



Straight Talk with Rubber Ducky

News & Information for Scouts and Families of Troop 345 Eagan, MN

Online at www.troop345.org

September, 2003

Calendar of Events

Troop Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

September

- 15 Black Hawk Park
- 22 Northview Gym
- 26-28 Fall Camporee
- 29 Northview Gym

October

- 6 Court of Honor - Location TBA
- 13 Northview Gym
- 14 PLC - 6:00 p.m. at Bridgepointe Church
- 14 Parents' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
at Bridgepointe Church
- 20 Northview Gym
- 27 Northview Cafeteria
- October Camping - to be Announced

November

- 3 Location TBA
- 10 Northview Cafeteria
- 11 PLC - 6:00 p.m. at Bridgepointe Church
- 11 Parents' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
at Bridgepointe Church
- 17 Northview Gym
- 24 Northview Gym

Upcoming Events

- July 17-24 Summer Camp

Service Patrols

- 9/15 Wolf
- 9/22 Scorpion
- 9/29 Cobra
- 10/6 Dragon
- 10/13 Bison
- 10/20 Timberon
- 10/27 Eagle
- 11/3 Fire
- 11/10 Ram
- 11/17 Rubber Ducky

Popcorn and Wreath Sales

These sales will be starting soon. Information will be available at the September 22 meeting.



2003 Fall Camporee

Minnesota in 1803

September 26-28

Phillippo Scout Reservation

Meet at Northview at 6:00 p.m. on Friday

This year the calendar will be turned back 200 years and you will be exploring what it was like in Minnesota before the settlers arrived. You will be going back to the time when the Sioux and Cree lived and flourished here - when the traders would come to swap blankets for furs. You will be living just like those early explorers. There will be demonstrations and games to teach and test those skills. You will have a chance to show off your old time cooking skills and then come together in fellowship and hear tales of those days long ago.

Activities

Open fire/Dutch oven pot luck



Events

Tomahawk Throwing, Indian Hoop Hunting, Canoe Portage Race, Track and Fur Identification, No match Fire Building.

Demonstrations

Dutch Oven Cooking, Open Fire Cooking, Fire Making, Shelter Building, Animal Tracking, Flint Knipping, Black Powder Firearms

For more information check out:

Help is needed!

Mr. Poole would like help with skill sessions and skill ideas. He is looking for help in setting up things similar to his knot board for other skills. He would need someone to take over with setting up the station and helping the boys at the meetings. He has some great ideas as possibilities. Talk to him if you can help out.

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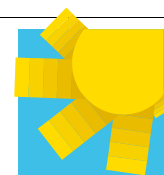
October 25, 2003

Adults - This is a great opportunity for learning and have a good time. Please consider attending. You can get more information from their web site at

<http://www.indianhead.org/training/supplemental/uos/>.

Tomahawk Summer Camp 2003

Review



Troop 345 had the most productive year ever at summer camp! We had 83 scouts attend camp this year, and the award totals at our Court of Honor on Friday, July 25th were as follows:

507 Merit Badges

73 Rank Advancements

250 Special Awards included the following:

1 Brown Log Award	1 BSA Mile Swim Award
1 Silver Log Award	1 COPE Award
1 Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award	3 Climbing Venture Pins
2 Flint and Steel Awards	3 Whitewater Rafting Venture Pins
33 Brownsea Camp Segments	2 World Conservation Awards
174 Camp Segments	25 Polar Bear Swim Awards
1 BSA Lifeguard Award	2 Leader Merit Badges

After final additions and corrections were made, 830 Total Awards were earned that week by our Scouts and Adult Leaders! Congratulations to all for your dedication and hard work! I would like to give a special "Thank You" to all the parents who came up that week and helped the boys with rank advancements, board of reviews, and merit badges. A special "Thank You" to our many merit badge councilors who brought up materials and taught many merit badges in our campsite that were not offered by Tomahawk Scouting Camp! (That boosted those merit totals a bit!)

I would also like to recognize and thank a very great group of parents who, without their help getting the Court of Honor awards ready for Friday evening, our ceremony would not have been possible. To those of you who were not at camp, we ordered the awards at 5:00 p.m. from the trading post at camp. Boys were still earning awards up till 4:00 p.m. that evening. We then attached all the awards to the cards with the scouter's names, getting our 830 awards ready by 8:00 p.m. for the start of our Court of Honor. It is a race against time, and accuracy to see that all of our scouts are recognized for all of the achievements earned during the week. Our Senior Patrol Leader, Taylor Schlank, deserves much credit for continuing to move our Court of Honor along at a record speed of three hours. Sorry for rushing you Taylor. You did a great job getting that many awards out in that short amount of time.

Thanks parent helpers: Nita Hanson, Mary Kulseth, Steve Kulseth, Carol Lund, Brian Lynch, Bruce McKimmy, Linda Murray, Dave Murray, Peggy Spadafore. We could not have done it without you!

For those of you who did not yet know, Mary and Steve Kulseth are taking over as Awards Chairpersons for our troop. Mark and I will be passing the baton to a very capable crew, and we are sure you will do a great job! We will be interested to see you top 2003 summer camp totals next year! Yikes!

Thanks to everyone who has helped me this year and previous years with awards!

Dawn Simpson

Roundtable is at a New Location

Roundtable is now held at LDS Church in Burnsville. The address is 651 Southcross Drive East, Burnsville. It is still held on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m.

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