



## **Troop 49 Newsletter**

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### **Scoutmaster Corner by Mr. Voiles**

Dear Troop 49,

Below is just one project that I think Troop 49 could really use, but there are a lot of other projects that could help our troop also. Please bring your ideas to the leadership so we can help make them a reality.

I know that we have a new scout packet somewhere, but I haven't seen it for a while. I'm curious to know who the last scout is that may have received it.

Wouldn't it be awesome if we had an informational packet to give the new scouts and their parents when they join the troop?

What would you tell the new scouts and their parents to help them be prepared for Scouts BSA? The things I would tell them are...

- The Troop history and introduction to the troop leadership.
- Information on registration fees and dues, equipment check-in/check-out procedures; transportation basics; adult leadership; a list of suggested personal camping gear; and various policies and practices.
- A new-Scout buyer's guide, including the location of the council Scout shop as well as other area camping supply stores, places to get equipment, and supplies.
- Recommended personal equipment for troop campouts.
- A list of lessons learned by old scouts. What to do and what not to do when preparing for and during camps.
- Phone and email list for members.
- Full-year calendar for troop activities. (I think everyone could use this)
- New Scout checklist of required forms.

- links to and directions for the Permission forms, Health forms, Medication and allergy policies, etc.
- Troop Resource Survey to learn of talents, hobbies, and interests of parents, to help with merit badges or other troop activities.

Do we have any scouts interested in organizing anything like this?  
Please let me know and I will help you get started.

Still working my ticket,  
Mr. Voiles



**Prayer by Amara**

**Lord,  
Thank you for the strength we have today,  
you have granted to us courage to accept the things we cannot  
change,  
Today is a different day with different ideas.**

## Scouting for Food 2022 by Karen Hoffman, Committee Secretary

It was a typical Wisconsin spring for this year's Scouting for Food. About 10 Scouts and adults dodged sprinkles of rain while dropping off flyers to several neighborhoods in Oconomowoc on March 5th and 6th. One week later, on March 12th, 18 Scouts and adults braved the frigid temps and gusty winds and returned to the same neighborhoods and retrieved bags of food that were left out by mailboxes and on porches by generous members of the community.

After the convoy of cars retrieved the bags of food, everyone met back up at the Walgreen's parking lot and consolidated the bags and boxes of food and toiletries into a couple of vehicles. A Troop 49 caravan then drove to the Oconomowoc Food Pantry and happily delivered about 800 items! The two-weekend event tallied 38.25 service hours.

One of Troop 49's recently aged-out Eagle Scouts, Tyler Hanson, lent a hand as well and along with his mom, Aggie, assisted in the flyer distribution. Thanks to everyone who volunteered! This event is just one example of Troop 49 living out the Scout Oath and Law by helping others.





### **Life to Eagle Workshop by Emory W.**

I attended the Life to Eagle Workshop on March 26 during the morning session. It was helpful to learn the do's and don'ts when planning for your Eagle project. It was a fast 90 minutes filled with a lot of useful information from picking your project and writing the proposal to buying your supplies and building your project. There were many finished project books submitted by former scouts on display too which was cool to see. The best part of the whole experience is that you get to count YOUR time (plus that of 2 other people) at this workshop toward your Eagle project hours.



### **NYLT Ice Cream Social by Nick V. (April 3)**

Last month we attended the NYLT information meeting to hear about the campout opportunity. We met the SPL and the pl's. We played games and ate ice cream. If you are 13 years old and first class or higher and are interested in attending NYLT Please talk to your scoutmaster. It is held the second week of June each year at CLL.

### **ILST and Skills Campout by Aiden P. (April 8-10)**

During the event, all scouts were called as it was a mandatory event, there we partook in training during the event, where the adults educated the scouts on what each position's role was. We were taught what was expected as scouts and how events should be run. During that training we had multiple games that included teamwork and other scout skills. After the training the Scouts were taken on a hike, taught how to deal with some first aid scenarios, and shown how to make a tripod. After that, The scouts had made dinner, some scouts left to go home, and the remainder of the scouts stayed until the next morning, packed up and left.

We also saw a chicken and a snake at the campout which was pretty cool.



## **Opening Day Camporee at Camp Long Lake by Zach H.**

From April 22 to April 24 Troop 49 scouts went to Opening Day Camporee. This event, held at Camp Long Lake, offered scouts the chance to earn merit badges, participate in a troop shoot, and for new scouts, the quick start program.

At the park and ride the SPL of this event, Seb, had a last minute accident and couldn't make it to the event. Karrisa and Jess stepped up so the scouts could still have a fun and enjoyable time at this great event. Once everything was sorted out the scouts divided up into their vehicles and then went off to the CLL campgrounds.

Once the scouts arrived at the camp they went to the check in desk to get their wrist bands then went off to the campground. After they arrived at the campground the scouts got their tents from the quartermasters and set them up quickly to get their camping gear out of the rain.

The next day the scouts figured out where they needed to go for either their merit badges, troop shoot, or quick start. After everyone knew where they had to go the troop got organized and went off to the dining hall for opening flags and breakfast.

After breakfast, the scouts went back to camp to get what they needed for the day and went off for what they had to do next. Later that day the groups came back to the dining hall at different times to get lunch. After each group had lunch they went back to their activity and the next group came in for their lunch.

After a long day of work and for some scouts, merit badges earned, the troop came back to camp to get ready for dinner and closing flags. After dinner the scouts came back to the camp and got ready for their last night at this amazing camp.

In the morning the scouts got up and had a campsite breakfast thanks to Mr. Eckert. After breakfast the scouts got their items ready and then departed after a weekend full of fun.

## **American Legion Clean Up by Cullen Patterson**

On May 1, a group of 16 scouts and adults helped clean up the American Legion grounds to get the Legion ready for its much-anticipated addition this summer.

We broke into groups and worked on specific areas of the Legion grounds. We pulled up all the brick pavers by the front entrance of the Legion to get ready for construction and moved all the railroad ties away from the building.

We also spread new gravel at the Legion entrance and weeded and spread new wood chips on the playground area. In addition, we spread new sand on the Legion baseball diamond.

Thanks to Mr. Marek for helping organize the clean up and everyone for their help.





## Home Improvement at IMR by Karissa (May 13)

Home improvement camp was a camp meant for people to learn about improving a home and we also got merit badges for it. For lunch, we had cousins' subs. It was a lot of fun and we all learned a lot.

## Spring Court of Honor by Tobias H. (May 19)

I led the troop court of honor and everyone had a great time! We had a lot of fun with both the theme and the event. The MCs did fabulously and awarded a lot of ranks to the troop! Congrats to anyone that got something at this court of honor, hopefully it will help you in your scouting journey!






## American Legion Post 196 Memorial Day Ceremony (May 30)

\*Attended by Sophia, Sam and Neil

Members of the American Legion performed the Empty Table Ceremony.

**THE POW/MIA TABLE**  
*A Place Setting For One, A Table For All*

  
www.history.navy.mil

The tradition of setting a separate table in honor of our prisoners of war and missing comrades has been in place since the end of the Vietnam War. The manner in which this table is decorated is full of special symbols to help us remember our brothers and sisters in arms.

The POW/MIA table is separate from the others and can be set for one to four place settings to represent each service participating in the event.

**The table is smaller than the others**  
symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her oppressors.

**The white tablecloth**  
draped over the table represents the purity of their response to our country's call to arms.

**The empty chair**  
depicts an unknown face, representing no specific Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine, but all who are not here with us.

**The round table**  
shows that our concern for them is never ending.

**The Bible**  
represents faith in a higher power and the pledge to our country, founded as one nation under God.

**The black napkin**  
stands for the emptiness these warriors have left in the hearts of their families and friends. A Purple Heart medal can be pinned to the napkin.


**The single red rose**  
reminds us of their families and loved ones. The red ribbon represents the love of our country, which inspired them to answer the nation's call.

**The yellow candle and its ribbon**  
symbolize the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion with those yet accounted for.

**The slices of lemon**  
on the bread plate remind us of their bitter fate.

**The salt upon the bread plate**  
represent the tears of their families.

**The inverted wine glass**  
reminds us that our distinguished comrades cannot be with us to drink a toast or join in the festivities of the evening.



Source: OPNAVINST 1710.7A  
Department of the Navy Social Usage  
and Protocol Handbook.

## **Proper Tent Care, Cleaning, and Return by Joshua H.**

Tents need to be properly cared for so that they can be used again and last their full lifetime. After tents are brought home from a campout, they need to be set up to dry, and swept to get rid of all dirt or trash from the campout. Check for holes and either fix them yourself, or tell a quartermaster so that they can fix them. They can then be put back in the bag and returned to a quartermaster. When packing a tent, make sure to roll the poles and stakes with the tent, rather than sticking them in afterwards. All of these steps are very important to the longevity of our tents, and also ensure that the next person who uses them will have a good time.

Examples of dirty and muddy tents found during camp setup:



## **Leave No Trace by Mason E.**

Summer camping and hiking season are ahead of us. Did you know that according to [scoutingmagazine.org](http://scoutingmagazine.org) campfires are the biggest Leave No Trace problem experts see? We should not create new firepits, burn wood that is bigger around than our wrists, cut down trees for firewood, dispose of trash in fire pits, or move wood over long distances (moving wood can spread invasive insects such as the emerald ash borer). Instead, we should use dead wood found on the ground near our campsite, use an existing fire ring, and burn the wood to ashes. This may not always be possible but we should try to do this as often as possible to preserve our land.

## **Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor**

**During the recent OA Spring Conference at Camp Long Lake Mrs. McCarthy was recognized to receive the Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor. In the OA there are three levels; Ordeal is the first level, and a person enters this level by being voted in by their peers, the second level is Brotherhood and this level the Ordeal member must study and be tested to enter, the Vigil Honor level the person is nominated and selected by the youth in the lodge followed by an induction ceremony.**

**The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that the Order of the Arrow can bestow upon its members for service to lodge, council, and Scouting. Membership cannot be won by a person's conscious endeavors.**

**The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position of office.**

**Mrs. McCarthy is the Committee Chair of Troop 49B, the Scoutmaster of Troop 49G and Adult Advisor of Crew 196. During her time in the troop, she has been selected by many Eagle Scouts to receive the Eagle Mentor pin, her son Charlie McCarthy is an Eagle Scout.**

**Mrs. McCarthy has always been a shining example of cheerful service to others in that her heart is truly in the BSA program in several ways. She is a strong and compassionate servant leader to all who know her and to the countless others who have met her for the first time.**

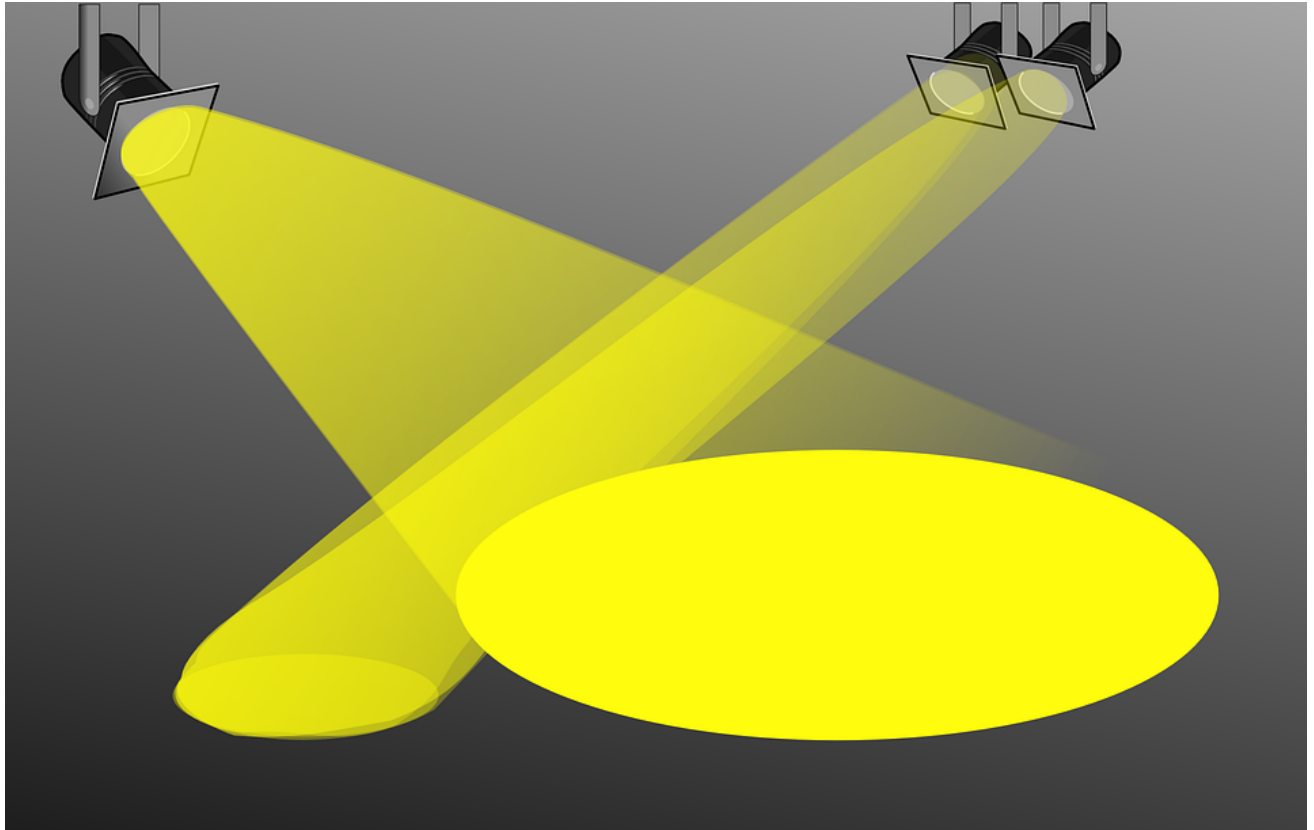
**Vigil Honor members are given an Indian name that shows who they really are, Mrs. McCarthy name is “Wilawillhan Takachsin” which translates to “Generous Leader”. Congratulations Mrs. McCarthy.**

**WWW**

**Mr. Marek**

**Vigil Honor**





## IN THE SPOTLIGHT.....by Emory W.

Interview with Mr. Chipman

**\*\* Were you involved in cub scouts/boy scouts as a young boy? If so, for how long and what Pack/Troop and where?**

Mr Chipman-*"Started as a cub and went all the way thru Eagle from Pack 73 and Troop 73 out of Dousman".*

**\*\* What positions did you hold in your Troop? Which one was your favorite and why?**

Mr Chipman-*"APL, PL, ASPL, SPL, Quartermaster, scribe. Patrol leader was the best since it gave a leadership role to your direct peers but still allowed you to function as a smaller unit within the larger troop".*

**\*\* When did you get your Eagle Scout? early 2000 Troop 49? troop 73 in dousman How old were you? late 17 Tell us about your project.** *"My project consisted of cutting out a long walking path from a road back thru some wooded areas to a river where it took a sideways turn along the river and ended up being a path to a smaller park that was intended to be used for fishing and picnicking".*  
**What was the biggest obstacle in doing your project?** *"The biggest obstacle to the entire project was myself. I enjoyed scouts and didn't want to feel like I had reached the top before I turned 18 since it would feel like my scouting journey had ended. I should have realized that becoming an eagle wasn't the end, it was merely the culmination of everything I had learned peaking into the highest rank a scout can achieve. I'm glad that I was able to finish my project but my lack of drive made it a bit of a close call to get it in before I aged out".*

**\*\* What advice would you give to scouts who hope to achieve Eagle rank?**  
Mr Chipman-*"It's worth every ounce of energy. It's something that will stick with you for your entire life. It's something you can proudly tell people you are. It can be challenging, but that's one of the points. Being in charge and having to direct people comes with its own unique challenges, part of being a great leader is the ability to think on your feet, understand the issue and be able to adjust accordingly to achieve your goal and probably shouldn't wait until the last year of scouting to get it in since life is busy and you might miss the honor if you wait too long".*

**\*\* What is your current role in Troop 49?**

Mr Chipman-*"ASM and new scout program guide".*

**\*\* Which skills did you learn as a scout that you still use today as an adult leader in our Troop?**

Mr Chipman-*"All the basic skills-knot tying, fire making, cooking, orienteering, first aid. All those small building blocks are what scouts use*

*to grow their skills. It's helpful to be able to pass that knowledge on to the scouts and watch them then use those skills for themselves".*

**\*\* Name one valuable lesson you gained from your years in scouting.**

Mr Chipman-"*Do a good turn daily. Still, to this day I try my best to make this happen. It's the small gestures that can often have a great impact on someone else's life*".

**\*\* What was your favorite adventure as a young scout?**

Mr Chipman-"*Canoeing in the Flambeau flowage every year*". **Why was it so special or memorable?** Mr Chipman-"*The second night we always stayed at a site that had a mystical feel, we called it the land of the lost since no trails went through it, it was cooler and humid and little ferns grew everywhere. Very cool discovery that we all enjoyed seeing when we came back through*".

**\*\* What kind of hobbies are you interested in?**

Mr Chipman-"*I like working on cars, exploring nature through the state parks, disc golfing, snowboarding and cooking*".

**\*\* Tell us one interesting fact about yourself.**

Mr Chipman-"*EDM is my jam, if you know you know*".

**\*\* Any other information that you think would be helpful for scouts to know?**

Mr Chipman-"*Be prepared, have fun, be brave to push beyond your comfort zone to grow as a person*".





**Note from the editor-**"I just wanted to say thank you for allowing me to be your editor. It's been fun but also challenging to share what's been happening with our Troop. Initially I thought this position as historian was somewhat overwhelming but it did get easier with time. I had a lot to learn so thank you for all of your support. Hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did pulling it all together (with help from Mrs. McCarthy). Stellan will be the new editor so please help him by sending in articles and including a photo". Emory W.

### **Pop Top Collection**

Keep collecting those pop tops to help the Ronald McDonald House. We will be taking up another collection in the near future.

The American Legion will donate all of the pop tops to the Ronald McDonald House. If you have any questions, please ask.

**On the Radar:**

6/3-6/5/22 OA Spring Conference

6/26/22-7/2/22 Summer Camp at Long Lake

July 16 5 Mile Hike on Scuppernong Trails

July 17 Brandon & Ryan Court of Honor

8/2/22 Delafield Night Out

8/12-8/14/22 OA Fall Conference

8/13/22-8/19/22 Sea Base High Adventure

8/21/22 Summer Court of Honor

## Positions of Responsibility

| Spring 2022 Boys                        | Spring 2022 Girls                      |
|---|--|
| SPL: Emory                              | SPL: Jess                              |
| ASPL: Nick V, Toby , and Chase          | ASPL: Karissa                          |
| Leave No Trace Manager: Eli             | Leave No Trace Manager: Karissa        |
| Troop Guide: Toby, Chase                | Troop Guide: Jess                      |
| Phoenix Patrol Leader: Ethan            | Tiger Patrol Leader: Jess              |
| Phoenix Assistant Patrol Leader: Neil   | Tiger Assistant Patrol Leader: Karissa |
| Mamba Patrol Leader:                    | Quartermaster: Jess                    |
| Mamba Assistant Patrol Leader:          | Chaplain Aide: Brooke & Amara          |
| Aliens Patrol Leader: Eli               | Librarian: Rachel                      |
| Aliens Assistant Patrol Leader: Stellan |  |
| Historian: Stellan                      |  |
| Chaplain Aide: Sammy                    |  |
| Quartermaster: Josh H, Sammy, Eli       |  |
| Webmaster: Zach H                       |  |
| OA Rep: Nick V                          |  |
| Scribe: Stellan                         |  |



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