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Camping in Spring!?

By Pat Klemens

*The seasons were changing (or so we were told),
"The weather's improving; it's no longer cold."
And so when we gathered all ready to rock.
We didn't expect that the news was a crock.*

*And so our adventure began in the rain,
We thought that the weekend would be a big pain,
"Ha ha," we all laughed as we drove in our cars.
The rain had now stopped and we all saw the stars.*

*We drove through the camp and we saw lots of snow,
We knew that the plans we had made had to go.
Although it was true that there was some snow melt
It was up to our knees - and not to our belt.*

*Our trailer was parked on some ice, off the road
Just in case, on Sunday, it had to be towed.
The gear was hauled out and placed onto a tarp
In only two hours our camp looked so sharp.*

*To keep our feet warm through the long winter's night
We used heated bottles with caps screwed on tight.
So Friday was done as we cinched up our sacks,
We beat back the weather despite its attacks.*

*The sky went from black to a shade of mid-grey
And so we got up to begin Saturday.
The temp was so cold that the water had froze.
The plan for today was to safeguard our toes.*

*The Scouts went to work and they cooked up their food,
Warm meals do wonders to improve the mood.
With pancakes and sausage and toast and some eggs,
Our stomachs were warm now as well as our legs.*

*With breakfast all done and our camp looking right
We assembled the troop, Oh my, what a sight!
Who was who? I don't know! I could not see their faces.
We were covered up well and so off to the races.*

*The plan was to go for a hike around Crown
Not easy to do when you're dressed like a clown.
We first headed east but we had to stop soon
Because we had walked to the Old Spanish ruins.*

*We hiked and began to get warm and to sweat,
That's not a good thing when it's cold, you can bet.
We took a few breaks, got our bearings, looked down.
We saw there were tracks that had froze in the ground.*

*With Nick in the lead and his eyes on the map,
The troop from the front to the rear had a gap.
He lead us quite safe from the east to the west
And soon we were back at the place that's the best.*

*"It's time for some lunch!" you could hear the Scouts scream.
We thought it was ready, but that was a dream.
We got out the stoves and prepared our creations
And ate the best food in at least seven nations!*

*The day did not warm and in fact it got colder,
We started a fire and allowed it to smolder.
The light and the temps each began to go lower
I'm sure that the troop had begun to move slower.*

*We paused to say Grace and we each bowed our head.
We said a short prayer then we went to break bread.
We'd cooked up a feast for the whole troop to share.
I said to myself what they'd done was so rare.
Young men, known as Scouts, can do much in the cold.*

*I saw with my eyes what was worth more than gold.
 Each Scout met the challenge that Nature had thrown:
 I saw in the process how each Scout had grown.*

*And there is my story and it's not a good poem-
 But you might get another if when I leave home.
 Cuz the campout in April had better not storm,
 And it's gotta be bright and it's gotta be warm.*

Scouts Participating:

Alex Tamulaitis	Andrew Goger	Christian Mack	Dakota Andelman
August Andelman	David Campbell	Matt Symonds	Joey Cambio
Zach Levy	Brandon Nitto (1 night)	Eric Ostick	Josua Marks
Nick Knight	Kyle Judge (1 night)	Jacob Stutzman	Ryan Robb
	Bryan Wehde (day only)		

Adults Participating:

Pat Klemens	John McCall	Dave Jacks	Kevin Mack
Steve Cambio	Mike Grezsik	Craig Levy	Todd Nitto
Dan Ostick	Tom Robb		



April Campout

Date: April 19-21

Time: Meet at Saint Gilbert parking lot at 5:30 PM Friday
 Afternoon April 19 be prepared for any weather.

Camp Location: Van Patten Woods group campsite north of Russell Road, Wadsworth, IL

Activity: "Anything that Flies" We will be tent camping and We'll be flying R/C planes, high performance drones, launching rockets, throwing Frisbees - and maybe visiting an area airport.

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





Scoutmaster's Corner by Pat Klemens

Our **March campout at Camp Crown** was a terrific outing. While the calendar *suggested* it was Spring, that was only a suggestion. We experienced true winter conditions: snow on the ground and temperatures barely above freezing during the day and closer to 20° at night. Nevertheless, 19 Scouts and adults enjoyed a great weekend and had a fantastic Saturday night feast with Corned Beef and Cabbage, Black Swamp Pasta and delicious Chicken and Dumplings.

Our April outing (4/19-21) we'll celebrate "**Anything that Flies**" at Van Patten Woods near Russell, IL. We'll launch rockets, fly R/C planes, put up kites and throw Frisbees: anything that flies! Be sure to attend the April 8 meeting to build a rocket (only \$5). If you already have a rocket, feel free to bring it and "tune it up."

Plan to join your fellow Scouts on April 13 at 9AM to **Clean-up Almond Road** from Washington Street to Gages Lake. We'll meet at the Warren Township parking lot. Bring gloves and clothing appropriate for the weather.

All Scouts with Troop Positions: Mark Your Calendars for **Troop Leadership Training** on Friday evening, April 29 at 6:30P. You'll learn the in's and out's of troop operations and a few good leadership skills, too. Watch the Gazette for location and more information. Oh, it's fun, too. Be there.

Last Thursday (March 27), we helped at St. Gilbert with a lighting of the procession after **Holy Thursday** services. We had a good turnout and want to thank everyone who came out during the brisk evening to Light the Way!

It's hard to believe during these cold spring weeks that we'll be heading to summer camp in just a few 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, our **MaKaJaWan** reservation guru, is already working on another summer in the Great Northwoods of Wisconsin. Grab all the information and get your deposit in **now** at any troop meeting. Fees will go up shortly.

Spaghetti Dinner - Save the Date: Saturday, May 4. We'll be serving from 4p to 7p. Ticket sales have started. We expect every Scout to sell at least six tickets. (And we have new ticket sales prize incentives, too, this year.) Plan to be there – it'll be great. As our Big Noodle, Dan Ostick says, "May the Fourth Be With You!" Any questions see Mr. Ostick.

Troop 96 will embark on "**The Big Trip**" from June 15th through the 23rd. The Troop will travel on this 9-day trip to Minnesota, Wyoming and South Dakota. We will be staying luxurious camps: all will have running water, toilets, showers and during four days we'll have a swimming pool. 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. We also will be announcing a short list of merit badge opportunities for the trip shortly.

This whirlwind trip is available for the low, low price of just \$325 per person! All family members are invited to join us. We currently have 50+ people signed up and expect more to come, but we're cutting it off soon. First deposits of \$75 per person are due now. This is a non-refundable deposit. All subsequent payments are returnable if you need to cancel. This will be a trip to remember for a lifetime. Please come join us!

Scouting for Food is BSA's annual nationwide service project to collect food for the nation's food pantries. This year our troop collected 45 large bags of food. We delivered it to the St. Gilbert Food Pantry and added our contribution to the nationwide total. Thank you, Scouts!

If you've been on the troop website recently, you may have noticed our **On-Line Troop Library**. You can find a collection of articles that cover a diverse group of important topics, like

- [Quick Start Guide to the Troop](#)
- [What does a new member need to know about the troop?](#)
- [How Does Advancement Work?](#)
- [How do Scout Accounts work?](#)
- [How does the Merit Badge program work?](#)
- [What Do Adults Do on Campouts?](#)
- [What Makes a Trained Leader?](#)
- [How do the Tech Guidelines Work?](#)
- [How does Life-to-Eagle work?](#)
- [How can I improve my SAT/ACT score?](#)
- [How to Plan an Eagle Court of Honor](#)

New **Communication** tools are here *and* planned. You can follow the troop on Twitter (www.twitter.com/GLtroop96) and soon you'll see a new design to our Troop website, too.

Our local contingent heading to the **2013 National Jamboree** held at the Bechtel Summit in West Virginia. Wanna go? There are still a few openings. Contact Mr. K for all the details – but hurry. The Jamboree will be held from July 15-24th!



Annual Troop Planning Meeting

The Annual Troop Planning Meeting will be held at the Grayslake Village Hall on Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 am until noon.

This is the most important meeting of the Scouting year! All activities for the next 15 months will be discussed and be decided upon at this meeting. If there is anything you would like to see included in the Troop calendar for the next year this is the meeting to come to and express your wishes.

All members of the PLC are expected to attend this meeting.

All members of the Troop are invited and encouraged to attend.

Check out the Troop Website – www.boyscouttroop96.com

April Meeting Plan SPL: Bryan Wehde Scribe: Jonathan W. Lewis

<p>April 1st: Monday Special Presentation: Mr. Dave Oberg from the Grayslake Heritage Center & Museum will share his special presentation at this Monday's troop meeting about Lincoln and life as it was in the mid-1800's.</p>	<p>April 8th: Monday Rocket Building, Ethan DeKeyser. and Nathan Cibula for instruction on Rocket Building (Skill Session) Game : Flip the Tarp.</p>
<p>April 15th: Monday Camp out prep. Skill Session : Aviation Power Points by Aviation Counselor (Backup will be by Kyle Judge) Game : Ameba move. ((Saran wrap will be needed. Lots of it.))</p>	<p>April 19th – 21st Campout "Anything that Flies" Van Patten Woods - Wadsworth, IL</p>
<p>April 22nd: Monday Skill Session : Biking by a bike shop guy ((Back up will be Mr. Robb)) Game : Knots Kim's Game</p>	<p>April 29th: Monday Skill Session : Sanitation by the county ((Back up will be Spencer boos, and Nathan Timmans, Will be going over the First Class Requirements.)) Game : Overtake.</p>

Next PLC Meeting April 23rd - Troop position 26th of April, 6-9:30 - Leadership Training ILST. ((More info to come))



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

The Troop 96 April Campout will take place on April 19-21, 2013 at Van Patten Woods near Russell, IL. The troop will gather at the StG parking lot on Friday at 5:30 p.m. Basic Camping Skills will be reinforced; however, aviation-related fun will be our primary activities.

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 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 April 19-21, 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.
