

Troop 575 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- ◇ Arapahoe Rendezvous
Oct. 14 - 16
- ◇ Shooting Campout
Nov. 18 - 20
- ◇ Leaf Ranking, Oct. 29
- ◇ Merit Badge Univ.,
Nov 12



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Feature Article

Canoe Derby - Nebraska

By: Scout Ryan A.

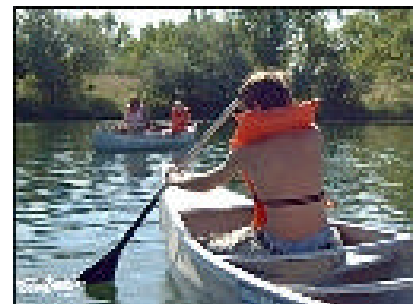


campsite left was right next to the train tracks and the trains ran ALL NIGHT LONG!

We spent a lot of time on the water in canoes and kayaks on Saturday. We even got to swim in the lake on Saturday afternoon after the races were over. (The lake water was kind of smelly, but it was fun anyway) We even tested out Noah R.'s cardboard boat, which sank in three seconds. Our Troop won a lot of races and contests, and we got a total of six awards to take back home with us! Tucker J. won the 2nd Place camp cooking award for his Dutch Oven "Almost Pumpkin Pie", Caleb O. won 2nd place and Tucker J. won 3rd place in Commercial Kayaks for 15+ olds, Kyle B. won 2nd place and Jonathon N. won 3rd place in Homemade Kayaks for 11-14 year olds, and John & Jason R. won 3rd place in Advanced Canoeing.

We stayed at the campground after it was over on Sunday and got to mess around in the lake with our canoes. We even got to try out flipping a canoe over and finding the pocket of air underneath it. Driving back on Sunday afternoon was SO BORING, because Nebraska is FLAT and empty (except for corn)!

I had a lot of fun and made some new friends on this trip.





Regular Features

Ask the SPL!

Troop 575 SPL: Calvin H.



Q. Tell us about yourself.

A) I have been in Scouting for three years. I attend Southern Hills Middle School and I am in the 8th grade. My favorite subject is Math and most people have already figured out that Spelling is not my strong suit nor handwriting. I love dogs and own two right now.

Q) What are your goals as SPL?

A) As SPL, I'm hoping to make the Troop meetings run a little smoother. I'll try and help the new Scouts get their Toten Chip cards and become 1st Class Scouts faster.



Scoutmaster's Corner

Greetings Scouts, Parents and Scouters

Well another busy summer has come and gone and we are now all settling into the school routine. I hope everyone had a great summer of activity and learning.

I would like to thank our past Troop leaders for a job well done. Each one has given a lot of time and effort to make the last six months work. I hope to see each of you in a future leadership position as your experiences will make you better.

Congratulations to the newly elected leaders. You have many challenges ahead of you and I have full confidence in your abilities to carry out your new responsibilities.

As many of you have heard the trip to the Ed Dulaney Canoe Derby was very successful. We had Scouts win awards in numerous categories including cooking. This is a great showing and I am sure we will continue to improve.

Coming up in the near future are the Arapahoe Rendezvous Campout, Merit Badge University and the Peaceful Valley shooting campout. Keep an eye out for information and permission slips. Rendezvous will be held at BDSR and is usually a fun trip especially if we do not have another visit from a bear.

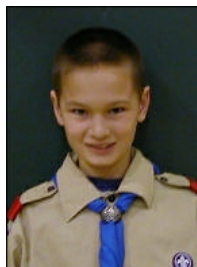
Yours in Scouting
Cliff Brown

Quiz Question #1

The only world Jamboree hosted by the BSA took place in 1967 in what state?



Scout of The Month



Trevor P. is a first year Scout with Troop 575. He has attained the rank of Tenderfoot and is a member of the Cyclone Patrol. Trevor attends Louisville Middle School and is in the sixth grade. His favorite subject is Math, which he feels is his strongest point. He likes the challenge of solving equations.

When Trevor is not involved in Scouts you can find him at the Lego Club at his middle school. He enjoys constructing things out of legos. Trevor would like to be an engineer when he gets older and feels the Lego Club will prepare him for that career.

When asked his favorite Scout campout, Trevor did not hesitate to say, "Micro-backpacking at the lake. It was fun and challenging."

Trevor has earned the First Aid Merit Badge but looks forward to earning others. He is glad he knows First Aid so he can help people if they need it.

And what does Trevor have to say about Troop 575? "I like it because it is a bigger Troop and offers more activities and camping trips."

Congratulations, Trevor, on being Scout of the Month!

Favorite Subject in School:

"Math... I like the challenge of solving equations."

About Troop 575:

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Troop 575 Historian

By: Scout Warren MB.

The Scouts have participated in many activities over the last few months. Several Scouts going into seventh grade participated in the mini-backpacking trip while most Scouts entering sixth grade went on the micro-backpacking trip. Several Scouts going into eighth grade or above went on the mini-canoes trip. In August, a few Scouts climbed South Arapahoe Peak.

Also in August we held Troop and Patrol elections. Here is a recap of who was elected to the various posts: Calvin is the SPL; Jonathan and Brain L are the ASPLs; Seth M is the Quartermaster; Kyle B. is the Librarian, Warren MB is the Historian, Wes S. is the Scribe and John R. is the Troop Guide.

We also had a Court of Honor during August where many Scouts advanced in rank and received merit badges from Peaceful Valley. Before the Court of Honor, the troop enjoyed pizza.

Several Scouts went to the canoe derby in Nebraska. The last few months have been very eventful and fun.





Scout Articles

Micro-Backpacking

By: Scout Trevor P.

On August 12th to August 14th, the first year Scouts of Troop 575 went backpacking to Herman Lake. We hiked up on the Herman Gulch



Trail Head. The trip was from Friday to Sunday. Half way up there was a great resting point where the path was close to the river that came out of Herman Lake, which we found out when we were at the top. On the first day, we hiked up three and a half miles up to our finishing point, where then we had set up our tents, then played until dinner. We were cooking meals for our 2nd class requirements. On the next day, Saturday, we hiked up a steep slope

to get to the Continental Divide. It had an awesome view! That night around 7:00 p.m., it was pouring rain outside, and anyone who went outside was soaked instantaneously. Sometime close to the time of the rain, there was fog and everything disappeared. I could only see two feet in front of me. Our meals included hot oatmeal for breakfast, peanut butter and jelly pita sandwiches with dried fruit for lunch, and for dinner, Top Ramen Noodles. I liked the Top Ramen Noodles, even though they were new to me. On Sunday, we starved and did not have lunch until 3:30 p.m. because the freeway was closed some of the time due to a rock slide on the road. We finally got home at 5:00 p.m. I can't wait to do backpacking next year, because it was fun.



Quiz Question #2

**What Anniversary is the
Boy Scouts of America
Celebrating in 2005?**



Mini-Backpacking Trip

By: Scout Trevor M.

The mini backpacking was a success. Eight people went with almost 265 lbs (all together that is) and came back with 241 lbs. After a seven-mile hike with twenty to thirty pounds it felt good to loose the extra weight of food. Most kids ate all their gorp and dried fruit on the first and second day. The food consisted of peanut butter and jelly for lunch, oatmeal and eggs in a bag for breakfast and for the dinners we had couscous with Beef jerky, spaghetti with marinara sauce and fajitas. I will now tell you all the interesting highlights that happened to us over the 4 days we were backpacking.

On the 1st day we had the big hiking day. We hiked 7 miles up and over Arapahoe Pass. It seemed like we were hiking straight up for 5 hours. After a satisfying lunch, we hiked and climbed over a snow packed field of doom. It was a very narrow passageway that if you fell, you would fall a long way down into a frozen lake. We didn't get to our camp site until 6:00 PM and we were exhausted, but not to exhausted to stay up late and play cards.

On the 2nd day we hiked only 2 miles, ate lunch and then did a Community Service Project. We camped at a beautiful alpine lake with moose (that trampled people or so we heard) but no fish (at least none that wanted to bite our hooks).

Our 3rd day we hiked 2 ½ miles to our next campsite near a stream. We fished and almost caught one. Andrew pulled the fish out so quickly the hook came out and the fish flew across the stream. No fish for dinner.

On the 4th day we hiked another 2 ½ miles to the new pick-up spot. It was new because on the third day we contacted the drivers (via Park Ranger) to pick us up at Devil's Thumb parking lot. Our Scoutmasters did this because our first pick up location was a very difficult climb with twenty-pound backpacks. The down side to the new spot was that it was a very long drive, longer than the other way would have been.

All in all, it was cold at night and in the morning, so next year, BRING WARM CLOTHES!!!!. Other than the cold mornings and nights, the trip was awesome plus on the way down you get ice cream, (yeah ice cream).



Quiz Question #3

The knot below is called a "running knot."
It is also known as a simple..... ? Look close!





Mini-Canoe Trip

By: Scout Kyle B.



At the canoe trip in Flaming Gorge we did many adventurous things you don't get to do at home. Of the things we did, cliff jumping was one of the greatest hits because of the variety. We jumped from ten foot cliffs up to a thirty foot cliff! One of the cliffs even had a rope swing.

There was great fishing and an island full of geodes. The canoeing wasn't too hard so we could get to camp early and do any of the great things mentioned above. Mr. Benz and Mr. Smith helped us plan our great meals and checked out the cliffs for jumping and most of all helped us have fun!

Overall the canoe trip was great and I would suggest it for any one wanting some water fun.



Arapahoe Peaks Climb

By: Scout Jack E.

On August 27 the Troop went on a climb to the top of Arapahoe Peak. Arapahoe Peak is located near Nederland and the summit is at an altitude of about 13,500 feet. The people that went were, Ryan D. and his family, Michael A. and his father, Alex B. and his father, me and my mother, Chris L. and his father, Alex W. and his father, and Mr. Wakefield. About half of the people that went summated.

We began at the Fourth of July trailhead at 7:30am, and made it to the top about four hours later. Weather-wise, it was a perfect sunny day. Along the way to the top we saw a lot of wildflowers and other interesting plants, waterfalls, mountain lakes and an old mine. We also passed by a glacier. The last part of the climb was the hardest, having to hike on a totally rocky trail. Those that made it all the way ate lunch at the top. We could see a lot from here... Winter Park Ski Area, Greys and Torreys Peaks, Long's Peak, etc. The views were excellent. In addition, we saw the geological survey markers that had been placed on the summit in the 1930s.



As the afternoon approached, the threat of storms came and we needed to head back down to the bottom of the trail. On the way down we saw several marmots and picas. The picas were especially well camouflaged, and we really only noticed them because of the screechy sound they sometimes made. We then waited for everybody to gather at the bottom of the trail and headed home.

Overall, it was a great hike with fantastic scenery. We saw some wildlife and had a good time. It would definitely be worth it to do this hike or another one like it several times next year. I am really glad I went on this hike.



Future Activities and Campouts

Arapahoe Rendezvous

The Arapahoe Rendezvous is coming up Oct 14-16. This event will be held at BDSR near Red Feathers Lake. What is the Rendezvous you ask? The Rendezvous is a gathering of troops in the Arapahoe district of the Longs Peak Council. This actually covers nearly 4000 boys. It is held each year in the fall.

The Rendezvous will have several events that Scouts may try out. Past events have included the Tomahawk throw, Archery, javelin throw, Rock climbing on real rocks, some compass courses, scavenger hunts and such. Last year they had some "Mountain Men" demonstrating some of the old pioneering techniques. They will also be having a Dutch oven contest both at the Scout and Scoutmaster level. Maybe Tucker J. can win again.

The event is used as a recruiting tool to bring Webelo Scouts to participate with the Boy Scouts for one day. Usually it is a lot of fun.

We will be leaving on Friday Oct 14 at 5:00 PM from the Kohl's' parking lot. You will return on Sunday to the Kohl's' lot at about 11:30 AM for pick up by parents. Remember that the camp is at about 9000 feet so it will get cool at night and early morning. Meals will be by Patrol. You will need a sack lunch for Friday night.

Watch for your permission slips. And let's have lots of fun.

Leaf Ranking and Tomahawks

Our annual Fall Service Project, Leaf Raking at Sacred Heart of Mary Church, will be held on Saturday, October 29, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., Troop 575 will have a pizza lunch for the Scouts who helped rake leaves and will invite Webelo Scouts from Pack 80. After lunch, Boy Scouts and Webelos Scouts will be invited to learn/practice Tomahawk throwing, behind the gym.

If you plan to attend, please bring gloves, a rake (labeled with your name) and something to drink. This project is a great way to thank Sacred Heart for their support of our Troop (and to earn Service Hours.) If you plan to stay for lunch and the tomahawk throwing, please RSVP to Peg Bundgaard at peg.b@comcast.net, so we can arrange for enough pizza.

Shooting Campout at Peaceful Valley

Get ready for the shooting weekend on Nov 18th - 20th. Troop 575 has reserved the rifle and shotgun ranges at Peaceful Valley for our exclusive use. Shooting will take place all day Saturday and Sunday morning weather permitting. Cost depends on how much you shoot and what firearms are used. Merit badges can be worked on as ranges and time allow.

Don't wait to sign up for this event. This is one of the more popular events for Troop 575 but the campout is limited to 24 Scouts and adults based on the maximum allowed in one of the beautiful Peace Valley lodges. We will leave Kohl's on Friday at 5pm and return on Sunday around 3pm. Scout Wes S. is the leader for this trip. Please contact Scoutmasters John Nagel or Jeff Love to reserve a spot or if you have any questions.



Merit Badge University

Scouts from Troop 575 will once again attend Merit Badge University (MBU) on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at CU-Boulder. Scouts will begin the day by meeting with all attendees in a large auditorium. Once instructions for the day are given, the Scouts will be off to their first class. The Scouts may take anywhere from 1-3 classes during the course of the day, with a break for lunch. A few examples of classes the Scouts can participate in are as follows:

Art

Basketry

*Citizenship in the
Community*

Communications

Engineering

Family Life

Leatherwork

Swimming

Sculpture 1 and 2

(must complete both of these
in order to earn the Sculpture merit badge)

Some of the merit badges can be completed by attending one Saturday at MBU (like Fingerprinting and Basketry), but most require additional follow-up with the appropriate Troop merit badge counselor to complete the requirements and earn the merit badge.

Some tips for those who have not attended MBU before:

- ◇ The registration process is slightly different each time, so stay tuned for details as they are given to us by the folks at MBU!
- ◇ There is usually only a small window of time between when we are notified that registration is open and the deadline to complete registration. Please act in a timely manner once I send out notification to the troop that the registration process has begun.
- ◇ Watch for emails from the troop regarding upcoming MBU details and hope to see you there!

Quiz Question Answers

- 1) Idaho
- 2) 95th
- 3) Slip Knot



Troop Business

Becoming A Merit Badge Counselor

Do you have a hobby or work in an occupation that you would love to share your knowledge with a Boy Scout? There are over 100 Merit Badges a Scout can choose to broaden his horizons or possibly choose a career path. To be a Merit Badge counselor you need to be 18 years of age, be proficient in the Merit Badge subject by vocation or avocation, work with Scout-age boys and register with the Boys Scouts of America. You need to assist the Scout as he plans projects and activities to meet the requirements. Merit Badge counselors schedule appointments at their convenience and can be done at the Troop Meetings.

To find out the Merit Badge subjects go to [Troop 575.org](http://Troop575.org) and click on Merit Badge. After you have found a Merit Badge that you would like to be a counselor for contact Marilyn Snyder at mysbermuda@msn.com, call 303-554-9330 or meet with me at a Troop meeting. I will get you the necessary paperwork for you to fill out.

Thanks for changing a Boy Scout's life in a positive way!

Rank Advancement

The following Scouts earned rank advancement and were presented with their awards at the August Court of Honor:

Tenderfoot

Trevor O.
Trevor P.
Alex W.
Ryan R.
Greg D.

2nd Class

Warren MB
Evan J.

1st Class

Andrew P.
Warren MB

Star

Jack E.
Andy G.
Jonathan N.

Life

Brian L.
Paul B.
John R.
Aaron F.
Jason R.



Troop Elections

Troop elections were held recently. Following are those who were elected or appointed to Scout leadership positions. To learn more about Scout Leadership, see the Scout Resource Center at: www.troop575.org

Senior Patrol Leader:	Calvin H.
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader:	Brian L.
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader:	Jonathan N.
Historian:	Warren M-B.
Scribe:	Wes S.
Librarian:	Kyle B.
Quartermaster:	Seth M.
Troop Guide:	John R.

Patrol Leaders

◇ Wolverines:	Jack E.
◇ Cyclones:	Michael A.
◇ Eagles:	Jason R.
◇ Pine Tree:	Andrew P.

Popcorn Sales

As you all know it is popcorn time again. I handed out popcorn order sheets a couple weeks back. I have more if anyone needs them. If anyone has filled up a full sheet let me know right away there is a special drawing being held each week for a gift certificate. I would like your order forms back at the Oct. 11 meeting as I have to turn them in on the 15th. I still have popcorn if anyone one would like to deliver while they sell. I don't have chocolate products but we do have the others. Popcorn pickup day is Nov. 12. **Any questions call Jackie 303-666-6193**

Fund Raiser



GROCERY CERTIFICATES are a great way to financially help our Troop and build up your son's Scout Account. At the weekly troop meetings, Sharon Amirfathi will have available for face value (\$25 each) grocery certificates. Just pay her by check (made out to Troop 575) or cash, and they can be used at King Soopers, Safeway, or Albertsons. They may be used with other coupons, and are treated like cash at the grocery store check-out. 50% of the profit goes to the Scout Account; 50% of the profit goes to the Troop. You may also reach Sharon at samirfa@qwest.com. or 303-494-8646



Troop Calendar

October 2005

Oct 1	Sat	October Monthly Theme: Wildlife
Oct 3	Mon	7:00p -8:30p Committee Meeting
Oct 4	Tue	6:45p -8:00p Troop Meeting
Oct 7	Fri	7:45p -11:00p Possible Star gazing Overnight: Calvin H to provide more details
Oct 8	Sat	8:30a -3:00p Junior Leader Training
Oct 10	Mon	No School (BVSD)
Oct 11	Tue	6:45p -8:00p Patrol Meeting
Oct 14	Fri	Arapahoe Rendezvous at BDRS
Oct 15	Sat	Arapahoe Rendezvous at BDRS
Oct 16	Sun	Arapahoe Rendezvous at BDRS
Oct 18	Tue	6:45p -8:00p Troop Meeting
Oct 25	Tue	6:45p -8:00p PLC/Scout Business Night Board of Review Night
Oct 29	Sat	SHM Leaf Clean-up
Oct 30	Sun	Daylight Savings Time ends
Oct 31	Mon	Halloween

November 2005

Nov 1	Tue	6:45p -8:00p Troop Meeting
Nov 2	Wed	November Monthly Theme: Shooting Sports/Safety
Nov 7	Mon	7:00p -8:30p Committee Meeting
Nov 8	Tue	6:45p -8:00p Patrol Meeting Election Day
Nov 11	Fri	Veteran's Day No School (BVSD)
Nov 12	Sat	8:30a -5:00p MBU
Nov 15	Tue	6:45p -8:00p Troop Meeting Board of Review Night Community Food Share greeters
Nov 18	Fri	Peaceful Valley Shooting Campout
Nov 19	Sat	Peaceful Valley Shooting Campout
Nov 20	Sun	Peaceful Valley Shooting Campout
Nov 21	Mon	No School (BVSD)
Nov 22	Tue	No School (BVSD) No Meeting
Nov 23	Wed	No School (BVSD)
Nov 24	Thu	No School (BVSD) Thanksgiving
Nov 25	Fri	No School (BVSD)
Nov 29	Tue	6:30p -8:00p Court of Honor

*"The only problem with the Boy Scouts
is there aren't enough of them."*

—Will Rogers