

# TROOP 96 GAZETTE

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## ***luxurious*** Winter Weekend at Camp Crown

By Pat Klemens, Scoutmaster

We all know how winter is around here. We live it nine months out of the year, sometimes ten ;)

As a result, we spend a lot of time working on our winter camping skills. When we go camping in winter, we can be sure to be comfortable despite the weather.

Imagine our disappointment to discover that our January campout was going to happen on the warmest January weekend in years. What? You don't believe we were disappointed not to be able to sleep on pack ice as the wind blasts us with ice pellets? You think we'd rather stay inside and sleep while only venturing out for the occasional snow fort project or sledding down the hills? Well, ask the Troop 96 campers and they'll tell you: it was luxurious to camp in January when it's warm and you've got the Jadel Center almost all to yourselves!

We gathered in the StG parking lot on Friday evening. We always hope to have everyone in the parking lot no later than 5:30, but Lake County traffic can make for tough travels. Once we were finally assembled, Acting SPL Nick G made sure we were ready to go. With the trailer and cars loaded up, we merged into Lake County traffic for the short trip to Wilmot, Wisconsin.

Once at Crown, we began the usual task of setting up, but in a most unusual way. All Scouts, as well as a couple of adults, were making arrangements to "camp" inside. Three adults chose to camp outside. Everyone set up tents, even those inside. In no time, our room at Crown was set up with tables and chairs on one end for our meals and meetings, while the other side sprouted green nylon tents. It looked good. With setup complete, it was time for



Cracker Barrel and board games. Two epic battles of Risk were started on Friday evening (and wouldn't be completed till Saturday night).

As the clock approached 10 pm, we all headed to our tents. Those of us outside found the conditions pretty unusual for January: the temperature was about 32 degrees with clear skies and no wind plus a forecast for temperatures to increase before dawn. Everyone slept well.

At 6am, we rose to begin our full Saturday. After preparing breakfast on our outdoor kitchens, we headed back inside for session straight from the Okpik Cold Weather Camping Course. Mr. Wehde and capable youth trainer, Jackie Timmins, came to Crown to share with the Scouts their extensive knowledge about cold weather camping. They reviewed sleep systems, retort cooking, layering and more. In more than three hours of training, the Scouts got a ton of practical information.

In the afternoon, the Scouts decided to take advantage of the limited snow on the ground. They went sledding (using a sled fashioned from plywood), had a friendly snowball fight and romped around the hills of Crown. Despite temperatures near 40 and bright sunshine, there still was enough of winter at camp to have a great time.



As the sun began to set, the two Scout patrols and the adult patrol began to prepare dinner. Strange and hearty concoctions were created to warm our innards. (It helped that we also ate our meals inside at real tables.)

The PLC met in the early evening to plan the Sunday departure, including take-down, trailer loading and the interfaith service. We held an interesting "indoor" campfire and shared our thoughts as we do with Rose-Bud-Thorn. By 8 o'clock, the high stakes games of Risk were in full operation. Several mild-mannered Scouts had become warlords and conquerors. At 10, the world order was restored and it was lights out.

Sunday dawned, as predicted! We were up and at 'em quickly, with a variety of breakfast odors wafting through the air. In some form or fashion, eggs, bacon, sausage, bagels, cheese, biscuits, and more were transformed through skill and fire into hearty meals.

Eric O took on loading the trailer while Nick G made sure the Jadel Center was looking good. Our Chaplain's Aides (Will D, Joey C and Thomas H) organized a short service and reflection for us to consider our blessings and give thanks. The camp ranger said

we were good to go, so off we went! We headed south to unload the gear and then to the luxury of homes (and our showers).



Scouts participating in the January Campout:

Andrew Oelschlager	Jo Tamulaitis	Mitchell Garcia	Nathan Cibula
Andrew Goger	Joey Cambio	Nick Grzesik	Eric Ostick
William DeKeyser	Thomas Hinkley		

Adults Participating in the January Campout:

Dan Ostick	Vyt Tamulaitis	Dave Cibula	Steve Cambio
Pat Klemens			

## Febuary 2015 Campout

The Troop will camp Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>th</sup>. We will be Cabin Camping at Indian Mounds Scout Reservation, Oconomowoc, WI we'll meet at St. Gilbert's parking lot at 5:30 pm. Friday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Activities will be Skiing and Tubing at Sunburst Ski Area near Kewaskum, Wisconsin. Permission slips and \$15 food money for the campout are due on Monday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> (no exceptions).

Additional fees as follows:

SKIING: \$30 for lift ticket, \$8 for Ski or Snowboard rental, \$5 for Helmet, \$10 for Lesson (if needed)

TUBING: \$19 for 3 hour session

Scouts can bring their own equipment for skiing or snowboarding HOWEVER a helmet is required for either activity.



# I SUPPORT

Last Monday night we initiated the Troop 96 Friends of Scouting campaign in true Troop 96 tradition. We again reached a new presentation night high for pledges. With all of the pledges reported to date, we have a total of \$13400 pledged against a goal of \$9500.

I want to thank all of those who have pledged thus far for their generosity. It was truly a 'First Class' effort. We received back a total of 45 cards. If yours was not among them we have until April 30 to complete our campaign. As of now we are eligible for a credit of \$670 in Council services and supplies. This will continue to grow at a rate of 5% of pledges until April 30. Your support will help guarantee that we have more stories such as Brian's that I shared last night. With our Troop and Council it is a good chance that it will be your son the next time.

On the troop website under Documents is a fillable PDF pledge card form if you did not get one. Be sure to indicate if your employer matches and that your pledge should be credited to North Star Troop 96. It can be returned to me via email at: [kevin.rupprecht@abbott.com](mailto:kevin.rupprecht@abbott.com)

Yours in Scouting,  
Kevin Rupprecht  
Troop 96 Chartered Organization Representative

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## ***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 have two open youth spots, if any eligible scout would like to attend please let Mr. McCall know. The full cost is \$1400 plus personal gear. To be eligible you need to be 14 and first class by July. Scouts need not from Troop 96, but should be available for crew training activities.

*The next payment is due Feb 2nd, for most participants that is a \$500 payment, all participants should have paid \$1100 by Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you want to know where your account stands please see Mr. McCall.*

Participants both youth and adult should be getting their medical forms completed in the next few months. Here are the Philmont Medical requirements.

### **HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD Requirement**

Every camper and Advisor is required to have a medical evaluation within twelve (12) months of their participation date by a physician licensed to practice medicine. An examination conducted by a physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner will be recognized for states where they may perform physical examinations to students enrolled in public school systems. The BSA Annual Health and Medical Record must be used.

This form is available through our website, [www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping.aspx](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/Camping.aspx) or [www.scouting.org/Home/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Home/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx). Philmont is mailing three copies of this new Annual Health and Medical Record, to each of point of contact. Advisors are to collect completed forms for each participant, Parts A, B and C, and make sure a copy of the participant's Health Insurance Card is attached. These forms will be turned into the infirmary upon arrival at Philmont which is part of Day One's processing.

Philmont Scout Ranch Supplemental Information should be read by each participant and parent or guardian, if under 18 years of age, and shared with the medical provider completing the medical evaluation. The Supplemental Information contains helpful information and interpretation.

*An individual should always contact the family physician first and call Philmont at 575.376.2281 if there is a question about the advisability of participation. Philmont's chief medical officer and other medical staff of the Health Lodge reserve the right to make medical decisions regarding the participation of individuals at Philmont.*

*Crews should elect their crew chiefs as soon as possible now.*

Crew Chief (or Crew Leader, one youth crew member): The Crew Chief, or Crew Leader, is a youth member elected by the youth members of the crew. The success of the trek is absolutely dependent on the Crew Chief. The Crew Chief provides leadership for the crew members and is **accountable** for all crew activity. The Crew Chief supports all crew members in executing their assignments. The Chief makes certain the crew is healthy, clean, safe, and eating good food. The Chief also makes certain the crew accurately navigates the backcountry of Northern New Mexico, and is on time and on schedule. And *most of all, the Chief establishes a social environment that guarantees all crew members an exciting and fun adventure.* In the language of Scouting, the Crew Chief is a "Servant Leader".

Note carefully the use of the word "accountable" as opposed to "responsible." The "responsible" crew member has the duty to accomplish a task. The Crew Chief who is "accountable" provides the leadership to make certain the task is completed by the "responsible" members. The crew counts on the "a-count-able" person to know all is well.

Crews also need to review and make choices on their preferred itinerary and activities we will need to submit them around March 1<sup>st</sup>. First, second and third choices need to be made. Use 2014 itineraries on the Philmont web site to help you make your

*"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only option you have left"*

**February Meeting Plan**

Scribe: Kevin G.

<p><b><u>Monday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retort Cooking – David H.</li> <li>• Pancake Flipping Game             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pancakes Provided by Cameron D.</li> <li>○ Run by Andrew G.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Monday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup></u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strains, Sprains, and Breaks First Aid – David H.</li> <li>• Stretcher Relay – Joey C.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Monday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup></u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strains, Sprains, and Breaks First Aid – David H.</li> <li>• Stretcher Relay – Joey C.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Saturday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup></u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Troop guide training, St Gilbert Chapel Hall, 12 noon to 4PM all those who have volunteered to be guides should attend.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>February Campout, Feb. 20th – 22nd</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping at Indian Mounds Scout Reservation, Snow sports Tubing, Skiing and Snowboarding at Sunburst</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Make it or Break It; First Aid Meet: Sat. March 7</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5 cost- \$6 after Feb. 1</li> <li>• \$8 day of</li> </ul>	

activities that they and their patrols would like to do at future meetings. ***The next PLC meeting will be 7pm date to be determined.***



the Scoutmaster's Corner  
by Pat Klemens

We will **cabin camp two nights** at Indian Mounds Scout Reservation near Oconomoc, WI on Feb 20-22. 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 16 (no exceptions). Fees for skiing and tubing are as follows: For Skiing: \$30 for a lift ticket, \$8 for Ski or Snowboard rental, \$5 for Helmet, \$10 for Lesson (if needed). For Tubing, it is \$19 for a 3-hour session. Scouts can bring their own equipment for skiing or snowboarding but a helmet is required for either activity.

◆ We held our **Winter Court of Honor** on January 26. What a fantastic night! 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 2014 (available on our website (or at <http://youtu.be/MqWejUjI2RA>). 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, Feb 14 from noon to four at St. Gilbert's Chapel Hall.

◆ This is the **Crossover Season**: new Scouts begin joining our troop in late February. We have up to 22 Webelos Scouts joining us from area packs! Crossovers will take place in February and early March. 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 2014 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 will send four "seasoned" Scouts to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan for **National Youth Leadership Training**. Scouts Matthew Symonds, Nick Grzesik, Nathan Cibula and Hunter McDowell will represent our troop next summer for this week-long training class.

◆ 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 5-11 and 12-18). 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 (final price will be posted soon). 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 that may need financial assistance.) Oh,

and we always need parents to join us for a week at camp, especially our first week.

◆ The North Star District will celebrate this year's top volunteers on Saturday, Feb 7. Our own **Mrs. Cheri Blenniss** will be presented the District Award of Merit that night.

◆ On the subject of adult recognition, **Mr. David Cibula** is the troop's Silver Acorn recipient for 2015. The Silver Acorn is the highest recognition a unit can present to one of its members. Well done and thanks!

◆ Scout Sunday is on Feb 8 at 12-noon Mass at St. Gilbert's Church. We will recognize those Scouts who have recently completed their Catholic faith awards. We encourage all Scouts to participate in Scout Sunday wherever they may worship.

◆ The troop will elect a **new Senior Patrol Leader** in early March. All other Troop positions will also be re-appointed by the new SPL. If you are interested in the SPL position, please see Mr. Klemens before the end of February.

◆ The **Troop Committee** will meet Thursday, February 12 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Grayslake Area Public Library. All Scout parents are invited.

◆ Adults interested in learning more about **Wood Badge Training** should plan to attend the Wood Badge Breakfast on Feb 28 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'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.

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### ***Scout Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2015***

Scouts are encouraged to attend their place of worship in uniform. Scouts who are members of St. Gilbert, should attend mass in uniform, we will meet at church before the 12 Noon - mass.

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## **Camping Plan Schedule**

- - February 20-22: Skiing, Snowboarding, and Tubing at Sunburst in Kewaskum WI, Cabin
- - March 20-22: New scout training at Camp Lakota near Woodstock. We will get the Gould Shelter (open shelter) in case in turns rainy
- - April 17-19: Horseback Riding, likely near Kettle Moraine in Wisconsin
- - May 15-17: Bike-riding trip, location pending
- - June 19-20: Kayaking Trip, location pending

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Call before 9 pm

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

**SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS DUE:** Monday, February 16, 2015

**EVENT DATES:** Friday, Feb 20 to Sunday, Feb 22, 2015

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

**Meeting time:** No later than 5:30 pm Friday– St. Gilbert Parking Lot

**RETURN:** approx 1:00 PM, Sunday, Feb 22 (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 16<sup>th</sup>. Also due are activity fees: For Skiing: \$30 for lift ticket, \$8 for Ski or Snowboard rental, \$5 for Helmet , \$10 for Lesson (if needed). For Tubing, \$19 for 3-hour session. Scouts can bring their own equipment for skiing or snowboarding but a helmet is required for either activity.

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



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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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_