

# TROOP 96 GAZETTE

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## Scouts Storm the Frozen Seas on Ice Boats

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January the Troop 96 scouts headed North to the home of cold and snow. Setting camp at Big Foot State Park they avoided the cave of the Yetti and set up tents to stay the night. Nearby Lake Geneva would provide the seaway for the sailing of the Troop 96 armada; well a four boat armada anyway. Here are some of the photos that document the experience.

The Ice Boats were built as a troop meeting activity over the last month; it was time to put them to the test.





### ***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.





## Looking for High Adventure.

Troop 96 has secured two treks to the Philmont Scout Ranch for summer of 2015. Two Crews of up to 9 scouts and 3 leaders each are available. The treks are scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup> thru July 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a high adventure activity that requires about one full year of preparation. Costs for the trek, transportation and meals enroute are estimated at \$1400. A deposit of \$100 is required as soon as possible no later than March 17, 2014. A selection criterion, should it be needed, will be established to determine the composition of the treks. Get your deposit in as soon as possible.

All scouts should be First class or above. The minimum age required to attend Philmont is 14 by July 17<sup>th</sup>. There are height/weight limits for the health and safety of participants. Philmont medical requirements must be met. See Mr. McCall or Mr. Klemens if interested.



### February 2013 Campout

The Troop will camp two nights February 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> at Indian Mounds Scout Reservation near Oconomoc in Wisconsin. Friday Feb. 21st, we'll meet at St. Gilbert's parking lot at 5:30 pm. On Saturday we will spend the day tubing and skiing at Sunburst Ski area near Kewaskum. Permission slips and \$15 food money plus activity fees and waivers are due on Monday, Feb 17 (no exceptions).





the Scoutmaster's Corner  
by Pat Klemens

We will **cabin camp two nights** at Indian Mounds Scout Reservation near Oconomoc, WI on Feb 21-23. On Saturday, we'll spend the day tubing and skiing at Sunburst Ski area near Kewaskum. Permission slips and \$15 food money plus activity fees and waivers are due on Monday, Feb 17 (no exceptions).

◆ We held our **Winter Court of Honor** on January 27. What a fantastic night (despite the brutal cold)! Great Scouting was on display that night: Scouts earning rank and merit badges, Adults earning Woodbadge beads, special recognitions for Scouts and adults and a [video of the Troop in 2013](#). Our annual Friends of Scouting was held and the results were absolutely amazing. Thanks to everyone who makes our troop go and go!

◆ **Troop Guides** will participate in specific training for their position on Saturday, February 8 at 1 pm in the StG Chapel Hall.

◆ There will be an organizational meeting of our troop's **new Order of the Arrow Service Team** in the next few weeks. Watch the Troop Website for details. All members of the OA will come together for pizza and planning!

◆ We have a fantastic opportunity to travel to the mountains of New Mexico and Scouting's **Philmont Scout Ranch in 2015**. If you are interested in attending, you will need to make a \$100 non-refundable deposit on or before Feb 17. Estimated total costs should not exceed \$1400 (limited camperships are available for demonstrated financial need).

◆ This is the **Crossover Season**: new Scouts begin joining our troop in late February. We have 15-18 Webelos Scouts joining us from area packs! Crossovers will take place on Feb 9, 15 and 22. Be a Good Scout and welcome our newest members with a smile and a handshake.

◆ **Do you have a friend that you'd like to have in the troop?** Tell him about our troop, show him our 2013 video on YouTube and offer to pick him up and bring him to a meeting. We'd love to have every boy in Grayslake join Scouting and enjoy all the things we do!

- ◆ The troop plans to send four “seasoned” Scouts to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan for **National Youth Leadership Training**. Training is held June 15-21. Interested Scouts should contact Mr. Klemens no later than March 1 for consideration. We will make our selection no later than April 30. The troop splits the \$260 cost of this training 50:50 with the selected Scouts.
  
- ◆ It’s not too soon to be thinking about summer camp at our Council’s beautiful **Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan**. We will be at camp for two weeks (July 6-12 and 13-19). You can choose the first, the second or both weeks (new Scouts go the first week only). We estimate the cost for camp and transportation to be about \$310/week. Full details will be posted on the troop website as soon as we have the final information from Council. (Limited camperships are available to help send Scouts to camp who may need financial assistance.)
  
- ◆ The Northeast Illinois Council will celebrate this year’s top volunteers on Wednesday, March 12. Our own **Mr. Kevin Wehde will be presented the prestigious Silver Beaver Award** that night. Please register at the NEIC.org site and join us for Mr. Wehde’s recognition.
  
- ◆ On the subject of **adult recognition**: in addition to Mr. Wehde’s award, the following adults have been recognized for their considerable contribution to Scouting and our troop:
  - Mr. Dan Ostick, the troop’s Silver Acorn recipient,
  - Mr. Kevin Rupprecht and Mr. John McCall, the Key Scouter Award
  - Recipients of our troop’s Spirit of Scouting Award include: Mr. Scott Timmins, Mrs. Sherry Judge, Mrs. Karen White, Mr Vyt Tamuliatis and Mr. Matthew Symonds,
  - Mrs. Cheri Blenniss was recognized as Cubmaster of the Year by our District.
  
- ◆ Adults interested in learning more about **Wood Badge Training** should plan to attend the Wood Badge Breakfast on Feb 22 at 9 AM at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Libertyville. It’s a fantastic experience (ask anyone who’s been there). As an added incentive, when you complete the course, the troop will reimburse you for half the cost!
  
- ◆ The troop will elect a **new Senior Patrol Leader** in early March. All other Troop positions will also be re-set. If you are interested in the SPL position, please see Mr. Klemens before the end of February.
  
- ◆ The **Troop Committee** will meet Thursday, February 13 at 7 pm at the Grayslake Area Public Library.
  
- ◆ The **troop’s website** ([www.boyscouttroop96.com](http://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.



## TROOP GUIDE TRAINING

Troop 96 is holding troop guide training on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> at the St. Gilbert Chapel Hall from 1:30PM to 3:30PM. All scouts that are will be Troop guides for the new scouts that will be joining us over the next month or so should plan to attend.

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## Camping Plan Schedule

- - 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
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## Troop Activity Schedule

- - Feb 8th : 1:30PM – 3:30PM Troop guide Training at St. Gilbert Chapel Hall
- - Feb 10th: 7:00PM Troop Meeting at St. Gilbert Chapel Hall
- - Feb 13th: 7:00PM Troop Committee Meeting at Grayslake Public Library
- - Feb 17th: 7:00PM Troop Meeting at St. Gilbert Chapel Hall (Campout Planning)
- - Feb 21<sup>st</sup> -23rd: Indian Mounds Scout Reservation, west of Milwaukee. (Cabin Camping)  
Activity: Skiing & Tubing
- - Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00AM – 10:30AM Wood Badge Breakfast, Holy Cross Church, Libertyville
- - Feb 24th: 7:00PM Troop Meeting at St. Gilbert Chapel Hall
- - Feb 25<sup>th</sup>: 7:00PM Patrol Leaders Council Meeting Kyle's house





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# BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP– Skiing and Snow Tubing Campout

**SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS DUE:** Monday, February 17, 2014

**EVENT DATES:** Friday, Feb 21 to Sunday, Feb 23, 2014

**EVENT LOCATION:** Cabin Camping at Indian Mounds Scout Reservation, Oconomowoc, WI

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

**RETURN:** approx 1:00 PM, Sunday, Feb 23 (Call 847-223-7233 after 9AM for a better estimate)

**EVENT COST:** \$15/per scout for food. Payable in cash to the Patrol Leader on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Additional fees and waivers for skiing and tubing.

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

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



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**DEPART:** 5:30 pm Friday – 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 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_