

# TROOP 96 GAZETTE

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## Scouting with Altitude – Air Fest 2014

By John McCall

Air Fest 2014 was an Aviation Camporee held at Lewis University Airport in Romeoville, Illinois the weekend of August 8-10, 2014. This scout event was the first of its kind in greater Northeastern Illinois area.

Scouts from across the country were invited to this Aviation themed event. The purpose of the event is to expose scouts, ages 8-21, to all that the field of aviation has to offer. Partnered with the university the organizers, from the Rainbow Council out of Morris Illinois, spent two years planning and organizing this event. The purpose was to expose the scouts to higher education as well as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and how both are essential to a career in aviation.

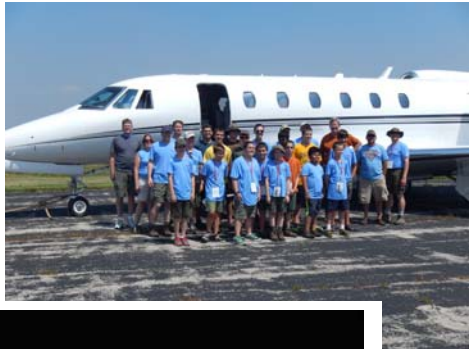
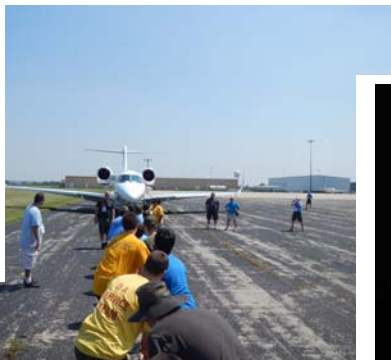
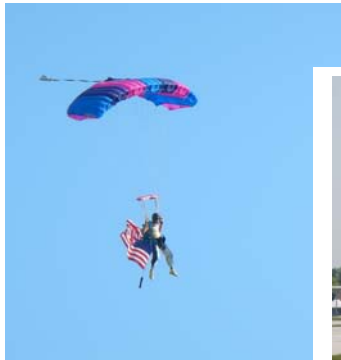
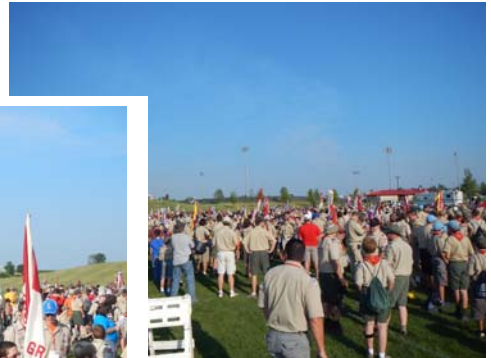


At AirFest 2014, Scouts built model rockets, got to sit in airplane cockpits and talk with pilots about aviation and all of its related fields, some even got the opportunity to experience an introductory flight in a private plane. Over the course of the event upwards of 3800 people flocked to the Lewis University campus. Attendance was close to 3300 Scouters and an additional 500 program partners, staffers and volunteers.

Troop 96 was one of only 8 units and only 3 Boy Scout units to be selected for the Tug-A-Plane event where scouts were invited to play tug of war with a Cessna Citation X private jet. Scouts camped on site, in tight quarters and shared a single dining fly to keep our camping footprint at a minimum.

The weekend concluded on Sunday. A Scout is "Reverent". Scouts were encouraged to attend either the Catholic Mass or the Non-denominational Worship Service at 8:30am on Sunday morning at AirFest.

View the photos on the next page to get a flavor of Air Fest 2014.



Scout participants:

Eric Ostick	Matthew D'Souza	Kevin Goger	Cameron Duffy
Spencer Boos	Thomas Hinckley	Christian Mack	Connor Harris
Joshua Ball	Alex Kagay	Nathan Cibula	Wilson Hines
Matthew Symonds Jr.	Rahil Verma	David Hoffman	
Luke Symonds	Andrew Goger	Ryan Mclenithan	

Adult Participants:

Dan Ostick	Joe Matthews	Greg Ball	Greg Goger
John Boos	Gerry D'Souza	Rose Marie Goger	Kevin Mack
Sharon Mack	Matthew Symonds Sr	Michael Hoffman	David Cibula

## Camping Plan Schedule

- - September 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: Shooting Sports at Bristol, Wisconsin Camping at VanPatten Woods
- - 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

### *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**

Philmont crews are formed and trek dates selected. 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.



Currently 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 this includes any scout from another Grayslake area Troop. A \$600 deposit will secure the spot.

## September 2013 Campout

The troop plans to camp this month at the youth campground at Van Patten Woods (close to the far northern end of the Des Plaines River Trail) near Russell, IL. This is a great site and one of our favorites. On Saturday, we will travel to the Conservation Club of Kenosha County (near Bristol) to participate in a day of Shooting Sports. There are additional fees for shooting.



**Remember permission slip and money for food \$15 is due on Sept 15.. No exceptions**

## Recharter with Troop 96

During September and October, all Scouts and Adult Leaders will be able to enroll for another year of great Scouting with Troop 96.

- \$51 per Scout (\$24.00 for national fee, \$12.00 for Boy's Life and \$15.00 dues)
- \$24 per Adult Leader

Families with two or more boys, pay \$39 for each boy after the first if they want to share the Boy's Life subscription. Payment by check is preferred and checks can be made out to Troop 96 or payment may be taken from the boys' Scout Accounts

**All money due ANY Monday from September 8 until October 27, 2014**

Questions??? Call Mrs. Rupprecht at 847.529.5897 or email at [ceterupp@aol.com](mailto: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. For any adult whose YPT expires in 2014, I would prefer that you complete the training by the **end of September**. The recharter process will not accept adults whose YPT expires in 2014. If you have completed health forms and training documentation, please bring them.

**Looking forward to another great Troop 96 year of Scouting**

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## **Christmas Wreath Sales**

Do some of the people you approach to purchase popcorn turn you down or say they have already purchased? Then turn that around and sell them one of our many holiday wreaths. Holiday wreath orders can be taken now. Pay attention to the announcements at Troop meetings to learn the best info about wreath sales and deliveries which are typically ready by Thanksgiving.







the Scoutmaster's Corner  
by Pat Klemens

**Our Summer Court of Honor** was very successful. A total of 28 rank advancements plus 114 Merit Badges were presented to our Scouts in front of a standing room only Chapel Hall. Charlie A and Jacob S did a fine job as our emcees for the evening. As always, Mrs. Judge organized all the awards, regalia, paperwork and computer files to ensure a perfect production. Well done to all award recipients and thanks to everyone who made it happen!

**Our September campout** will be held on the weekend of Sept 19-21. As was decided at our Annual Planning Meeting, we will be camping at the Youth Campground on Russell Road near Sterling Lake Forest Preserve. On Saturday, we will travel to Bristol Wisconsin and the Conservation Club of Kenosha for a day of shooting sports. More details at troop meetings and our website shortly.

Our schedule for **upcoming monthly campouts** is as follows:

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| <b>September 19-21</b>           | <b>Camping at Van Patten Woods near Russell, IL. Activity is Shooting Sports at Bristol Range.</b>   |
| <b>October 17-19 (see below)</b> | <b>Camping at Channahon State Park on Friday, McKinley Woods on Saturday. Activities include bike-packing, backpacking &amp; a Civil War Re-enactment.</b>                 |
| <b>November 14-16</b>            | <b>Camping at Oh-Da-Ko-Ta Scout Camp near Burlington, WI. This is our annual Wild Webelos Weekend, an invitational campout for area Webelos to see how Troop 96 camps.</b> |
| <b>December</b>                  | <b>No Camping</b>  |

**Upcoming Opportunities to Give Service** to our Community:

- \* St. Gilbert Parish Picnic Set up and Take down: Sept 13 at 12 noon and 10P
- \* PADS Setup: United Protestant Church in GL on Oct 2, Nov 6 and Dec 4 at 4:45p
- \* Almond Road Clean up – Oct 4 at 9A at Warren Township Park (rain date 10-25)

**October Camping:**

Although it's still a few weeks away, this event will be one you won't want to miss. We will travel on Friday night and camp at Channahon State Park. On Saturday, we will leave behind our cars and non-essentials to travel to our Saturday night location along the Des Plaines River at McKinley Woods. Along the way, we will stop at the Dollinger Farm for their annual Civil War Re-enactment. We may also have the chance to eat with one of the armies on the field (beans and hard-tack, Mmm good). Scouts will choose to either hike or bike on Saturday. Bikers can certainly travel further along the I&M Canal if they would like. Total hiking distance is less than 11 miles (6.9 to the Farm, then about 3.5 to the campsite on the river). On Sunday, we will either return to the cars or have the cars shuttled to us.

Our troop will hold our semi-annual **Senior Patrol Leader election** on September 15. The new SPL will appoint all new Troop Positions. Patrols will have time during the meeting to re-organize their structures.

It hardly seems possible, but we will begin the **2015 Re-charter** Process this September. In other words, it's time to sign up for another great year of Scouting! All adults who re-register with the troop must have current Youth Protection Training on file or you will not be allowed to register for 2015

**Training opportunities:**

- OKPIK (Cold weather training for Scouts and adults) – Classroom sessions will be held on Nov 2, 16, and Dec 7. The outdoor experience will be held on the weekend of Jan 3-4, 2015. Register at NEIC.org
- Council Training Day will be held on Oct 25, 2014. Check the NEIC website for all the class schedule and to register.

**Check out the Troop Website anytime to get the latest troop information.**

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## 2014 ANNUAL POPCORN SALE



Hello everyone, it's that time again time for popcorn. If you are in need of a sales sheet you can contact Mr. Symonds @[847-543-1080](tel:847-543-1080), there are a few thing this year, for all \$1000.00 sellers will be entered into a drawing for two Chicago Blackhawks Tickets, we have a few dates to let you know about.

### SEPTEMBER

[Sept 8th \(Monday\) 6:30 PM](#) Popcorn sales meeting (Chapel Hall)

[Sept 11th \(Thursday\)](#) Popcorn delivery to [111 W. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030](#)

[Sept 11th & 12th](#) (Thursday and Friday) Scout popcorn Pick-up at [111 W, Belvidere Rd. Grayslake](#) (Symonds Lakes Funeral Home) ( NO POPCORN WILL BROUGHT TO CHAPEL HALL)

[Sept 13th \(Saturday\)](#) Popcorn sale starts

### OCTOBER

[Oct 1st \(Wednesday\) 6:00 PM](#) Popcorn Sales Rally ( all Scouts selling popcorn are welcome to attend ) at the College of Lake County. Featuring Extreme Whipcracker: Adam Winrich

[Oct 26th \(Sunday\)](#) Troop 96 Super Sunday ALL POPCORN AND MONIES DUE BACK TO Mr. Symonds

if you have any questions please call Mr. Symonds [\(847\) 543-1080](tel:847-543-1080)

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## BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP– September Campout

**SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS DUE:** Monday, Sept 15, 2014

**EVENT DATES:** Friday, Sept 19 to Sunday, Sept 21, 2014

**EVENT LOCATION:** Camping at Van Patten Woods Youth Campground near Russell, IL;  
activity at Kenosha Conservation Club in Bristol, WI: Shooting Sports

**Meeting time:** 5:30 PM on Friday, Sept 19 – St. Gilbert Parking Lot

**RETURN:** approx 10:30 PM, Sunday, Sept 21 (Call 847-223-7233 after 9AM for a better estimate)

**EVENT COST:** \$15 for food + fees for ropes course. Payable in cash on Sept 15 troop meeting.

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

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

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**DEPART:** 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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_