

**December/January newsletter articles due date:
Friday, January 12, 2018**

2017-18 Upcoming Events

Winter Court of Honor – Dec 14, Aurora Hospital-Draper Hall 6:30pm

USS Cobia Overnight – (Submarine and Museum) - Feb. 16-17

Eagle Cave – March 2-4

Outdoorsman Camp – May 5-7

Donation: In a gesture of thanks to the Police Officers of summit, we'll be collecting treats for them, so they can grab and go as they head out on patrol. Some items you can bring are Gatorade, juice, trail mix, chips etc. Please bring your donations to the troops meetings **by December 21**.

Troop Website

www.t49.scoutlander.com

Charter Organization Website

Delafield American Legion Post 196

www.delafieldlegion.com



Boy Scout Troop 49 Newsletter November 2017

Scoutmaster's Corner

By Mr. Neimon, Scoutmaster

Mr. Marek

I was doing a scout master conference for a life scout wanting to make Eagle. I talked about how he was going to give back to the troop, if he was to become eagle. I wanted to find an example of why it is important. I could have used many of our adult leaders as example, but Mr. Marek came to mind. I told the scout that it is because of people like Mr. Marek that you need to step up. Mr. Marek takes numerous hours out of his life to help you and other scouts through their journey. He easily could say he is too busy or has other things to do. No, he chooses to volunteer at eagle scout projects. He looks over eagle write ups and critiques them, so they are up to the standards they should be. He gives positive feedback, and once in a while he gives a certain needed reality check to scouts to make them better than what they are. He does these things because he believes he can make a difference. He does these things because he believes you as an eagle scout will take up the torch, think beyond yourself and do the same. Our troop needs adults like Mr. Marek to make our future scouts successful. More importantly, our troop needs Eagle Scouts to start acting like Mr. Marek to make our future scouts successful.

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



Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Gene Fontaine Jr. on becoming Troop 49's 71st Eagle Scout

Winter Court of Honor

The Winter Court of Honor will be held at the Aurora Hospital - Draper Hall at 6:30 pm on December 14th.

- Please wear your Class A uniform.
- Bring utensils, plates and cups for your family. Drinks will be provided by the troop.

Merit Badge Blue cards are due to Mrs. Hansen by December 7th, for you to receive your merit badges at the Winter Court of Honor.

Boy scout Halloween Party
By Evan Hovila

The Halloween party at the Laundry Barn was very fun. Everyone that went was wearing some sort of costume and had brought treats for everyone to eat. Some of the costumes that I saw were the Jester, the Pokémon Trainer, and Winnie the Pooh. We also watched a movie there while they gave us some popcorn to eat as a snack. Before everyone had left, there was a big costume contest in which everyone had to line up and people had to choose which ones were the best. The winners were able to pick one of the three boxes of candy that were the prizes. Overall, it was a blast and this is coming from the winner of the costume contest.





Webelo Camp By Spencer Hong



Webelo camp was held at Launder farm on November 11 and 12. At Webelo's camp I was one of the cooks and I was also the SPL. When we first got to camp, we started setting up the camp. We moved all the cooking equipment out under the canopies we set up. Once the Webelos arrived, we started out just like we would a normal troop meeting. We did color guard and the Pledge of Allegiance. After that, we talked to all the Webelos about boy scouts. We talked about scouting and how our troop was lead. Then we went over what we were going to be doing that day. We started off by splitting into patrols and heading off to different stations. The stations were games, a hike station, a boy scout talk station and a rocket making station. It was very cold that day, but I didn't hear much complaining from any of the Webelos. We went on throughout the day doing different activities, eating, launching off rockets and many other fun things. At the end of the night we all got to sit back and watch the Emoji movie. The Webelos said they had lots of fun at the camp and said that boy scouts looks fun!



Yellowstone National Park – July 2017 Pictures compliments of Michael Kluz



Yellowstone 2017

By Michael Kluz

Yellowstone was an awesome trip! We got to see such different parts of the park. It was a really cool trip because we kind of had like a sampler of the park. We saw geysers, climbed mountains and even saw bison! My favorite part of the trip was really two days: The day we climbed Avalanche and the day we saw Grand Prismatic. Avalanche Peak was described in the guide book as a moderately strenuous hike. In other words, it seemed like it would be a pretty chill hike for our group but let's just say we were wrong! Avalanche turned into a very difficult hike that I don't think anyone expected! It started off fairly reasonable, a nice upward trail that quickly turned steeper and steeper until we were in the middle of an alpine meadow. We took some cool pictures and then we looked up and saw in the distance, a ridge line. Surely, we couldn't be climbing all the way up there? Surprise, we were! It was a hard hike up and luckily there were some switchbacks so that made it a little better. Upon reaching the top, complaints about the hike faded into grins as everyone looked out at the beautiful mountains in front of them and then saw the huge lake far beneath them. It was so cool! I took tons of awesome pictures! My other favorite day was when we hit a good majority of the park's geysers and hot springs. Our first hike was an easy flat hike to a waterfall. It was really cool because it cascaded down a really tall cliff. After that, we hiked to the overlook above Grand Prismatic Geyser. It was really something different because all of the other geysers were deep blues, but this one was orange, blue and yellow. It was amazing! Later that day we went to the Norris Geyser Basin and hiked down into it. It was a stark bleak area with chalky white sediment that contrasted with bright blue pools and a river that appeared greenish, running

through the center. We were walking through the area when it got a little windy so naturally I went to grab my jacket. As I grabbed my jacket, my buff flew out of my bag! I had forgotten that I had stashed it underneath my jacket in my bag. I frantically scrambled to get it before it blew off of the wooden bridge we were on. Unfortunately, I wasn't quick enough and it ended up in the river. We tried to get it out with a stick but to no avail. My buff followed the river until it reached a geyser in the basin. I was really sad. On one hand, it's just a price of fabric that I can put over my head and around my neck and easily replaceable. On the other hand, it was a part of all of my adventures and it had a lot of sentimental value to me. My buff was green with the names of the 7 summits (the highest mountain on every continent) and their elevations. When I first bought it, I was 14 and I got it before I went on my first high adventure. For those of you who knew me then I was deathly afraid of heights, so having the 7 summits on my buff was pretty ironic! Through all of my adventures in Boy Scouts I had slowly but surely overcome that fear and my buff reminded me of that. I was pretty upset but I couldn't let that ruin an awesome trip. The last day we had a vote. We would either go to another geyser basin or we could go see an authentic western rodeo. The rodeo won. It was so cool to see a rodeo to begin with but seeing it in Cody, Wyoming, you can't get much better than that! It was an awesome trip and I wanted to say thank you to all of the adults and scouts that were on it! You guys made it a really fun trip!

