

TROOP 96 GAZETTE

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BANG ! BANG !

By John Boos

Sunshine welcomed Troop 96 at 5:30 on Friday, 9/19, when we gathered to get ready for our shooting sports weekend. After our gear check -- "raingear, water bottles everyone?," we were on our way to our group campsite at Van Patten Woods. After a pleasant drive, the three scout patrols and one adult patrol got busy unloading the trailer and setting up their patrol sites. Dining flies, kitchens, and tents went up quickly in the daylight, and everyone enjoyed cracker barrel with their patrols. Then the troop turned in for a fine evening rest.



On Saturday morning, stoves were running, scouts got water from the hand pump near the adult patrol, and soon everyone was enjoying a tasty breakfast in our oak-rimmed meadow campground. The scouts quickly dispatched KP and we were on the road to the Bristol Conservation

Club shooting range, this time to the primitive area. The scouts were eager to get started, and were attentive as the range safety officer gave the safety rules for the range, and the firearm safety review.

The boys had a chance to use different types of rifles, with scopes, with open sights, and with different types of actions. With close supervision, each boy became familiar with the different type in order to use it safely and correctly. The boys enjoyed punching holes in paper, plinking on some fixed targets, and shooting out suckers fixed to a stand.





Some boys worked on their rifle merit badges and were able to get the right groupings. Everyone had a great time and wished we could have stayed longer, but we got in almost the full time we had planned.

Facing a coming storm, we packed up about 15 minutes early to head back to camp. As we were driving back, the boys donned their rain gear as the skies opened up for a pretty heavy rainstorm. Luckily, our trusty dining flies worked well, stood up to the wind,



and kept the patrols dry. The rain tapered off, then stopped just as it was time to get going on supper. Stoves and dutch ovens were pulled out as the patrols prepared some tasty meals, including pizza and stir fry. Delicious desserts including cobblers and doughnuts with icing were also on the way. After supper, the boys decided on a rousing game of capture the flag. Some scouts noticed flashes to the North, even with a really clear sky, that turned out to

be from a small thunderstorm right at the Milwaukee airport, about 35 miles away, but headed East, not towards us. Then turned in for the night.



After a little more rain on Saturday night, Sunday came on bright and clear, just in time for breakfast. The scouts quickly tackled breakfast and KP to ready ourselves to break camp and pack the trailer. After our Scouts' Own service, the troop was on the move by about 9:00, and back to St. Gilbert with another successful outing in the books.

Scout participants:

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| Spencer Boos | Matthew D'Souza | Kevin Goger | Cameron Duffy |
| Charlie Arkenburg | Nick Borovka | Nathan Cibula | Cameron Beard |
| Dalton Nitto | Michael Wentz | Ryan Mclenithan | Joey Cambio |
| Andrew Oelschlager | Justin Jones | Collin Jones | Joe Tamulaitus |
| Nathan Timmins | Mitchell Garcia | Brandon Nitto (1Night) | |

Adult Participants:

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| Steve Cambio | Chris Borovka | Dave Cibula | Dave Jacks |
| John Boos | Scott Timmins | Kevin Wehde | |

Camping Plan Schedule

- October 17th-19th : Back country camping, cycling Channahon State Park, Channahon, IL
- November 15th-17th: 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.

October Meeting Plan

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| <p><u>Monday, Oct 6th</u> First aid/Footwear: Charlie A., Joey C. Trail Food/Camping Logistics: Cameron D., Eric O. Find the Chair game: Cameron D.</p> | <p><u>Monday, May 13th</u> Campout Prep Team Building: Mr. Klemens</p> |
| <p><u>Campout in October, Oct 17th – 19th</u> "Hiking and Biking" campout. Camping at Channahon State Park on Friday night and at McKinley Woods along the I&M Canal on Saturday night</p> | |
| <p><u>Monday, Oct 20th</u> Lashings/Knots: Fluffy Bunnies Leave No Trace + Related Game: Frat Boys</p> | <p><u>Monday, Oct 27st</u> Leave No Trace: Frat Boys Lashings/Knots + Related Game: Fluffy Bunnies</p> |
| <p><u>Monday, Nov 3rd</u> Fire-Building + Game: Wizards Whittling: Flaming Donuts</p> | <p><u>Monday, Nov 10th</u> Fire Building: Wizards Whittling + Related Game: Flaming Donuts</p> |
| <p><u>General Notes</u> Games to be Re-vamped by Cameron Duffy Next OA Meeting : Date and Place pending October Campout: All patrols planning to hike except for Flaming Donuts Zombie Run is October 25: Info on website, service hours available</p> | |

Scouts should come to the monthly Patrol Leaders Council prepared with ideas about activities that they and their patrols would like to do at future meetings. **The next PLC meeting will be 7pm date to be determined.**

Friends of Scouting and Employee Giving Campaigns

Employee giving campaigns are starting, some earlier than last year. Some employers, like Abbott, will only match gifts to organizations like the Boy Scouts for donations given during these campaigns.

Abbott matches 50 cents on the dollar for your payroll deduction gift to the Northeast Illinois Council Boy Scouts designated only through this campaign.

Following are instructions from last year on how to designate your gift to the Northeast Illinois Council Boy Scouts if that's what you choose to do; this year the site is changing and I do not yet have detailed instructions. The key elements are to designate Northeast Illinois Council as the recipient and to select the option "Release my name and home address to the charities I have selected" if you would like your gift credited to your Pack, Troop, Team, or Crew's unit campaign.

1. Go to website www.easymatch.com/abbott and log in
2. Click "Select or Write-In a charity of my choice" button and enter either
Boy Scouts of America – Northeast Illinois Council – Highland Park IL – Civic or
Boy Scouts – Northeast Illinois Council – Highland Park IL – Health and Human Services as the recipient organization.
3. Click "Next" and the NEIC is entered as your choice
4. Complete the other choices on the page (% allocation, etc.) and again click "Next".
5. On next page, you will need to select the option "Release my name and home address to the charities I have selected" if you would like your gift credited to your Pack, Troop, Team, or Crew's unit campaign.

Thank you for your ongoing support! We are grateful for your partnership and pledge to be good stewards of your gift. Please contact me if you have any questions related to your donation.

YIS,

Kevin Rupprecht

Troop 96 Charter Organization Representative

North Star District Finance Chair

North Star District 2015 FOS Campaign Chair

Philmont 2015

Philmont crews are formed and trek dates selected.

Nov 1-2: Philmont Shakedown for Scouts preparing for next summer's trip to New Mexico. One night at the Wehde property in Wisconsin with hiking and skill sessions on Saturday. Cost is \$15/person for food. Check with your crew for all the details.



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.

October 2013 Campout

"Hiking and Biking" campout. Camping at Channahon State Park on Friday night and at McKinley Woods along the I&M Canal on Saturday night. We'll also visit the Dollinger Farm for the Civil War Days. We will eat lunch with one of the Armies (!) and watch the battle later in the afternoon. You don't want to miss this one.



Remember permission slip and money for food \$15 is due on October 13.. 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 until October 27, 2014

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. 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

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. See Mr. Peter Klett if you have any questions.



NESA's Eagle Scout scholarship window opens

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/10/03/eagle-scout-scholarship-window-opens/>



the Scoutmaster's Corner
by Pat Klemens

Our October Campout will be held on Oct 17-19. This month, the troop will head south for a very unusual outing. We'll be camping at Channahon State Park, where the Des Plaines and Kankakee Rivers converge to form the Illinois River. On Saturday, we'll bike-pack along the I&M Canal along the river and head west. During the afternoon, we'll stopover at Dollinger Farms to observe a Civil War battle re-enactment and eat with one of the Armies. We plan to camp at a primitive site with only backpacking gear along the trail. We'll return to our starting point on Sunday morning before driving home. We have lots of flexibility for the day: short rides, long rides, hikes, exploring Dollinger Farms. Make this outing what YOU want it to be.

Congratulations to Spencer B who was elected to the Senior Patrol Leader job. Thanks for stepping up and showing excellent Scout Spirit. We're looking forward to seeing your skills in action.

Looking ahead, our November Campout will be the annual Webelos Invitational at Camp Ohdakota near Burlington, Wisconsin. The campout will be held over the weekend of November 9-11. The patrols have agreed to take responsibility for four events: Wood Tools Skills and Safety, Pioneering and Knots, Fire-Building and "Leave No Trace."

How are you doing with your popcorn and wreaths sales? Did you ask your neighbors or even your Aunt Tilly? Sales end soon...time to make a few bucks for your Scout Account. Wouldn't it be great if you paid your own way through Scouting?

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Oct 9: Troop Committee Meeting at the GL Library from 7 to 8:30 PM.

Zombie Run on Oct 25 at Camp Oakarro: T96 Zombies are wanted to lead a designated "Zombie Zone" at the Zombie Run. Come dressed in your best Zombie outfit. There is no cost to be a Zombie. Zombies will chase participants trying to capture the flags from their belts. Zombies will receive a Zombie Run patch and food. There will be a contest among the Zombies for the best looking Zombies...ghoulish awards will be presented!

Zombie arrival: 1:00 pm, Heading to designated zones: 3:30pm, Event ends at 7:00 pm. Some older Zombies will be asked to park cars. Adults can participate, too! This is a family activity for all ages and is open to all families in the Northeast Illinois Council.

If you are interested in being a T96 Zombie, then please contact: Mrs. Cheri Blenniss - cheri@blenniss.com

Nov 1-2: Philmont Shakedown for Scouts preparing for next summer's trip to New Mexico. One night at the Wehde property in Wisconsin with hiking and skill sessions on Saturday. Cost is \$15/person for food. Check with your crew for all the details.

Watch the website for details regarding the next Troop Arrowmen Meeting.

Upcoming PADS Service Projects will be held at the United Protestant Church in Grayslake on November 6 and December 4 at 4:30 pm. The project only takes about an hour.

Troop Leadership Training will be held for all Scouts with a Troop Position on November 8 from 1-5 pm. The location will be announced later. This training is necessary to be qualified for your position on the Patrol Leaders Council.

Don't forget to sign-up for another year of great Scouting! You can see Mrs. Cete Rupprecht on any Monday meeting in October. We will turn in our unit paperwork to continue as a Boy Scout Troop in November. We want your name on our list! Please act now before it slips your mind.

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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.



OCTOBER

[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– October Campout

SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS DUE: Monday, Oct 13, 2014

EVENT DATES: Friday, Oct 17 to Sunday, Oct 19, 2014

EVENT LOCATION: Camping at Channahon State Park on Friday night and at McKinley Woods along the I&M Canal on Saturday night

Meeting time: 5:30 PM on Friday, Oct 17 – St. Gilbert Parking Lot

RETURN: approx 11:30 PM, Sunday, Oct 19 (Call 847-223-7233 after 9:30AM for a better estimate)

EVENT COST: \$15 for food + fees for Civil War Reenactment. Payable in cash on Oct 13 meeting.

UNIFORM / CLOTHING: CLASS A UNIFORM for traveling

TRANSPORTATION: Adult leaders/parent will provide transportation.

BSA TROOP 96 PERMISSION SLIP – September Campout

EVENT DATES: Friday, Oct 17 – Sunday, Oct 19, 2014

EVENT LOCATION: "Hiking and Biking" campout. Camping at Channahon State Park on Friday night and at McKinley Woods along the I&M Canal on Saturday night

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 ___/___/___