

2Tarail Signs



News from Troop 22

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HIGH ADVENTURE

Nine Scouts and three adults went to Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada, for a High Adventure trip August 3-10. Algonquin is about 5,000 square miles of park containing thousands of lakes. The crew paddled their canoes about 46 miles, and carried them over about 5 miles of portages, on a loop that took them from Canoe Lake to Otterslide Lake and back.

To comply with Park regulations limiting the size of campsite parties to nine people, the crew split into two groups of six. One group consisted of group leader Ian Gould, Spencer Kohan, Andy Nash, Nate Wilson, and adults Kyle Gould and Don Nash. In the other group Crew Leader Graham Eckert led Nate Boyle, Kevin Coburn, Ed Plumb, Matt Urminski, and adult Paul Urminski. Both groups paddled the same route but in opposite directions, so that they crossed each others' paths once halfway through the

trip, and again at the end of the trip. Where their paths intersected they camped at separate sites close to each other.

August is peak season for Algonquin, and the first weekend in August is a provincial holiday weekend. As a result of this and the presence of several youth camps on the "main street" lakes, the park was heavily peopled near the park office and canoe rental store. The crowds thinned out after the second portage, but the crew never found a sense of wilderness seclusion. Still, they said that from dinnertime to breakfast time, when all the canoers had made camp, you could pretend that you had the lake to yourself.

Several of the adventurers noted the "north woods" look of the terrain: Rocky soil, mostly coniferous trees, and low rounded hills. They saw a couple of moose, saw and heard loons all day and night, heard wolves at night, and saw dozens of frogs. Mr. Nash appreciated the openness of the landscape, so different from the narrow valleys of his usual river canoe trips.

A guest joined the Gould crew for the second half of their trek. On a day trip to Big Trout Lake Mr. Gould found an old glass bottle. The next night in camp, he decorated it with a face made of berries and bird feathers stuck in the top for hair. Dubbed "Wilson", he occupied a place on the front deck of Mr. Gould's canoe for the remainder of the trip.



SUMMER CAMP

Returning to Camp McKinley this year, Troop 22 ran its own summer camp. Forty-nine Scouts attended the camp in southeast Ohio, which was staffed by 16 Troop adults. Straw hats off to Mr. Bill Smith, who assumed Camp Grubmaster duties on short notice. And a "welcome back" to Mr. Will DuGar, who suffered a bicycle accident when a faun ran across the trail in front of him.

NEW TROOP ROOM

In an arrangement that greatly expands the space available for storage of Troop gear and return office space to the Church, the Troop Room has moved from the second floor of Tucker Hall to the basement. This new location provides outside access to the Troop Room. Adult Steven Vasse-Hansel installed shelving in the bare room Sept. 21. Moving the gear was substantially completed by the boys at the Sept. 23 Troop meeting.



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ACHIEVEMENTS

- Johnny Chandler earned Tenderfoot Sept. 23.
- Hunter Vasse-Hansel earned Second Class Sept. 23.
- Mike MacDonald and Ed Plumb both passed their First Class Boards of Review on July 1.

TROOP STORE

Lewis Morris, father of Desperado Zoltan Morris, is the new chief of operations at the Troop Store. He plans to have the store open during Troop meeting hours. The Troop Store has a wide range of camping gear and bookbags for sale at 10% over cost.

APPRECIATION

A word of thanks and a public appreciation is offered to the moms who organized the hospitality at our last Eagle Court of Honor. Kate Horner and Eff Kolleman, and Eagle moms MaryAnn Barnes, Laurie Rodney, and Susan Weber helped to create an atmosphere in which we could all celebrate the accomplishments of the Eagle Scouts being honored.

WEBELOS WOODS

Sixteen Scouts supported the Sunrise District Webelos Woods campout Sept. 20-22 at Lake View Cemetery. Intended to pique the interest of District Webelos by showing them what they have to look forward to in Boy Scouts, it featured five Scout activities staffed by Boy Scouts from various District Troops, including a First Aid scenario created and staffed by Nate Wilson. The Pirates, Cobras, and several Stingrays provided support as Service Patrols, doing whatever work needed to be done. The Pirates took turns manning the First Aid station, where they attended to cuts on fingers of several Webelos. At the concluding campfire the Event Senior Patrol Leader presented Jason Rodney, Cobras Patrol Leader, with an award for Best Service Patrol.

Troop 22 Calendar	
Campouts	
Backpacker to Oil Creek	Sept. 27-29
Wild Geese Camporee, Canada	Oct. 18-20
Pioneering/Climbing, Hinckley	Nov. 15-17
Troop Meetings	
Permission slip and money due for	Oct. 14
Wild Geese Camporee	
Haunted House	Oct. 21, 7:00
Winter Camping Parents' Meeting	Oct. 28
Patrol Leaders' Roundtable	Oct. 28, 6:15
Permission slip and money due for	Nov. 11
Hinckley trip	
Patrol Leaders' Roundtable	Nov. 25, 6:15
Special Events	
Webelos Woods at Lake View Cem.	Sept. 20-22
Cub Scout Hike at Euclid Creek	Oct. 12
Bulb Sale Fundraiser	Oct. 26
CH-UH Library Book Sale Svc Proj	Nov. 10, 1-5:00
Winding Rivers First Aid Meet	Nov. 14

SCOUTS AND GOBLINS

On Oct. 21 the Troop will take a trip to one of the many haunted houses that spring up in the Greater Cleveland area every fall. We will meet in the church parking lot at 7:00. Drivers will be needed.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

This year's light bulb sale will be Saturday, Oct. 26. There will be two shifts, a morning shift working from 9:00 – 12:00, and an afternoon shift working from 1:00 – 4:00. This is the only fundraising event the Troop does, and money raised through it not only buys new gear like tents and stoves, but it is sometimes also used to offset the cost of campouts. A good example is the Chicago touring trip. Total cost for admission to a museum and an aquarium, rental of a coach bus, and a pizza dinner was \$105 per person, yet the Scouts were only charged \$60 each. The Troop fund made up the difference. It is important that each and every Scout do his part and show up to work an entire shift. Working together one day will let more of us camp together more comfortably all year.