



# Smoke Signals

Mrs. Karin Eck Memorial Edition

## Troop 92

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### Camping News

# Spring Camp-O-Ree 2006

## Troop 92 You Nailed it!



Colton! Thanks  
for designing the  
Camp-O-Ree's  
Logo!



**Mr. Pittas would like to thank all who participated in making the Camp-O-Ree a success—this Troop is AWESOME!**

BY CHRIS

This year's Spring Camporee was a lot of fun for everyone who went! The Pea Shooting event was definitely the favorite of everyone. The Pink Panthers and the Moose patrols both won an event, but the Scorpions' patrol won the most. The Scorpions finished without a problem but the other patrols had trouble with the orienteering points. Thank you to Mr. Lulis, Mr. Freshour and everyone who made the Camporee such fun.

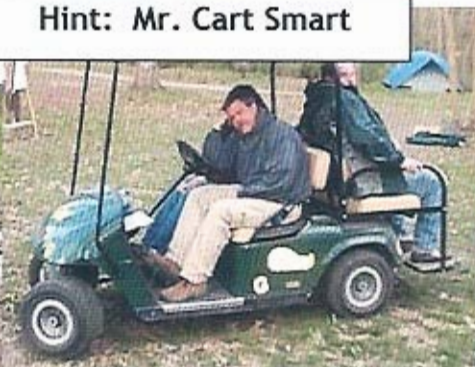


Joel, Colton, Bryce, Billy, Mark, William, Nick, Nate, Drew and Steven get started . . .

Hint: Mr. Cart Smart



Shane and Colton at the Fire Starter event.



Brian and Shane sawing logs - while Colton supervises!



**CAMP-O-REE STORIES**  
**MATCH THE STORY WITH THE PERSON WHO IT IS ABOUT**  
**ANSWERS ON PAGE 5**

1. The beef fajitas and spicy rice with Mr. King Cook's seasoning were "Out of this World"! It is a shame we forgot to save him a sample – he was at another Troop's campsite grading them on mystery event #11. Sorry about that.
2. "Mr. You Think He is Shy has a 'natural' gift for MCing a camporee—he should seriously consider a summer job with NWSC as Camp Napowan Summer Camp Director!"
3. On Saturday evening, soon before the OA tap out started at the Fire Bowl, Mr. A Scout is Prepared walked over toward Gilwell Field. He went to lower the flag. A closing flag ceremony was not on the schedule so no one was there. As Mr. A Scout is Prepared walked out toward the flagpole (with his baseball cap on and no Scout shirt), he saw the OA Indians coming down the trail from one of the campsites with 75 plus Scouts walking behind them. Mr. A Scout is Prepared thought, 'Oh, great, here I am in street clothes and a baseball cap on to lower the flag for the day and a ton of Scouts are coming my way'. By the time Mr. A Scout is Prepared got to the flagpole, the Scouts had circled around the pole as if a closing ceremony was to occur. Mr. A Scout is Prepared graciously removed his cap, the Scouts saluted, and Mr. A Scout is Prepared proceeded to lower the flag.
4. Mr. Wide Eyed remembers thinking what a huge camp Lowden was as he walked around it back in early March. "There was no one around; we had the run of the place. I was thinking that these kids are going to be really tired. Then, when the events were in full swing, and the camp was full, I couldn't believe how small the camp seemed. Somehow having 488 invited guests makes that happen. And then, after everyone had checked out, the camp went back to that enormous feeling. Maybe it's just me . . ."
5. "Walking back to my tent on Thursday night, there came a loud scream from the woods which startled Mr. Heart Stop being a city boy and all. The scream was followed closely by a 'hoot, hoot' from the satisfied hunter!"
6. It was Saturday night. Mr. Cart Smart and three others forgot to grab the saws from the log cutting event, and they were out there in the back 40 at the event station. We took one of the carts (rental donated) and we made it to the event station; but just as we were arriving, the lights dimmed. We got the saws and started back, but the cart just didn't want to go uphill with three of us on it. Mr. Muscles and Mr. Biceps got out and pushed. It was very dark and we couldn't see very well. We came to a downhill that carried us most of the way out from the back 40. As we neared the road back to the lodge, the lights got dim again and Messrs. Muscles and Biceps pushed again. We reached an apex, and I let the cart fly as I went downhill. Messrs. Muscles and Biceps walked back the rest of the way as they knew the cart could no longer handle all three of us. After the parking lot, the terrain changed again, the cart conked out and wouldn't go anymore. I was half way up the hill to the lodge. I turned it off to wait for help (from the walking Messrs. Muscles and Biceps). I suddenly remembered that my electric razor garners more juice when I turn it off for a bit. Well, as luck would have it, I turned the cart back on, hit the accelerator and squeaked out enough juice to get the cart to the top of the hill where the lodge is. Immediately, on the charger it went!
7. Mr. Kid Icon had a fifth grader approach him as he got on the bus and asked him if he had been at a Boy Scout camp this past weekend. The young Scout said he'd had a good time and that his patrol didn't get to all ten orienteering markers but did get to all 10 events. The best event even in his patrol's eyes was the Pea Shoot! "I think we got an instant classic with that one!"
8. Mr. Stump Man backed into a stump while setting up. A red truck was involved. Need we say more?



**Pink Panther Patrol:**  
William, David (well, the back of his head anyway) and Mark



**Drew just LOVED the Pea Shoot!**



**Mark, Neil, Shane, William, John, Nick, Drew and Nate just hanging out.**

**Thanks to MSK Enterprises for donating the rental of two golf cars for the event. They customize golf cars to your specifications and they deliver.**

**815-857-4211**

**Thanks to CRC Print in Prospect Heights for donating the printing and binding of the books we used!**

**847-215-8611**

## Calendar

July 2-8	Summer Camp, No Troop Meeting	
July 9-16	High Adventure, West Virginia	
July 11	No Troop Meeting	
July 18	Safety Afloat	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
July 25	Canoeing and Kayaking	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
July 28-30	PLC Planning Camp-out; Rock Cut State Park	
August 1	Wear Class A – Advancement	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
August 11-13	Canoe Trip with Overnight Camping	
August 15	Equipment Maintenance	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
August 22	Metal Working	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
August 29	Court of Honor – Class A	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
September 5	CPR Certification, Class A	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
<b>September 8-10</b>	<b>Family Campout – Chain O'Lakes Campground, Fox Lake, IL</b>	
September 9	Troop Committee Meeting	7 p.m. St. Matthew Church Workroom
September 15-17	State Jamboree; Prairieland Council, Campaign, IL	
September 19	Trauma	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting
September 26	First Aid Review; Merit Badge Sign Off	7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting

## **RANK ADVANCEMENTS!**

Justin - First Class  
Brian - First Class  
David - Second Class  
Bryce - Second Class  
Chris - Star  
John - Star  
Bryce - First Class  
Andrew - First Class  
Neil - Star

## **MERIT BADGES!**

Steven - Communications  
Neil - Personal Management  
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Bryce - Personal Management  
Nick - Personal Management  
Billy - Pets  
Shane - Personal Management  
Billy - Music  
Brian - Personal Management  
Nate - Personal Management  
William - Swimming  
Bryce - Music  
Bryce - Cooking  
John - Scholarship

**WOW!**

I have collected all but five of the U.S. pennies minted between 1941 and 1974. I have three steel pennies from 1943. My oldest pennies are from 1917 and 1919. ☘ \$10 to Nate [ ] Wauconda, Ill.

From the June 2006 issue of Boy's Life. Way to go, Nate.

## **Welcome New Scouts!**

**John  
Daniel  
Alex**

*Hope you are enjoying our Troop. We are happy to have you.*

Have you noticed the beads around

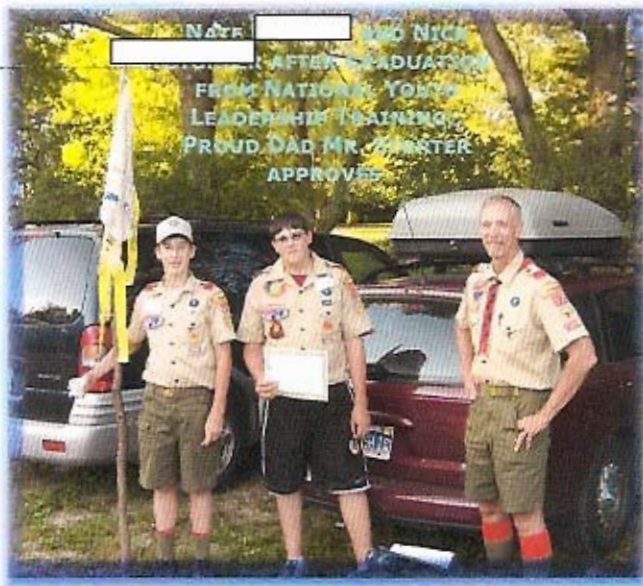
**MR. MACKELFRESH'S**

neck and his light blue neckerchief? Well, those were **EARNED** during some serious training . . .

Okpik training is the cold weather camping training offered by Signal Hill district. The course included 16 hours of in class training (4 sessions each 4 hours long) and an overnigher at lakota in January.

Thank you, Mr. Mackelfresh for "brrrr" ing for our Troop.

Troop 92 Bids a Fond Farewell to the Aidukaitis family who is moving to Indiana. We will miss you! Good luck in your new Troop!



## National Youth Leadership Training

Nate & Nick's patrols won the most awards of the 7 patrols in training during the week of June 18-23 at Lakota. All the meals they cooked were over an open flame. They learned a lot about being better leaders while having a good time. This training is so that they can become your Senior Patrol Leaders in the coming months.

## Black Powder Outing

Garrett, Chris, Colton and Drew is getting ready for a shoot. Mr. Freshour is cooking up some superb cuisine (as always).



Is it just me, or does Mr. Lulis have a lot of aliases?

### CAMP-O-REE STORIES ANSWERS

1. Mr. King Cook = Mr. Freshour
2. Mr. You Think He is Shy = Mr. Lulis
3. Mr. A Scout is Prepared = Mr. Lulis
4. Mr. Wide Eyed = Mr. Lulis
5. Mr. Heart Stop = Mr. Lulis
6. Mr. Cart Smart = Mr. Mackefresh; Mr. Muscles = Mr. Hetteran; Mr. Biceps = Mr. Peliaak
7. Mr. Kid Icon = Mr. Lulis
8. Mr. Stump Man = Mr. Pittas

**This was  
one of  
Mrs.  
Eck's  
proudest  
Troop 92  
moments.**

## Scout earns Eagle rank

Glenn Eck of St. Matthew Lutheran Church's Boy Scout Troop 92 recently received the honor of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Eck held various patrol leader positions with Troop 92 and became an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow in October 2000. Eck's Eagle project was to collect school supplies for needy children in the Chicago area. Eck collected supplies from local schools and business drop points and donated all of the supplies to Holy Family Lutheran School in Chicago, which was ecstatic to receive them.

Eck has been very active in his church youth group at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wauconda. He served as an acolyte, played guitar in the youth band and was a high school guide to eighth-grade confirmation students for three years. In addition, he worked at several confirmation retreats at Phantom Ranch in Wisconsin. Eck was on the wrestling team at Lake Zurich High School and took second place at regionals. He was a member of the high



COURTESY OF DIANN BEHRENS

Glenn Eck is pictured with his father and mother, Steve and Karin Eck, at his Eagle ceremony at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wauconda.

school Photography Club.

Eck is currently attending Oakton College in Des Plaines. Eck will be transferring to Columbia College in Chicago to major in film. When not working or at school, he enjoys helping with the youths at church, playing guitar and enjoys watching movies.

***Mrs. Karin Eck,***  
**Thank you for your years as  
Publisher and Editor of the Troop's  
Smoke Signals Newsletter. Thank you  
for all of your contributions to the  
Committee over the years. Thank  
you for being our friend. We will  
never forget you. God Bless You.  
Rest in Peace.**