



# Bugle Notes

Troop 5 - Crew 5 January 2009

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## Learn to Luge

One of our upcoming Troop 5 campouts is the luge campout, in which we shall, obviously luge. This event will partake in Muskegon, Michigan at the Muskegon Winter Sport Complex, roughly 213 miles away from Wilmette.

On the campout we will have to suffer through a four hour drive to the complex, but it will be completely worth it. Instead of staying in tents we will be staying in heated cabins near the complex.

The Muskegon Luge is one of the four luge tracks in the U.S.A. and is the most publicly accessible. There are two starting points on the luge track that either takes you on a challenging ride or an easier one. For those of you who do not know what luge is, it is basically a long track of ice with twists and turns in which you go down in an aerodynamic sled. We are registered for a special "Learn to Luge" on-site training class. They also have over an acre of skating rinks (including a 700' skating trail), 16k of groomed and lighted cross-country trail through woods and along Lake Michigan. I hope to see you all there :-)

Jacob N

**Troop 5 Winter Court of Honor**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette**  
**Sunday, February 1 2PM**

A reception with appetizers  
will follow in Wallace Moore Hall

## President Obama was a Cub Scout

Bugle Notes has learned that President Obama, like President Bush, was a Cub Scout. However, President Obama did his Scouting in Indonesia. He was a Siaga (a Cub Scout) in Gerakan Pramuka, which is the name of the national Scouting organization of Indonesia.



See p5 for additional information on Presidents and scouting.

## *What I Want to Accomplish as Senior Patrol Leader*

To be a successful SPL, you need to have a plan. There are multiple things that I plan to accomplish during my term as SPL. One of these is to start meetings on time. In the past, meetings have started anywhere from 7:35 to sometimes 7:40. If all the meetings are on time, there will be more time to do activities and skills. I also plan to have more service projects. This will help scouts get their service hours for higher ranks such as Star and Life. Service projects also help our community to be a better place. The third thing that I would like to accomplish is to try to get the majority of the scouts to advance a rank in my term. I plan to do this by hosting more Advancement Workshops so that there will be a place to help other scouts. It will also be a good way for older scouts to get experience as leaders. If all goes well, I will be able to get all of these done and help Troop 5 in the process.

Conor H



## Lessons I've Learned In Troop 5

There are many lessons I have learned in Troop 5. For instance, I have learned to be organized with my materials and come to Merit Badge sessions on time, especially at Camp Makajawan. Also, I learned how to be prepared for any kind of weather by packing up my duffel with clothes for any kind of environment I might deal with on every campout. I've learned to be reliable by showing up at troop meetings and Mr. Morrison's PLC meetings on a regular basis. Attending troop activities like the Skills Rally, First Aid Meet, and Eagle Scout service projects is also important. Finally, Troop 5 has taught me leadership skills that I put into practice as a Patrol Leader. I have learned that being an effective leader requires all the other skills Troop 5 has taught me.

Therefore, Troop 5 is a place where you can learn a great deal about being organized, responsible, reliable, and a good leader. By coming on the campouts, doing the service projects, working on the merit badges, and taking the initiative in a leadership role, you can learn many worthwhile lessons. In fact, the lessons that I have learned in Troop 5 might possibly be some of the most important lessons of my life.

By Mitchell S

## Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness is a really useful merit badge to have. Not only is it Eagle-required, many of the skills and topics discussed are beneficial towards keeping your family and your community safe. Part of the badge involves participating in a real emergency drill or service project. We're fortunate that Mr. Bergquist, our counselor, was also in charge of teaching an emergency responders course in the community. He took the Scouts working on this merit badge to a practice drill at the NIPSTA facility in Glenview, where we served as the "victims" of a massive explosion. The responders did a pretty good job treating us for both severe and minor injuries, although it was clear none of them had been Boy Scouts. The drill and all the skills we learned will come in handy if we ever find ourselves in a true emergency situation.

David W.





## *Cooking With Fire By Chris M*

Cooking over a fire is one of the best ways to cook on a campout because it gives you a diversity of ways to cook. You can cook using a rotisserie, a Dutch oven, a griddle, a grill or many other techniques. This means you can cook several different types of food at the same time. For example, you could cook a pie in a Dutch oven, some sweet corn in tin foil, and rotisserie a ham all at once, which saves time. Saving time and having more options are not the only important aspects of cooking over a fire. There is also a legacy associated with cooking over fire. Scouts over the ages have always learned to cook their favorites — pie fries, silver treasures, and of course, s'mores — over a campfire. It's how I first learned how to cook. Now, as a cooking instructor, I intend to pass that legacy on to you. Remember that using fire to cook is the oldest form of cooking around. The only reason we are here today is because our ancestors used fire and survived. Fire is an important tool that should not be taken for granted because it will help forge your path to Eagle Scout.



Autumn camp outs gave scouts of all ages a chance to teach and/or learn new skills.

## Five Great Reasons to Join Troop 5 by Scott B

Troop 5 is based on what the scouts want and what they're willing to do to make it happen. This type of boy led leadership is the goal for every troop, but you don't see it as much in every troop.

Troop 5 is filled with adults and older scouts who will push you 100% to where you want to go. If you want to become an Eagle Scout, they'll be there. You just have to want it and put forth all the effort and work to get there.

Troop 5 is great for bonding with your peers and meeting new kids while learning life skills.

Troop 5 is great for learning the skills and activities you need to learn in Boy Scouts and in life, but it also helps you learn about yourself.

Troop 5 is great for camping and other outdoor activities. Some of the activities we do on campouts are: biking, canoeing, climbing, orienteering, hiking, playing commando, cooking and making bonfires.



## A Scout is Reverent by Daniel B

Aside from always being reverent, a scout can go above and beyond and do special service. This will qualify the scout for a Religious Emblem. It is NOT by any stretch a scouting award. Their religious leader bestows one of these Emblems on a scout whether they are a Shaman, priest, or Rabbi. No matter what faith a scout is, there are requirements that will suit that religion.



## Fast Facts about Presidents and Scouting

Perhaps you know that Gerald R. Ford was the only Eagle Scout to have become President of the United States. But do you know these other facts about Presidents and Scouting?

- Jimmy Carter was a Scoutmaster and a troop committee chair.
- John Kennedy was the first President to have been a Scout. He was a member of Troop 2, Bronxville, NY.
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the first President to have been a Scout leader.
- The following Presidents visited National Jamborees:

George W. Bush	Fort A.P. Hill	2005
Bill Clinton	Fort A.P. Hill	1997
George H.W. Bush	Fort A.P. Hill	1989
Lyndon Johnson	Valley Forge	1964
Richard Nixon (as VP)	Valley Forge	1957
Richard Nixon (as VP)	Irvine, CA	1953
Harry Truman	Valley Forge	1950



- Dwight Eisenhower and Calvin Coolidge had sons who were Scouts.
- William Howard Taft invited the BSA to have its first annual meeting in the White House in 1910.
- After his presidency, Theodore Roosevelt served on the Troop Committee for Troop 39 of Oyster Bay, New York.

If you're interested in finding out more about President's and Scouting, go to [www.bsartn2007.org](http://www.bsartn2007.org). Click on the History link at the top of the page, and then place your cursor over the name of any President.

## Troop 5 Merit Badges for 2009

Troop 5 has dedicated merit badge counselors – and a lot of Scouts looking to advance in rank, learn new skills, and explore new interests. Our troop offers a selection of Eagle-required merit badges each year, as well as elective merit badges. Scouts can earn merit badges at Makajawan each summer, but signing up for 1-2 merit badges during the school year is a good way to make steady progress on the path to Eagle ranking.

Parents, if you are looking for a way to contribute to the

troop and participate in your child's Scouting experience, why not serve as a merit badge counselor and share your own skill set? More information on all the BSA merit badges can be found on in the Scout Handbook or [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org), or contact Troop 5's merit badge coordinator, Vanessa Whitcomb ([vanessa.whitcomb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vanessa.whitcomb@sbcglobal.net); 847-251-2345).

Scouts, if you are interested in taking any of these merit badges, please contact Mrs. Whitcomb to sign up.

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### *Merit Badges Offered in 2009:*

- \*First Aid
- \*Emergency Preparedness
- \*Personal Fitness
- \*Environmental Science
- \*Cycling
- \*Hiking

Reading  
Scholarship  
Cooking  
Public Speaking

\* Fulfills Eagle requirement

# The Raptor Patrol

By Patrick O

Over the past few months the Raptor patrol has been very active. Before summer started we went and saw a movie to celebrate the end of school, and most of our meetings during autumn were dedicated to selling pancake breakfast tickets, after which we would generally do something fun, like play a basketball game or watch a movie. Then we had to get ready for the skills rally so we reviewed all 8 basic knots and learned our plants, animals, and compass points. Coming up, we plan to have our patrol meet with Mr. McCammon and finish up our camping merit badge. We're also looking into service opportunities we could participate in as a patrol. We've got a busy year ahead!



## *Skills Rally*

The annual skills rally involving friendly competition between Troop 5, Troop 13 and Troop 20 was a big success. We earned quite a few ribbons, Mitchell S. was perhaps the proudest of all scouts, for he won the Minuteman Knot competition with a time of 42 seconds to accurately tie a series of eight knots. Way to Go, Mitchell! All of that practice really paid off. The new compass boards also worked out really well. Thank you Mr. Figura for making them. We ended our night at Homers for an ice cream treat.

# Minutes from January 11th PLC Meeting

## Attendance

List of attendees: Patrick O, Joe F, Connor H, Brian K, Mitchell S, Chris M, Sam B, Daniel B, Jacob N, Scott B, Michael Z, David W

## Reflections on last month's events

**Advancement Workshop:** We agreed that the workshop went well and that it did not require any changes. We decided to hold future advancement workshops as well.

**Troop Hike:** We decided to try a hike in August as well as December, and we decided to try some different routes, not just lakefront and botanic Garden Hikes

**Troop Swim Outing:** We noted that the attendance was low and decided to try to have a back-up plan in case that we have very low attendance again.

**PLC Lock-in:** Several people complained about the difficulty in getting to sleep because of

some people talking. We also discussed the Junior Leadership Training video we watched.

## Patrol Reports

Each Patrol leader gave a Report on his Patrol's status

**Raven:** No December Patrol meeting. Planning a January one

**Raptor:** Currently 4 members but thriving. Had a December Patrol Meeting

**Spartan:** 5-7 happy Members with no patrol meetings

**Mufassa:** 5 Members. Had Patrol Meeting at Matthew Mead's house

**Moose:** Had Patrol Meeting

## Upcoming Outings

**Klondike Derby:** We had to get attendance numbers at the next meeting

**February Luge Campout:** We discussed the campout and that attendance will be limited to 25 people and that it will be expensive

## Upcoming Innings

**Jan. 12 Meeting:** We decided to work on Klondike derby preparation

**Open House:** Scott Bartuska, the Scout Coordinator for the Open House, passed out a proposed agenda which we discussed. Activities will be Pie Fries, Fire making, Scout Matching game, Monkey Bridge? Tent building, Dutch Oven Cooking

## Service

We discussed the troop service challenge and what counted and didn't count as service.

## POR Agreements

We worked on our POR agreements at the meeting. Also, all PLC members who have not turned in their POR agreement must do so A.S.A.P.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe F - Troop 5 Scribe



On frigid cold days of winter, think warm thoughts of the good times you've had and share ideas for future events with your patrol leaders or ASPLs.

# Crew 5: What's the Difference?

Many of you reading this are most likely here for the Troop 5 Open House, learning about how the troop is run and what the scouts do during their time here. You've already learned that our troop is a great place to make long-lasting friends and to learn invaluable leadership skills, but you may be wondering, what's this I hear about Crew 5? Well, Crew 5 is a venturing crew chartered out of FPCW.

Venture scouting is a lot like Boy scouting, but oriented towards high-school aged youths and open to both boys and girls. Crew 5 focuses on two things, high adventure and the Ranger award. Earning the Ranger award is the Venturing equivalent of Scouting's Eagle Scout. Crew 5 devotes about half their time to Ranger program activities like wilderness first-aid, and the other half to planning high adventure trips and helping the Troop out.

You may have noticed some older looking scouts in green shirts tonight; those are the members of Crew 5.

High adventure is the best part of the venturing experience. Crew 5 has traveled to such exotic locations as Seabase in Florida for a week of off-shore SCUBA diving, Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for a week of backpacking, and the Boundary waters in Minnesota for a week of canoeing.

The Crew is heading back to Philmont this summer as well as planning their own biking trip around Michigan. Adventures with Crew 5 are some of the many great experiences scouts can look forward to if they stick around with Troop 5 long enough.

By Tommy M





# One of the Greatest Places on Earth

Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is one of the greatest places on earth. There is no other place like it anywhere in the world, which is mainly due to the fact that there is no other such staff in the world. Numerous leaders and staff members have said that if the staff at MAK ran a company, the company would be a multimillion dollar enterprise.

Staff is an experience that is, for lack of a better phrase, totally awesome. There is no other experience like it. Being a part of the MAK staff allows scout to see whole other parts and perspectives on camp that little even know existed. Not to mention, the staffers get to teach skills in the absolute greatest class room, the Wisconsin woods.

Lastly, as a staffer, there are so many likeminded people around that it becomes almost impossible to not have fun. Fellow staffers become some of the best friends that anyone could ever ask for, simply by virtue of working and living in such close proximity to them. Staffers are some of the coolest, nicest, and knowledgeable people that you may ever meet. So apply.



## What It Means to be in the Order of the Arrow

I became a member of the Order of the Arrow the summer of 2005 at camp MAKAJAWAN. To me the Order of the Arrow means that I am part of a group that is dedicated to cheerful service to others. The OA is a opportunity for all members to improve the lives of other people.

My experiences over the past three years have been fun and rewarding giving back to the community and making new Adult and Scouting friends. The Order of the Arrow has many opportunities for service that are unknown.

One moment that particularly has stayed with me was being part of the OA induction dance team at Camp MAKAJAWAN. This experience was really rewarding because it gave me the chance to bring in new members, which I will mentor for success.

I would encourage all Scouts to seek out this opportunity by being active participants in Troop 5 and attend as many camping events as possible.

by Michael F



# *Presentation of God and Service Award in honor of Jeff Kuehl*

*The text below was shared at the memorial service, on January 9, celebrating the life of Jeff Kuehl.*

I am Ken Morrison, SM of T5. I am here to present to Jeff's family, in his honor, the God and Service Award.

The God and Service Award is a national recognition awarded by a church, such as First Presbyterian, and a national youth agency, such as the Boy Scouts, in cooperation with an organization known by the acronym of PRAY - Programs of Religious Activities for Youth.

The award is given to acknowledge distinguished volunteer service by adults in ministry to young people through service to the church and the youth agency. Self nominations are not permitted. The nomination must come from the church and the youth agency. Indeed, in this case the nomination came jointly from FPCW, Pack 5, Troop 5 and Crew 5.

At this point, you might be thinking, "Ken, why did you wait until Jeff passed away to obtain this award for Jeff? Why not do this earlier?"

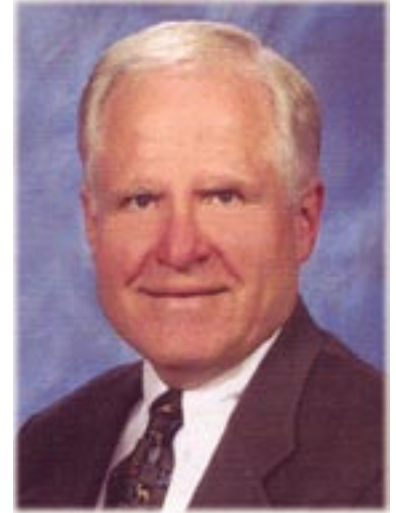
Well, as it happens, this was not the plan. The plan was to present this award to Jeff tomorrow, in person, at the annual joint meeting of Troop 5 adults and the FPCW Men's Council. It was to be a surprise for Jeff.

Instead, it seems, it was Jeff who surprised us. Or, perhaps, when the Supreme Being we know as The Great Master of All Scouts read our nomination letter, He decided that He wanted Jeff at His side, sooner rather than later.

So, I am here with the very bittersweet mission of presenting the God and Service Award to Polly and the Kuehl family. It is particularly bittersweet because this is an award that Jeff himself, along with Sarah Butter, presented to me just two years ago this week.

Jeff was not only a devoted adult in Scouting; he was an Eagle Scout himself. And so I have asked the two Eagle Scouts who are currently members of Troop 5, Alex Crider and Gautam Stroschio, to assist in this presentation. Alex and Gautam, would you please come forward?

Alex is bearing the certificate signifying the award. Gautam is bearing the God and Service medal, along with our original nomination letter. It is the same medal that I am wearing.



To earn this award, a Scouter must provide at least five years of service to both his church and the Boy Scouts, work with young people in the program to earn the God and Country Award, be a person whose Christian example is highly regarded by others in the church, and meet several other requirements.

Jeff Kuehl met and exceeded these requirements. The many Scouts and Scouters in uniform here today are a testament to his presence in the Scouting program. I am here to tell you a little bit about his Scouting life as an adult.

First, a quick chronology:

- When his son Griffin joined the Cub Scouting program as a Tiger Cub in 1989, Jeff joined as a Tiger Cub Adult Partner.
- 1992 - Jeff became Cubmaster of Pack 5
- 1994 - Jeff moved up to become Pack Committee Chair (a position from which, in 1997, he asked an unsuspecting Den Leader named Ken Morrison to become Cubmaster)
- 1995 - When Griffin graduated into Troop 5, Jeff became an ASM, while still remaining as Pack Committee Chair
- 1998 - Jeff stepped down as Pack Committee Chair and became the Chartered Organization Representative, servicing the liaison between *fpcw* and its Scouting units. Jeff has held that

position for the past 10+ years.

- 1998 - Jeff became a consultant to the Northeast Illinois Council of the BSA, working with them on endowment and fundraising matters

These positions are impressive, and Jeff handled them well. But they only tell part of the story. Let me give you four vignettes that show how Jeff made Scouting an important part of his ministry here:

*First*, he taught religious programs for Scouts. On a personal note, I recall that Jeff was the instructor when my son Jack, now 20 but then in third grade, earned the God and Me award.

*Second*, Jeff was instrumental in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Troop 5 in 1997. Not only did he design the celebratory patch for our diamond anniversary (which, although it looks triangular, does have a diamond within it!), but he also was the key support to then-Scoutmaster Eric Robison in raising the funds that Troop 5 contributed to the building of the church-troop garage.

*Third*, Jeff was the driving force behind the founding of Crew 5, which was the first Venturing Crew to be chartered in the Northeast Illinois Council. He foresaw, quite clearly, the value of a co-ed Scouting program for high school and college aged youth.

*Fourth* and finally, Jeff will be forever known in Troop 5 as the originator of the Eagle Knot Challenge. It seems that when Jeff earned his own Eagle Scout Award in 1964 at the age of 14, he bought himself an Eagle Knot, which is the knot that is worn by adult Scouters to signify that they are Eagle Scouts. Jeff promised himself that he would

one day wear that knot on his uniform as an adult Scouter.

Not only did Jeff proudly wear that knot, but he developed a very special presentation at Troop 5 Eagle Scout Courts of Honor (which I understand has been adopted by many other troops). He presented each Eagle Scout with a plaque -- like the one I hold here that he presented to my son Jack -- and challenged that Eagle Scout to give back to Scouting as an adult.

Alex and Gautam, who have not yet had their own Eagle courts, are two Troop 5 Eagles who will not be able to receive that award directly from Jeff. But I am sure he will be watching when they receive theirs.

At this time, I would like to ask Alex and Gautam to present the God and Service Award, the medal and the letter to Polly Kuehl. Thank you, Polly, Griffin and Becca for sharing Jeff with us.

We all have been touched by Jeff's presence in our lives. He is now in the life eternal, where we may hope to join him.

We often close a Scout ceremony with the Scout benediction: "May the Great Master of all Scouts be with us until we meet again." In acknowledging Jeff's contributions, I would like to close this award ceremony by asking all past and present Scouts and Scouters to stand. I ask that you recite those words with me - but with a special change: say "be with you, Jeff" rather than "be with us".

May the Great Master of all Scouts be with you, Jeff, until we meet again.



Need a fun patrol meeting activity? The troop isn't going to Rokilio this winter, but there are a few really good local sledding hills with 200' - 300' unobstructed runs. Flick Park, 3600 Glenview Rd. in Glenview & Wild Oaks Green Park. Sanders Rd in Northbrook.

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