practices of the EDGE method and Leave No Trace.
- Later this month, we'll be holding our BIG Webelos Invitational Campout. We expect Webelos Scouts from area Cub Scout packs to join us on the weekend before Thanksgiving. This year, we're back to Camp Ohdakota near Burlington, WI. The PLC

is already preparing for this big weekend of Scouting. We always have a good time showing the Webelos how we like to camp. Come on out and share a weekend of Scouting. Permission slips are due on Monday, November 11th along with your \$15 food money.

- Have a great Thanksgiving!
- You can always check out **the latest news** on Troop 96 and Scouting on our website: www.BoyScoutTroop96.com. Don't forget to register to get access to "troop-specific" information!

Eagle Court Of Honor for David Bryant

Saturday – November 30, 2013
 1:00 PM
 St Gilbert Chapel Hall



Christmas Wreath Sales

Wreaths will be delivered the Monday or Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Please be available to pick them up at St. Gilbert by the tree stand. We need them to be gone so they do not get mixed up with the Knights of Columbus. See Mrs. Wegner (dawnwegner@yahoo.com) or Mrs. Wehde if you have any questions.

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November 2013 Campout

The Troop heads to Camp OhDakota near Burlington, Wisconsin in November. This is our annual Webelos Invitational it should make for a fun campout. Our Scouts will host area Webelos, teach them about Boy Scouts and Boy Scout skills.

The signed permission slip is due on October 11th - no exceptions - along with \$15 cash for the purchase of food by the patrols.

When: Fri-Sun, Nov 15-17 Gather at St. Gilbert at 5:30PM
 Fri. Nov 15th! Webelos will join us Saturday morning and camp with us Saturday night.



BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP– Mystery Campout

SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS DUE: Monday, November 11, 2013

EVENT DATES: Friday, Nov 15 to Sunday, Nov 17, 2013

EVENT LOCATION: Camp Ohdakota near Burlington, Wisconsin

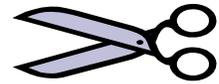
Meeting time: 5:30pm Friday afternoon – St. Gilbert Parking Lot

RETURN: approx 12:00 noon, Sun, Nov 17 (Call 847-223-7233 after 9AM for a better estimate)

EVENT COST: \$15/per scout for food. Payable to Patrol Leader

UNIFORM / CLOTHING: CLASS A UNIFORM for the drive and assemblies.

TRANSPORTATION: Adult leaders/parents will provide transportation.



BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP – Mystery Campout

EVENT DATES: Friday, Nov 15 – Sunday, Nov 17, 2013

EVENT LOCATION: Camp Ohdakota near Burlington, Wisconsin

DEPART: 5:30pm Friday afternoon – Church 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 ____/____/____