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Scoutmaster's Corner

We Are Proud of All of You

By Mr. Neimon, Scoutmaster

I meant what I said at the Winter Court of Honor. All the leaders in the Troop are proud of the fact that you are in the Troop and that you are working hard on rank advancements, merit badges and becoming better young men. Scouting is one of the few programs, maybe the only one, that truly works on making you an all-around good person and a productive person in society. It is a joy to see you every week and when a scout misses a week or so doing something else, I can honestly say that you not only are missed, but we as leaders and fellow scouts are none the better.

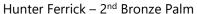
As a scoutmaster and a merit badge counselor I get the privilege of seeing you advance in rank, do scoutmaster conferences and help you with merit badges. This allows me to see you grow from the new scout that knows nothing but has the whole scouting experience before them to the veteran scout that is nearing their end in scouting but has the skills and ability at such a young age to take care of themselves and can make a positive difference in this world.

Stay the course in scouting. If you are struggling come and see me. Everyone struggles. I spoke last time about "Doing the Right Thing May Not Be Easy". Well, scouting may not be easy all the time but it is the right thing to do.

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RECENT RANK ADVANCEMENT Congratulations to the following scouts on receiving their rank advancement:







Andrew Fujimoto - Second Class

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

2017 Upcoming Events

February 16: Kringle Fundraiser Sale Begins

March 11 and March 18: Scouting for Food

March 16: Kringle Fundraiser Sale Ends

March 24: Kringle Fundraiser pick up between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

March 31- April 2: Camp Goof Off at Indian Mound Reservation

May 12-14: Outdoorsman Camp

June 2-4: Home Improvement at Indian Mound Reservation

June 13-21: Sea Base

June 18-24: Gardner Dam

July 9-15: Long Lake Summer Camp

July 23-30: Yellow Stone National Park

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2017 Coon Feed

By Spencer Hong

January 28, was the 91st annual Coon Feed. A lot of people came to have fun and eat raccoon. If you didn't like raccoon, you could have turkey instead, along with side dishes and plenty of desserts and drinks to choose from. People from the Legion, along with Scouts and adults from Troop 49 helped. The scouts bused tables, tended the fires outside and helped direct people parking their cars at the Delafield Legion post. Helping with this was a great time and a fun scouting experience and it was a great way to earn service hours. Thanks for taking pictures Mrs. Hanson.















District Award of Merit



Troop 49 let's all congratulate Mrs. McCarthy in being selected by our Council to receive the highest award our District may bestow upon a registered adult leader, the District Award of Merit. Mrs. McCarthy's service to Boy Scouts and to Troop 49 has been extensive and unwavering, she has consistently worked to keep the ideals of the Scouting program at the forefront in everything she has done. We thank Mrs. McCarthy for her dedication and service.

The District Award of Merit is presented by councils upon recommendation of the district. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.

To receive this award one must first be nominated and pass selection based on the following requirements:

Nominees must:

- be registered Scouters.
- have given "noteworthy service to youth," either inside or outside of Scouting—or both.
- have gone beyond the duties of their volunteer position.
- maintain a positive attitude and work in cooperation with the district and council.

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Mr. Reynen's 1986 Eagle Scout Project By: Andrew Fujimoto

Mr. Reynen is an assistant scoutmaster in Troop 49 and was kind enough to share a few facts about his Eagle Scout Project.

Questions and answers are below:

AF: stands for Andrew Fujimoto.

SR: stands for Scott Reynen.

AF: State which troop you were part of and how old you were?

SR: I was with Troop 99 in Oconomowoc. Troop 99's sponsor back then and still to this date is the Knights of Columbus of Oconomowoc. We met at the KC Hall every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. I was 15 years old turning 16 years old when I completed my project in the summer of 1986.

AF: When did you start, and complete your project?

SR: My project took place in the summer of 1986. I do not remember the exact dates, but from start to finish it was approximately 4 - 6 weeks in duration.

AF: What was your project and its purpose?

SR: My project was working with the Masonic Home in Dousman, WI in their geriatric day time program. The first part of my project was helping coordinate a trip to the zoo. The scouts and I were there on the zoo trip to help escort and push the elderly around in wheel chairs. The second part of the project was to visit the Masonic Home twice a week for 3 to 4 weeks. Each visit was 2-3 hours. I helped coordinate with the Masonic Home staff different activities we could do with the elderly and the scouts. I do not remember all the activities we did. I do remember doing different types of craft projects, which included making piñatas, making different types of snack food, playing board games and just talking with the elderly.

AF: What was your favorite part of the project?

SR: My favorite part of the project was working with the elderly completing the different activities and projects. I remember it started out a little weird at first, but by time we were into our 3rd and 4th weeks of working with them, we got to know them a lot better. They got to know us and it was great experience for me, the scouts and for the elderly to socialize on a regular basis.

AF: What was the toughest part of your project?

SR: One of the harder parts of the project was coordinating the help for each visit to the Masonic Home. Twice a week for 4 weeks I needed help from scouts. I had to find scouts to volunteer and then I had to arrange for them to get a ride from Oconomowoc to Dousman. I did not drive at the time so I needed adult volunteers to help drive to Dousman and then back to Oconomowoc. Some scouts were there to help me on numerous visits. Other scouts could only help one or two days.

AF: What did you learn from your project?

SR: I learned several things. One, I got some great experience working with adults on project management and delegation. We worked collaboratively on activity coordination, supplies needed and how to complete the project with the elderly. I also learned how important it is to socialize with people that are several generations older than you. The elderly at the day time program were very appreciative of the time we spent with them. We learned about each other and had fun working together. It is not easy and comfortable for young teenage boys to socialize and speak with adults in their 70's, 80's and 90's.

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