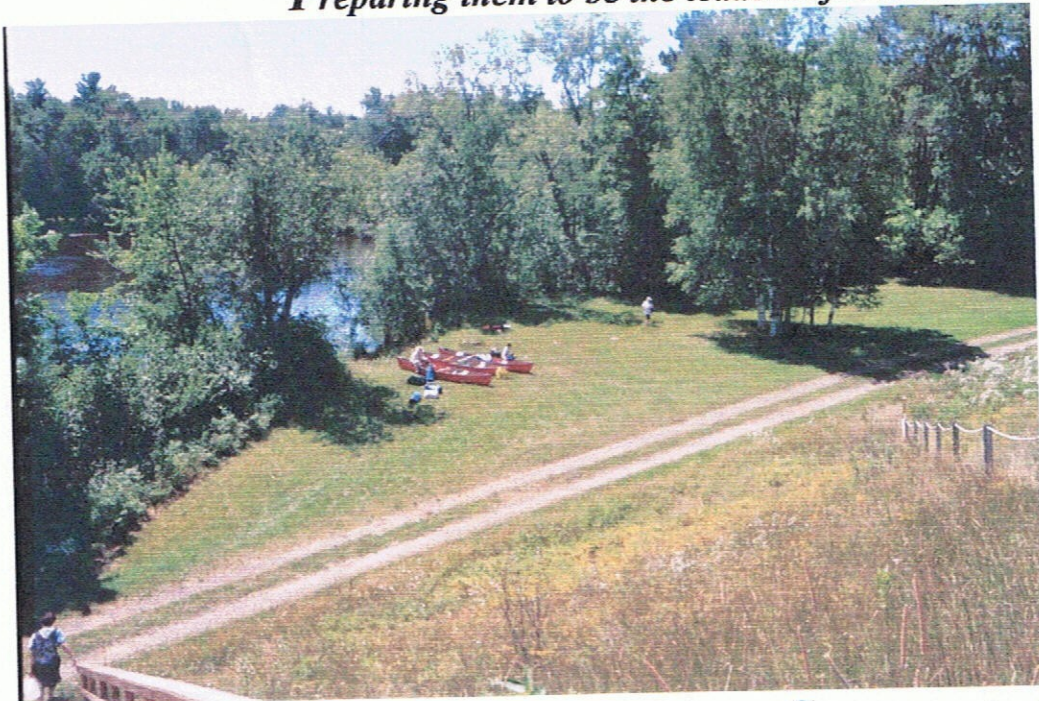


TROOP 20 SCOUTS

PROGRAM YEAR 2009

Guiding the youth of today,

Preparing them to be the leaders of Tomorrow



Wolf River Rafting Trip

Summer Camp

Court of Honor

Scout Sunday

Friends & Fun

Ski Trip

Pancake Breakfast

Back Packing & Hiking

Ice Age Trail Trip

Camp-O-REE

Order of the Arrow

Bowling Tournament

High Adventure Program

High Adventure-Wilderness backpacking)

Troop-Pack Picnic

Archery

Blood Drive

Service to the Community

Learning Outdoor Skills

Merit Badges

Leadership Skills

Good times in the outdoors

First Aid, CPR Training

Making Friends



*Ascension Parish
Oak Park, Il*



TROOP 20 PROGRAM 1/2009-9/2009

It's impossible to do it all!

The program listed is as complete as could be forecast at this time. No matter how hard we try, it is impossible to schedule trips and events so that they will be possible for all. Some of the following factors were considered when this schedule was assembled.

7 different School Calendars

Spring Baseball

Summer School(s)

Spring Soccer

Mother's Day

Des Plaines Valley Council Calendar

Religious Obligations

High School Graduations

Basketball Schedules

Volleyball

Sports Camps

Webelos Advancement

The weather

8th Grade Graduations

Placement tests & Finals

College Graduation

These were just the *major* factors. The point again is that no matter how careful you plan, *someone* will not be able to attend. Our hope is that Scouts will not miss more than one major event due to athletics or school.

Some of the badges we will cover in 2009 will only be done **once!** Make-ups in some cases are almost impossible. Please make every reasonable effort to be there.

First Aid, the citizenship series, sports, personal fitness, are all-necessary for the advancement to Eagle Rank. We are also attempting to offer several specialized badges for the "old guys" to give them an opportunity to do something special.

****Important Stuff! If you keep your hands, ears, feet, and nose warm (and dry), your tolerance of cold weather can be quite remarkable***

TROOP 20 STUFF FOR 2009!!



Early morning view of the Flambeau River from last night's campsite.

Hey it's a new year! Now it's time to have some fun!

Please mark summer camp on your family calendar! Base-Camp Summer camp (Napowan) is scheduled for Sunday July 27th thru Saturday August 1st. The starting date for those Scouts participating in the Flambeau River Trip is Friday, July 24th at 4:00PM (right after the Boys get out of summer school). Flambeau Voyagers return on Sat, 8/1 with Base Campers.



Ship out for a good time!!

More Important Stuff: When sleeping in cold weather conditions, wear a stocking cap or cover your head in a towel, a large percentage of your body heat is lost from your head sticking out of your sleeping bag!

FEBRUARY

Monday

February 2nd

No Regular Program

Recovering From Ski Trip

Monday

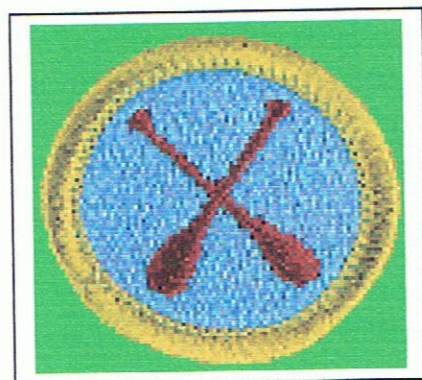
February 9th

Regular Program Fox Center

7:00-8:30 PM Dues \$1.00

Merit Badge Work

Scouts in Class "A" or Class "B" Uniforms



Monday

February 16th

Presidents Day Adventure

No school this day

No regular meeting scheduled for this evening

Saturday

February 21

Scout Saturday_MASS

A special Scout Sunday Mass will be celebrated at Ascension, followed by a great meal! The complete program will take place at Ascension Church

Events will include Mass, dinner, an entertainment program, and a court of honor. This program is done in conjunction with Pack 20.

Additional details to be released

Monday

February 23rd

Regular Program at Fox Center

7:00-8:30 PM Dues \$1.00 Merit Badge Work

Scouts in Class "A" or Class "B" Uniforms



And last of all, the most important stuff....

There is never a guarantee that every kid who signs on as a Scout will become an Eagle Scout. It does not work that way. But just about everyone that gets involved with Scouting learns outdoor skills, and more than a few valuable life-lessons about teamwork, leadership, achievement, and self-reliance. If it was always easy, everyone could do it!

MARCH

Sunday

March 1st

Pancake Breakfast/Fundraiser

Ascension School Gym

An event of epic proportion, the Pancake Breakfast is

A fund-raiser and an opportunity to show off.

Scouts (and some parents) help prepare tons of food.

All Scouts and lots of parents needed.

Monday

March 2nd

No regular meeting planned

Monday

March 9th

Regular Meeting Fox Center

7:00-8:30 Dues \$1.00

Merit Badge Work

Pre-Trip Prep for Camp-out

All Scouts in class "A" or Class "B" Uniform



Monday

March 16th

Regular Meeting Fox Center

7:00-8:30 Dues \$1.00

Merit Badge Work

All Scouts in class "A" or Class "B" Uniform

Monday

March 23rd

Fox Center

"Bring a Buddy Night" no charge of the buddy!

Tournaments and Feats of Strength Featured

7:00-8:30 Dues \$1.00

Merit Badge Work

All Scouts in class "A" or Class "B" Uniform

Sat-Sunday

March 28-29

Campout at Cantigny

Leave Sat Morning, Return Sunday

Details to be released

Monday

March 30th

No Regular Meeting Fox Center



APRIL

Monday
April 6th

Regular Program Fox Center
7:00-8:30 PM Dues \$1.00
Merit Badge Work
Scouts in Class "A" or Class "B" Uniforms

Monday
April 13th

Regular Program Carroll Center
Summer Camp initial meeting Scouts and 1 Parent (Please!)
Prepare for Spring Camp-O-Ree
7:00-8:30 PM Dues \$1.00
Merit Badge Work
Scouts in Class "A" or Class "B" Uniforms

Fri, Sat, Sun
April 17-18-19

Twin Lakes Camp-O-Ree
Details to be Released



Monday
April 20

No Regular program

Monday
April 27th

Pizza Fest at Fox Center!
OA and Troop Elections! (Be There!!)
7:00-8:30 PM Dues \$1.00
Merit Badge Work
All Scouts in Class "A" Uniforms
Group Photo Night!

SEE THE TROOP 20 WEBSITE!

Pictures, schedule information, news, jokes, games,
forms, the site is open and good fun!
Visit it at

www.troop20.com

MAY

Monday
May 4th

Regular Program Fox Center
7:00-8:30 PM Dues \$1.00
Merit Badge Work
Scouts in Class "A" or Class "B" Uniforms

Sunday --It's Mother's Day Buy Mom a Card! Make her Breakfast!

Monday
May 11th

Regular Program Fox Center
7:00-8:30 PM Dues \$1.00
Merit Badge Work
Prepare for Rafting Trip/ Trail Hike
Scouts in Class "A" or Class "B" Uniforms

May 15-16-17

Rafting Trip & Trail Hike Combo!

A yearly favorite With a new twist to it!

1. For the older Scouts a **Rafting trip** on the Mighty Wolf River
Scouts must be 1st class and have Swimming merit badge and Canoeing merit badge. [Scouts without these MB's may petition to attend]

For the younger scouts or those that wish to participate in a different experience, a trail hike. Groups will travel together to the campsite in Boulder Lake State Park, than participate in activity they are eligible for.

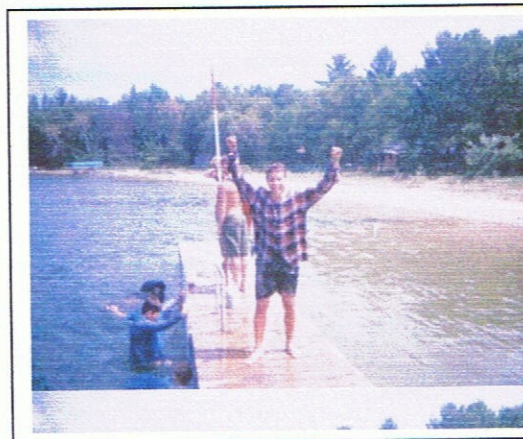
We will need lots of adult help with this trip! Additional details to be released.

Monday
May 18th

No Regular Program Fox Center (recovering from campout!)

Monday
May 25th

Memorial Day No Regular Meeting



SUMMER IS COMING!! SUNDAY 7/26 THRU 8/01/09

It is hard to imagine it, but summer actually will be here before you know it! Please take a moment and review your "summer calendar" with your Scout.

Summer camp? Summer camp is really an exceptional time of life. It's not too often that boys get a chance to shoot, canoe, fish, and just get out in the clean Wisconsin air. For the older scouts, there are two program special options--- depending on seniority and experience. This year's SENIOR SCOUT high adventure Trip will be a heavy-duty adventure. Planned is a Back-Packing trip deep into the wilds of the Bear Tooth Mountains. The intermediate trip will be an exciting 85-mile paddle on the Flambeau River. Please keep these opportunities in your mind when you plan the summer of 2009!



Napowan-Base Camp 2009

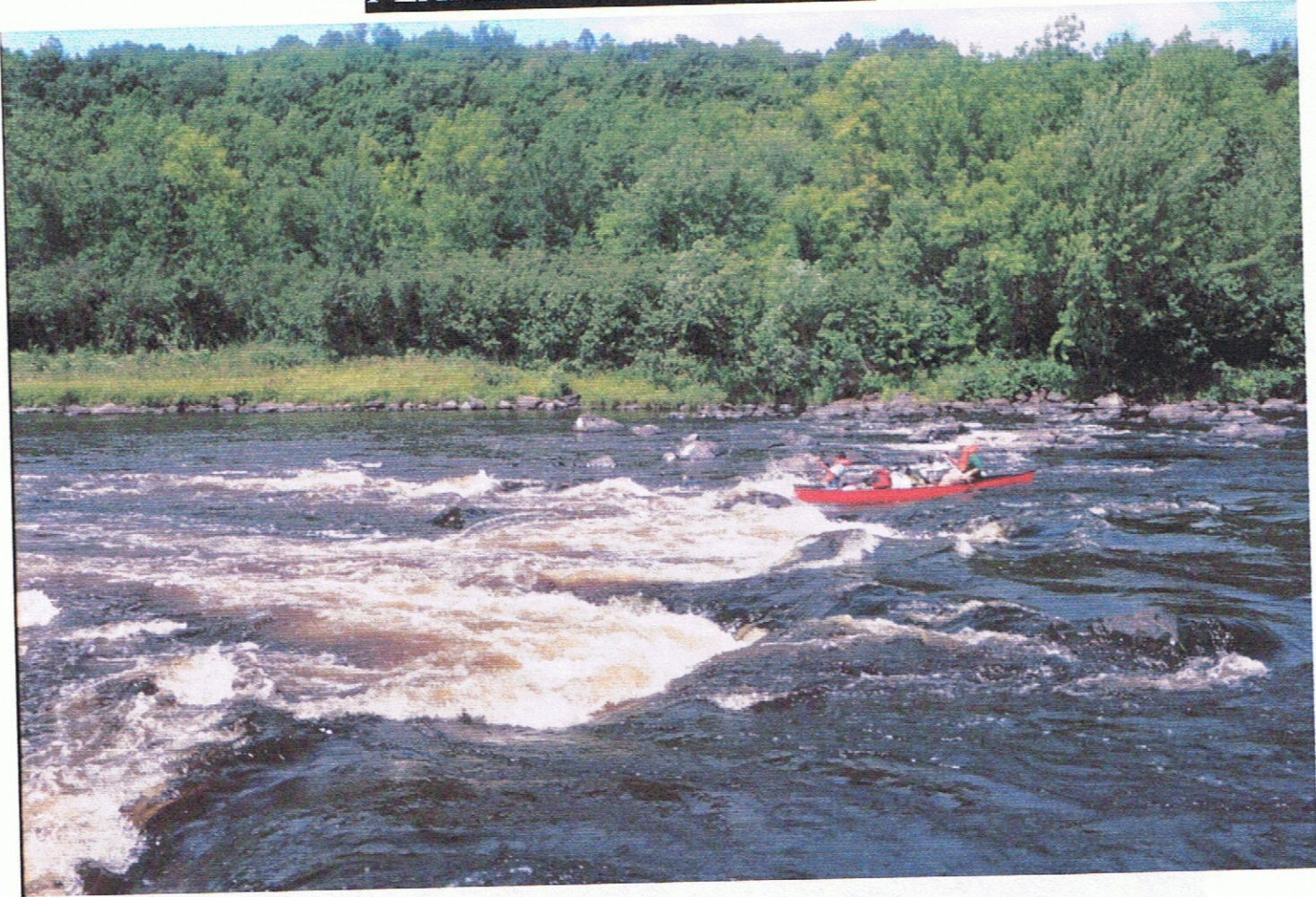
Summer dates for Napowan are Sunday, July 26 thru Saturday, August 1.

This is the first week after the sports camps and summer schools end.

In 2008 New and young Scouts went to Napowan and accumulated 120 + Badges.

Estimated costs for a week of Napowan is \$_____

FLAMBEAU RIVER TRIP



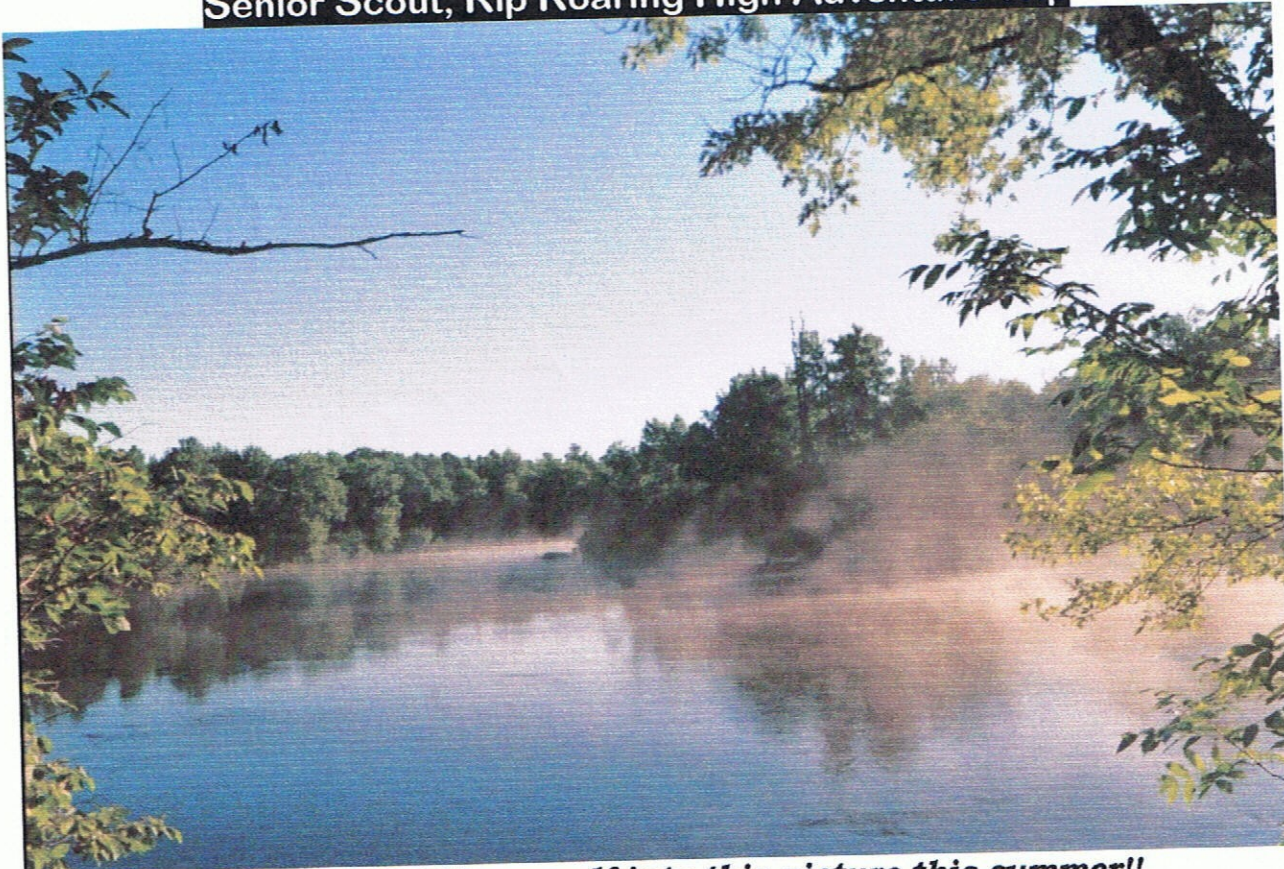
“SHOOTING THE BEAVER FALLS RAPIDS”

Last year the 6 “intermediate” Scouts challenged themselves on the Flambeau River. Please keep these opportunities in your mind when you plan the summer of 2008! The cost for the Flambeau trip is *estimated* at this time at \$315.00. Costs are difficult to nail down right now due to not knowing how many scouts will be attending, or which outfitter we will be working with. The Flambeau Voyagers are scheduled to leave after the final summer-school class on Friday, July 18th. They will drive to the outfitter, camp over night, than get ferried to the jump off point. The team will actually be on the water on Saturday morning.

Flambeau still is a challenge through several rapids. Scouts & leaders have a hard challenge, please contact the Outfitter or Scout Council.

For additional information regarding summer camps, etc. please contact the Outfitter or Scout Council.

Senior Scout, Rip Roaring High Adventure Trip



Senior Scouts: Fit yourself into this picture this summer!!

The annual Senior Scout High Adventure Trip (after you've done Flambeau) is something truly different and distinctive each summer. Even when they go to the same area, each trip is unique. This year's trip will be a journey to and through the Bear Tooth Mountains. Eligible Scouts should make their choice known to Mr. Grandy.

This is the kind of trip many people dream of, but frequently cannot do later in life due to work, education, or family commitments.

Financial aid is available through several sources. Should a family face a fiscal challenge, please contact Mike Grandy or Mike Jirasek!

For additional information regarding summer plans, costs, etc, please contact Mike Grandy or Mike Jirasek

Troop 20 End of the Year Schedule

JUNE

Monday

June 1st

Regular Program Fox Center

7:00-8:30 PM Dues \$1.00

Merit Badge Work

Prepare for Rafting Trip/ Trail Hike

Scouts in Class "A" or Class "B" Uniforms

Monday

June 8th

END OF THE YEAR PIZZA FEST

7:00-8:30

COST AND LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Thur-Fri-Sat-Sun

June 11-12-13-14

Trip to Gettysburg Pa Battlefield Campground

Details to be released, space will be limited.

Sunday

June 21st

Annual Troop-Pack Picnic and Court of Honor

Award of Merit badge and Rank Advancements

Good times and good people!

A fun time for the whole family. This event takes place at

A nearby Forest Preserve grove, features games, activities

And fun for the kids, and a chance to sit down for the adults.

Grills and charcoal will be provided; each family should bring their own feast!

Monday

June 22

Summer Camp Final Preparations

Nailing down of paperwork, equipment and other logistical details. All Summer camp scouts and 1 parent-Please!

Fox Center 7:00-8:30

Attendance by need only!

Monday

June 29

No program planned

July- Ascension Blood Drive!

Tentative date for July Ascension/Troop 20 Blood Drive

Ever need blood? How would you feel if it wasn't there?

If you or a loved one had an accident? Help out as

you can! Motivate family, neighbors, and friends to donate!

The life you save, might be your own-or someone even more precious to you! Details to be released

SUMMER CAMP, SUMMER CAMP, SUM- SUM-SUMMER CAMP!!!! JULY 26th thru August 1st!!!!

Troop 20 Scouts is sponsored through the Ascension Church Holy Name Society. The Unit is a registered Troop of the Boy Scouts of America, Des Plaines Valley Council. For additional information regarding membership, activities, or program goals, please contact the two guys named Mike,

or John (*don't call me Mike*) Saxine.

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