



SMOKE SIGNALS

JUNE 2012



PATROL REPORTS



Crusaders

The Crusaders are doing great! I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day! We have done awesome on our last skills instructions such as our Sharpen Fest and our Wood Tools instructions and we are all working together well. We also had fun at the May Overnighter and I think the Cub Scouts learned a lot. I am also glad that our campfire went well. Finally, I would like to thank the Fuehnes for the pancakes we happily ate for our Saturday breakfast.

-Crusader Patrol Leader
Jason McIntire



Lightning

Right now our troop is in the process of getting ready for Summer Camp at Camp Maumee. I think that my patrol is handling this really well. We still haven't finished our patrol flag, but we're almost done with it. I think that Summer Camp is going to be really fun this year, and I hope that the rest of my patrol does too.

-Matt Allman



Cyclones

West Point Report

Ben, David and I were the Cyclones at the West Point Camporee. It was the best outing I have ever been on. We were light fighters and carried all our gear on a 4 mile hike to our campsite. The hike was up hill all the way. We also accepted the challenge to climb Bull Hill. We earned a pin for that. We had a great time. We made Swiss seats and Mr. Seiwert went across the rope bridge. We raced zodiac boats, made fires, did combat moves on the cadets, shot air pistols, put on cammi paint, PT at 5 am with James and learned Drill. We also collected a lot of brass from the Cadets. We slept in a church in PA, took showers at a truck stop and then slept at a Boy Scout Camp on the way home. We ate breakfast overlooking the Hudson and then took a tour of the Academy. We got a tour of the gym and the combat wave pool. David and Ben got us first place in Land Navigation. Anyone got brass?

-Mark Salle-Tabor, Cyclone Patrol (MR. PIG or THE MULE - which by the way is the mascot of the USMA Cadets)



Flames

Our patrol is doing great. On the spring camporee we were combined with the new scouts. The staff told the SPLs to choose two "victims" from their troop. Robert and I were chosen but we were not victims. We were shadows. We got to follow the firemen and ride in the fire engine. Peter earned his Tenderfoot requirement for cooking and that's the spring camporee in a nutshell.

-Joseph Yoder

Scribe Corner

Hello Troop! This is one of the times I most enjoy being a Scout. Everyone is preparing for Summer Camp, which is sure to be a lot of fun. My thanks go out to all who helped lead the pioneering skills instruction. That was one of my favorite meetings in a long time. Also, as a reminder, there are only two newsletters left before the end of the term. If you need to write articles for your contract, make sure you get that done. See you next month!

-Jacob Villiger,
Scribe



Chaplain's Aide Report

I would just like to announce that a new item has been added to the religious collection. It is a prayer book that everyone received at West Point. It has general prayers, military prayers, devotions, material for penance, catechetical information, and a list of some patron saints. If you ever want to use it or anything else already in there, or have anything to contribute, come see me, Daniel Padilla, and I will see that it gets done.

News from the Rocking Chairs

Hello Scouts and Scouters. This is my first time writing for the newsletter so please don't be too harsh on me with your critiques. I have been on a few exciting outings already this spring. In May I participated in the May Overnighter with Troop and Pack 555. The Scouts did an excellent job teaching the belt loop sessions and hosting a great campfire at the end of the day. I had never before seen a bamboo fire tower so high! On June 3 I had the privilege of joining some of the Scouts going to NYLT at the pre-camp meeting. The event was held at Camp Maumee. It sounds like the training will be a great experience for all involved. It was nice to see the Pawnee campsite again (I haven't seen it since Summer Camp last year). I'm looking forward to another great Summer Camp this year! I'll be the one in the rocking chair.....

- Dan Villiger, Rocking Chair Patrol

Time Capsule

Scribe's Note: This was an old article that I lost. Its author told me about it, and it is now being published, although a bit late.

Three Scouts from the Cyclone Patrol attended Merit Badge Day in Seymour and earned more Merit Badges. David took Orienteering, Daniel learned about Fire Safety and Art and I worked on Engineering and Weather. The classes were great, but I wished I was outside when it snowed. The patch this year was nice, and I hope they make really good ones like this again. In engineering we did experiments and Daniel got to go to the fire house. David was the only lucky one that got to go outside in the snow!

by Mark Salle-Tabor, Cyclone Patrol

PLC Minutes

Date	Opening/ Closing	Skills Instruction	Patrol Meetings	Inter-Patrol Activity/Game	Leave No Trace
June 4	Crusaders	Backpack Pack- ing led by Lightning	Gateway and Gadget Planning	Dodgeball- led by Penguins	Cyclones
June 11	Cyclones	All About Sum- mer Camp led by Penguins	Tent Buddies	Skit and Song Prep./ How to Replace Ben led by Ben Seiwert	Flames
June 25	Flames	Summer Camp Success Cele- bration led by Crusaders	→		All

No meeting June 18 due to Summer Camp.
PLC is June 4. If you are reading this, PLC is probably over already.

Smoke Signals



Troop 555

BINGO

Arrive at 5:00 p.m. with parent/adult
Earn \$35 plus tips
Troop gets \$15

June 1: Joseph Yoder
June 8: **Worker Needed!**
June 15: Joseph Yoder
June 22: David Luehrmann
June 29: David Luehrmann

Call Mrs. Luehrmann if you would
like to work at 546-5811

West Point Camporee Photos



Photos courtesy of the Historian.
Thanks, Mark!



Notes

Daniel Wilson had an Eagle Ceremony recently!
Congratulations!

Upcoming Events:

NYLT: June 10-15

Summer Camp: June 17-23

Whitewater Rafting: July 11-15

Spelunking Outing: July 20-22

Position of Responsibility Terms End:
July 31

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles!

How did I do? Want to make Smoke Signals better? Give me to the Scribe!

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