

# Troop 113 Totem Pole

A Newsletter of Events for Scouts and Parents

For more information:

<http://www.troop113.indianhead.org/>

Apr. 29, 2010



## Calendar of Events

### 27 April § Tuesday

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting – *Citizenship Merit Badge (choose any of the three)* – Star Camp introduction - Bring gloves for litter patrol - Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

### 1 May § Saturday

9:00 AM - Service Project – *Spring Cleanup at ArtReach Alliance* – 224 N 4th Street, Stillwater. *Pre-approve with Terry if you wish to record service hours towards rank advancement.*

### 4 May § Tuesday

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting – *Court of Honor* – (set up at 6:15 PM) - Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Families are invited to join in. Pizza dinner will be served. \$5 suggested donation per person or \$20 per family. *Permission slips for Star Camp due.*

### 8 May § Saturday

6:00 PM - Service Project – *World War II Veterans Dinner* – Bayport American Legion.

### 11 May § Tuesday

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting – *Citizenship Merit Badge (choose any of the three)* – Bring gloves for litter patrol – *Stacy's Birthday!!!* - Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

### 18 May § Tuesday

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting – *Patrol Leader's Conference* – Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

### 20 May § Thursday

6:30 PM - Scout Building - *Pack for Star Camp* – Bring personal gear

### 21-23 May § Fri. – Sun.

*Star Camp - Stearns Scout Camp* – see details below - [meet at Scout Building at 5:30.](#)

### 25 May § Tuesday

6:30 PM - Troop Meeting – *Citizenship Merit Badge Homework Check* – *Kickball!!!* - Scout Building.

### 1 June § Tuesday

6:30 PM - *Troop Meeting* – Flag Football – Bears stand all – *Scout Building.* - *Permission slips for Spelunking Campout due.*

### 25-27 June § Fri. – Sun.

*Spelunking & Biking Campout* – Forestville / Mystery Cave State Park - [meet at Scout Building at 4:30.](#)

### Other Upcoming Events –

17-24 July – *Tomahawk*



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## *James Doyle's Eagle Court of Honor*

James Doyle ... Eagle Scout! Troop 113 is represented by another fine Eagle Scout. A well-attended Court of Honor was held on Saturday, April 3 to award James with scouting's highest rank and to celebrate this great accomplishment. The court of honor featured an excellent program that highlighted many aspects of James' scouting career including moving remarks by himself and his proud scoutmaster. James will remain active in Scouting as he rejoins the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster.



James Doyle ... Eagle Scout ... enough said!

## *Sandbagging*

On March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Troop 113 filled sand bags in downtown Stillwater to help hold back the rising St. Croix. I wish we had taken some time-lapse photos as the huge pile of sand shrank throughout Saturday afternoon, most noticeably on the end that our Scouts were working! The Troop's efforts were both appreciated and noticed by our neighbors to the North.

## *James Brown's Blue Bowl*

Somebody has James Brown's blue mess kit bowl. If you have a blue bowl that you brought home from cross-over camp and it has James' initials on the bottom, please trade him for a nearly identical blue bowl that does not have his initials on the bottom.



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## *U.S. Grant Pilgrimage in Galena*



Troop 113 participated in the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage in Galena, Illinois, over the weekend of April 23-25 for the 19<sup>th</sup> time in Troop history and for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Despite near continuous rain, wind, and cold, the boys had a great time exploring the shops, parks, restaurants, and museums in the beautiful city of Galena, participating in a 'historical facts' scavenger

hunt, and marching in the parade (during which the rain actually stopped ... sort of). Muddy games of football were played, Joe Reding turned in an amazing score on the back 9 (one-handed) to win the annual Bear patrol mini-golf tournament, and we made traditional stops at the grotto and the cheese shop on the way home. Unfortunately, due to weather, the Army's Golden Knights sky dive was called off. Road-kill count on the way down was 61, falling short of the past record of 64.



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## *Seth's Eagle Project & Board of Review*

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Seth Spawn completed his service project in pursuit of the Eagle rank. Seth's passion for music rang loud and clear as he orchestrated a wonderful multi-media performance featuring music, story-telling, and a synchronized slide show. A few lucky audience participants became billy goats, Seth was an intimidating troll, Seth's friends and musical mentors played wonderful, emotionally-charged musical pieces, and mesmerized children listened, drew pictures with crayons as they were influenced by the music, and even got to play the stringed instruments. If you missed out on this event, you really missed out!

I am delighted to report that on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Seth completed his Eagle board of review, and we look forward to officially congratulating him in a Court of Honor sometime soon. Congratulations, Seth!

## *StarCamp*



Don't miss this one! We are looking forward to what promises to be an amazing event. StarCamp is being described as 'The Adventure of the Century', similar in magnitude to a National Jamboree. As of April 26, there are 8,000 registrants! Star Camp will be held on the weekend of May 21-23 at Stearns Scout Camp, near St. Cloud. From the

website:

"StarCamp is Northern Star Council's Centennial SuperEvent, celebrating 100 years of Scouting in the great outdoors!

StarCamp is for all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and Leaders in Northern Star Council, plus visitors and special guests.

StarCamp will be an opportunity to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the BSA, enjoy outstanding program, showcase 'Scouting in Action' to our community, and energize our Scouts and volunteers.

StarCamp will be a highlight of participants' Scouting days, with more than 200 programs designed for fun, learning, adventure and service. There are more activities being offered at StarCamp than any past council-wide event and even more are being added.

Just some of the unique programs include: a space shuttle simulator, Jaws of Life extractions, blacksmithing, a K-9 search demonstration, fire department vehicle burns, Army Corps of Engineers powerboats, engine and mechanical parts hands-on demonstrations, SCUBA tank demonstrations with equipment for Scouts to try on, a hands-on skateboard demonstration with a half pipe, shooting sports ranges of all kinds, model rocket launching, catapults, a helicopter fly-in, signal tower building, a zipline, a COPE course, remote control truck driving, fly-fishing, mountain biking, giant hamster balls, a foam pit, Zorb Ball, sumo suits, ham radios, Native American dancers, two stage shows with fireworks and a band and A LOT more."

Permission slips are being accepted through next Tuesday, May 4. Don't miss this one! Please visit the website for more information:

<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/ActivitiesCivicService/Local/StarCamp.aspx>



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## Troop 113 Totem Pole - from the Editor

If you have ideas, comments, concerns, submissions, photos, etc., please contact Paul Vlasak: [pvlasak@mmm.com](mailto:pvlasak@mmm.com) or 651-430-3178. Submissions from Scouts are preferred, all submissions appreciated. Also, if you want to add or remove an e-mail address from the distribution list, please let me know. Keep in mind that the web-site may be more up to date and contains information for events as far out as there are plans: <http://www.troop113.indianhead.org/>

