

SMOKE SIGNALS

MAY 2012

PATROL REPORTS

Lightning

A lot of people in the Lightning Patrol went on the survival outing, and we had a really good time, even though it rained a lot. We are also in the process of making the patrol flag. I think that right now, the Lightning Patrol is looking pretty good.

-Matthew Allman



Something to do with Penguins

Survivor Outing Report

A few weekends ago we had a campout in the woods. Isaac, Nick, Ian, and I, Will, went into the very corner of the woods. The first night I made a hammock and it stormed pretty much all night. I had to go into Isaac's and Nick's tent to keep dry and warm. The next day Isaac, Nick, Ian and I went into the creek and found a fresh water creek and dug it out. Then we had a big chicken and rabbit dinner. I didn't eat that much because I wanted to have a ramen fest when we got back and so we did. We went to bed and it started to storm in the morning and we left wet and cold. It was very fun, though.

-Will Connor



Cyclones

Survivor Outing

David, Ben, Daniel and I went to the Survivor outing. I was late because I had a soccer game with Robert. We missed the part where we had to butcher the rabbits and chickens. But it was the best rabbit stew I ever tasted. Robert, Ethan and I made and slept in an A frame with tarps, sticks and leaves. There really weren't too many dry leaves around because things were swampy. Shrek and Fiona would have liked this site, muddy and wet. Who picked this site anyway? There was a deer stand that we climbed up and ate our survival food in. We made a fire and then ate what we brought in our packs. We had a great time until Sunday and then the rain started. Why does it always have to rain Sunday mornings? If you want to see pictures don't forget to look on the Troop 555 Site. We have tons of them out there.

-Mark Salle-Tabor



Flames

Here are some main points of the survival outing: lots of suspicious trailers, "torrential downpour," killing animals, and "torrential downpour #2." The only people that REALLY survived were David and Ben. I slept in a tent with an open jar of peanut butter. I won the bear bait award.

-Ab

Scribe Corner

Hello Troop! Good job sending in articles this month. The newsletter is filled to the brim! Since nobody sent in a Spring Camporee report, I'll provide a brief one. The Troop learned a lot about first aid and saw a really cool mock disaster. The weather was cold and rainy, but that's about average for a Spring Camporee. We all had a lot of fun. See you next month!

-Jacob Villiger,
Scribe



Eagle Court of Honor

The Cyclone Patrol was spotted at 2, no, 3 Troop ECOH recently. If you don't know, Anton, Aaron and Steven are now Eagles. Our Patrol was in the Honor Guard and the Color Guard. If you haven't been to an Eagle Court of Honor you should go. They are very impressive to watch. I like to see the pictures of the camp outs and when the Eagle Scout was a Cub Scout and brand new Scout. The best kept secret is there is food at the reception. Mrs. Noll makes delicious cakes and Mrs. Kulczycki's lasagna is right up there with Ben's Pizza and Dutch Oven quiches! Plus, Mrs. Villiger's Eagle cookies are delicious.

-Mark Salle-Tabor

News from the Rocking Chairs

2012 Flodderbucks Auction

The 2012 Flodderbucks auction was another great success. Literally hundreds of items were presented to furious bidding. Piles of "valuable" stuff were carted away at the end of the evening as they sang the theme song of "Don't Worry, Be Happy!"

We want to thank Mr. Flodder for the extra bidding excitement and to all that made donations.

Mr. Connor

PLC Minutes

Date	Opening/ Closing	Skills Instruction	Patrol Meetings	Inter-Patrol Activity/Game	Leave No Trace
May 7	Crusaders	Tenderfoot Physical Test led by Instructor	Weeks 3 & 4 of May Over-nighter	Tenderfoot Physical Test led by Instructor	Flames
May 14	Court of Honor				All →
May 21	Penguins	Cook-Off led by Patrol Leaders (at K of C)			All →
May 28	No Meeting				→

PLC is May 21

CoH- Crusaders: Healthy Snacks, Cyclones: Drinks, Lightning: Desserts,
Penguins: Salty Snacks, Flames and New Scouts: Utensils

Smoke Signals



Troop 555

Chaplain's Aide Report

The key to a healthy spiritual life is consistent prayer. This doesn't necessarily mean praying an hour every day. But it is good to set aside certain times to talk to God. Personally, I like to do it right when I wake up, right before I sleep, and of course, before every meal. A good prayer to say before bed is the prayer to the guardian angel. It goes as such:

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom
God's love commits me here. Ever this day be
at my side, to light, to guard, to rule, to guide.
Amen.

Regular prayer will strengthen your spiritual core in no time.

BINGO

Arrive at 5:00
Earn \$35 plus tips
Troop gets \$15

Ask Anonymous



Dear Anonymous,

I am what you would call a “younger Scout.” I look at the older Scouts and they just seem to know everything! How to cook, set up tents, function in meetings, and a bunch of other stuff. I am always running into problems and am so confused, and I look around and everyone else has already prepared for those problems. I feel like no matter how long I am a Scout, I will never be like that. How will I ever become an older Scout?

Sincerely,
A Newbie

Dear Newbie,

We have all felt what you have felt. One time as a new Scout, I forgot to stake one side of my rain fly on an outing and the whole thing blew off! The answer to this question is to get involved. Sign up. Sign up for everything and anything you can. Because the more you experience, the more you learn. And this experience is valuable. You won’t earn it by sitting on your butt. You have to stand up and catch it. So get involved, and you’ll be a seasoned Scout in no time!

Mysteriously,
Anonymous

Bugle Facts by Robert Pflueger

What are brass instruments? Bugle, trumpet, trombone, and lots more! The bugle was invented in the 18th century. Its sister instrument, the trumpet, is very similar, but it has a bigger range in scales. They are both brass instrument without valves, and both are played in the same manner, by buzzing your lips. The basic difference between bugles and trumpets is the shape of the bell. The musical definition of a trumpet is a horn which has two thirds of its length in the form of a cylindrical tube. A bugle has a conical shape through-out. The shape of the bell plus the shape of the mouthpiece produces a different quality of sound in each. The trumpet is known for its bright sound, while the bugle is known for its darker and mellover tone. Today, the term “bugle” can simply mean a brass instrument without valves or slides.

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

Name: _____

Rating:

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Awful

Terrific

Comments: _____

Notes

Upcoming Events:

- May 14: Court of Honor
- May 19-21: May Overnighter
- June 10-16: NYLT
- June 17-23: Summer Camp

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles!