

# TROOP 188 TIMES

AUGUST 2004

## CALLING ALL GHOSTS

*Troop 188 is setting up and running the Haunted house this October at Cub Camp. So if you have any haunting, scares, or eerie ideas get them roady!*

*More info to come*

*Contact Mr. Waldron.*

All interested parents are welcome at the

Troop 188 Committee Meeting.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 1st, 7p.m. at the Martin's house.

See Mr. Martin for directions.

## REMINDER

## MEET YOUR NEW SPL

Hi, my name is Kelly Hogan and I am the new Senior Patrol Leader. I have been in Scouts since first grade as a Tiger Cub. I'm 16 yrs. old and a Junior at FCHS. My Mom's name is Nancy and my Dad's name is Brian. I have one sister who is 13 and her name is Mackenzie. I also have two dogs named Alex and Sophie. One hobby that I am doing right now is I am in marching band at FCHS. I play all percussion, but I play bass drum in the marching band.

I was very busy this summer with scouts, and I'll tell you a little bit about it. First this summer I had a canoe trip down the Green River in Utah. We left a week after school got out, drove all day, and got to the river that night. Later that night our troop put on a flag retirement ceremony and had a couple of other troops we met at the campground come and watch. The next morning after a long wait to get our permit we started down the river. The Green River is named very well because it's so dirty it's green. A couple of days and water fights down the river, the walls of the canyon started to get big, then bigger the farther we went. Halfway down the river, we took a hike up to the top of one of the canyon walls and we saw the river and canyon from a different view. We we got to our pullout point we had a long hard battle getting out and unloading because of knee-high mud, (or for Mr. Lancaster, chest-high mud). Finally we were all unloaded and headed home for my next trip.

Next I went to summer camp where I participated in the Mountain Man program there. We learned how to survive out in the wilderness. We learned skills like black powder shooting, tomahawk throwing, wilderness survival, Indian lore, and much more. It was a blast and I learned so much.

After a couple of normal summer weeks, I headed off for Lake Powell where our troop had rented a houseboat. We just kind of hung out on the lake. We would go out tubing, knee-boarding, water skiing, and wake-boarding. It was something I had never done before. It was amazing, the sites of sunsets and sunrises over the canyon walls. On the last day, we found a cliff that was about 40 feet high and I decided to jump off of it, not once, but twice! It was scary, but worth it.

My last trip of the summer was to go the Collegiate Peaks. We went to climb Mt. Harvard and Mt. Columbia. So the small crew of four (Mr. Donahue, Eamonn Martin, Nic Bastian, and myself) backpacked up to 11,600 ft. camp for the night. At 5:15 the next morning, we headed off in darkness for about an hour. Then as the sun came up, you could see the glow of the sun on the tops of the mountains. After a couple of hours, we got to the last boulder field, where the boulders were bigger and it was like a rock scramble. But when you take that last step to the top, it is like the most amazing feeling, it's hard to describe. It's like all the hard work is gone and you're on top of the world! We were the first to summit for the day. The coolest thing happened about 5 minutes after we summited. A propeller plane came flying by at the same height as us and only about 30 ft. away. We waved to him and he moved his wings up and down like he waved back. It was a very cool experience overall.

My summer was very busy with these trips plus two family trips to California and Illinois. But it was worth it because I had the best summer of my life so far. I learned lots of life skills and had many great life experiences!

# GREEN RIVER CANOE TRIP

The U.S.S. Essex is taking heavy fire from the Green Meanie! Take evasive maneuvers, return fire and wait for reinforcements! The U.S.S. California stole our bow gun! The Titanic has run aground! The Growler is returning fire! These are some of the quotes heard on the Troop 188 High Adventure Trip 2004 on the Green River.

Fifteen boys and eight adults paddled, rowed and used some wind propulsion to canoe down 68 miles of Utah's Green River leaving Fort Collins on June 4 and returning June 10 for an unforgettable adventure. Assisting Green River State Park with a service project, we were able to earn the 50 Miler Award, in addition to the canoeing merit badge and working on several other merit badges.

The crew of 23 was split into two patrols, the Paddle Monkeys and the River Rats. Most cooking was done in dutch ovens, organized by Kirk Saltzgaber with some incredible meals including teriyaki beef, corn chowder, chili, blueberry cobbler, cherry cobbler, peach cobbler, yada, yada, yada. Needless to say, we ate very well.

Several awards were awarded on the last night of the trip. Nic Bastian was awarded the Spirit Award for the River Rats, while Eamonn Martin was awarded the Spirit Award for the Paddle Monkeys. Mr. Saltzgaber was given a cast iron fajita pan, soon to be utilized I'm sure. A green wooden canoe was given to the lone fiberglass canoe, dubbed the "Green Meanie." Big Mama (Mr. Debonte) was given a book of camping wisdom, while Mr. Heikes will surely find his!

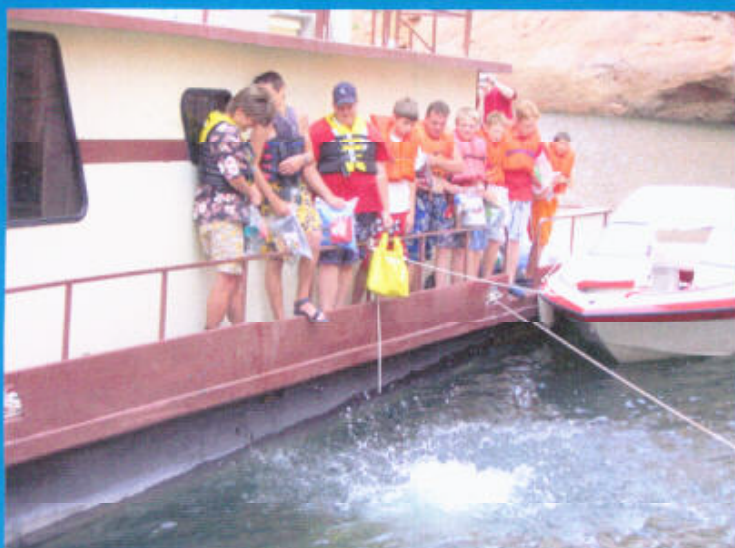
Uses for Duct Tape! book useful. Mr. Lancaster, carrying a large amount of our crew gear was given a Conestoga wagon and Dr. Cranor, unable to catch any fish, was given a bear who was carrying a fish. All of the boys were awarded certificates noting something that happened on the river, like the Mud Bathers Award, the Pirates of the Green River Award, the Martha Stewart Canoe Award, the Lizard Radar Award, the Junior Naturalist Award, the Best Legs on the Green River Award, the Neutral Zone Award and others.

Everyone on this trip was tested in some way, whether by the heat, paddling into the wind, fatigue, sunburn, a fear of heights or fulfilling duties when exhausted and other trials. In testing ourselves, we find out what we are capable of accomplishing. There were also times of games and fellowship where we learned more about one other. Green River's Labyrinth Canyon presented beautiful sunrises, sunsets, colors in rock formations, blue herons, deer, rock squirrels, wild turkeys, hawks, muskrats and several other birds. We journeyed through an amazing and unique place.

On the last night of the trip, we retired an American flag flown over the Larimer County Justice Center (donated by Frank Lancaster), and an American flag and Utah State flag flown over Green River State Park (donated by park host) in a solemn ceremony conducted by Nic Bastian, Robert Donahue, Kelly Hogan and Eamonn Martin.

The memories of this trip have undoubtedly been imprinted upon the minds and hearts of 15 boys (and 8 adults) to be recounted and savored for years to come.

In Scouting,  
Robert Donahue



High Adventure Lake Powell



Climbing 14'ers

# SUMMER CAMP

## FROM A SCOUT'S POINT OF VIEW

This summer when troop 188 went up to CLP (Camp Laramie Peak) 7 of the boys took the Mountain Man program. During the program the boys learned tomahawk throwing, blackpowder shooting, setting traps, and also earned the merit badges Wilderness Survival, Shooting and Indian Lore. Over the week long camp, the boys learned skills that they would use on the last day when they ran the Colter run. The Colter run is an event at the end of the week where the boys put all the skills that they learned over the week together and try to beat the other clans. All the clans did really good. Some of the other activities we did were the overnighiter where we had to stay outside and make it through the night without a tent or any of the other things you would normally have on a camping trip. The object of this was to simulate if you got lost in the wilderness. Overall I thought that the week long experience was a great one and I would recommend that anyone who can should take it and they will learn a lot.

By Nathan Keen

# GET TO KNOW:

Kyle Zimmer



Age 14

Moose Patrol

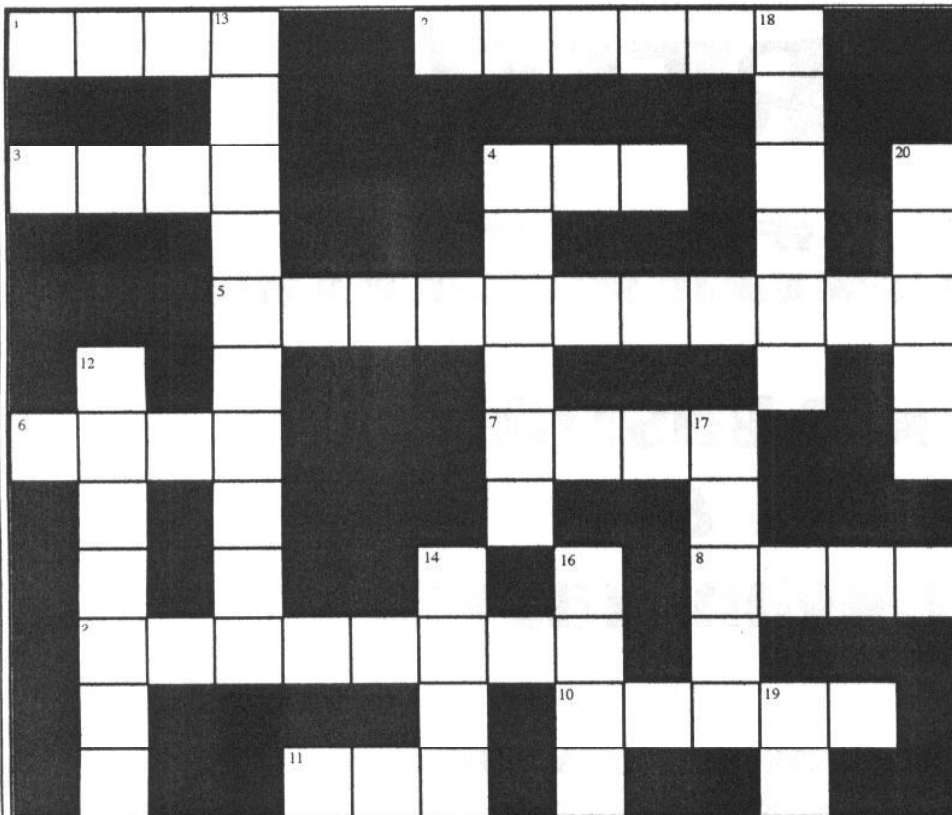
Favorite Book:  
Aragon

Favorite Movie:  
Any Comedy

Favorite Saying: "Do or Die"

Favorite Sport: Skiing

# PUZZLE CORNER



### ACROSS

- 1 Fearless Leader
- 2 Boys in the Troop
- 3 Home away from home
- 4 Patrol Leader's Council
- 5 First Law
- 6 OA Lodge
- 7 Home state of your Committee Chairman
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ to God
- 9 Parent's favorite law
- 10 Pointy stick
- 11 \_88 Campout

### DOWN

- 12 Fundraiser
- 13 Footprints to Eagle
- 14 New Ordeal member
- 4 Homies
- 16 State with Green River
- 17 ----- of the Arrow
- 18 Scout sign
- 19 Order -- the Arrow
- 20 Faithful to ones friends

Answers on back of this page

**J**UST SIT RIGHT BACK  
AND YOU'LL HEAR A TALE  
A TALE OF A FATEFUL TRIP.  
THAT STARTED FROM THIS DESERT PORT  
UPON THIS TINY SHIP . . .

*The week was filled in places with strange names like Bullfrog, the Escalante, 50 mile Canyon, the Cathedral of the Desert, and Annie's. We spent our time on boats named the "Loogey", the "Blood Clot", and the "Floater". The days were spent on knee boards, wake boards, and skis, tubes of every shape and a contraption that Nic named the "Vomit Comet". We enjoyed nights under crystal clear skies, marvelling at the Milky Way and passing satellites (Lake Powell is considered the darkest spot in America, the nearest light bulb was about 50 miles away) Sunrises and sunsets that you can only imagine and water as smooth as glass in narrow canyons with shear sandstone cliffs 500 feet tall. The last night was special with all of the scouts spending the night ashore after a 50 yard swim from the boat, making do with what they could fit into a 12"x12" ziplock bag. But before we let them retire for the night, the whole crew gathered for a closing campfire and flag retirement. Not many things were signed off in scout books, but looking back, the whole week was spent scouting and living up to the scout oath, law and motto.*

-Terry

ANSWERS:  
ACROSS  
1. Mmm, 2. Scouts, 3. BDSR, 4. PLC, 5. Trustworthy, Kola, 7. Ohio, 8. Duty, 9. Obedient, 10. Arrow, 11. Fun,  
DOWN  
12. Popcorn, 13. Meritbadge, 14. Keen, 15. Patrol, 16. Utah, 17. Order, 18. Salute, 19. Of, 20. Loyal

# HOT OFF THE PRESS!

**AS OF LAST NIGHT  
WE HAVE 2 NEW EAGLE SCOUTS IN OUR TROOP**

**NIC BASTIAN  
&  
EAMONN MARTIN**

**CONGRATULATIONS GUYS!**

# Summer Camp 2004

Summer camp was at Camp Laramie Peak in Wyoming this year. There were 47 scouts and somewhere around 17 adults that helped out (Hey, I was only responsible for the number of scouts). The trip started out in rain and hail but everyone had a lot of fun.

Two scouts, Nic Bastian and Eamonn Martin, as well as Mr. Bastian, did the 50 miler back packing trip. They left Monday morning at 5:30 and came back Friday afternoon tired, happy, and with new names based on the Lord of the Rings Trilogy. You might guess who Pip and Merry are. Nonetheless, they were all very proud of completing a tough trek.

Seven scouts including Matt Collins, Kelly Hogan, Nathan Keen, Andrew Nicholas, Nic Saltzgaber, Sean Skinner, and Jeff Topolski did the Mountain Man program. This involved throwing tomahawks, shooting black powder rifles, archery, Indian lore, and just plain hard work helping to rebuild the Mountain Man area after the forest fire of 2000. Someone once said that Cub Scouts are happy as long as there are long pointy sticks, fire, and water nearby. For Boy Scouts, it's tomahawks, black powder rifles, and the Mountain Man shower. The enthusiasm these scouts had for this program was fantastic.

The other 38 scouts worked on many merit badges, shot a lot of lead and arrows, went on a midnight hike, worked on an 18 foot high pioneering tower, climbed around on a lot of rocks, played such mind bending games as cross sticks and trokydots, and generally enjoyed a great spot in the Rockies.

As this is my third year going to a Troop 188 summer camp it's enjoyable seeing the scouts mature and advance. From the new scouts that can barely keep track of their time or stuff, to those helping others, to scouts working on teamwork and leadership skills, to the most experienced scouts hauling their gear on their backs for a week, this was an impressive display of what Scouting is about. I'd like to thank the 17, or so, adults for helping because without them this wouldn't have happened.

Matt Rosing

OK everybody, here it comes! Hold on to your hats! Grab your partner!

## IT'S POPCORN TIME AGAIN!

Lots more info coming real soon from Mr. Canney & Mr. Waldron



Eagle Project



Summer Camp



Luxurious Facilities  
on Green River

## SCOUTMASTER'S

## CORNER



Lake Powell



Summer Camp



Green River Canoe Trip

As we get set to wind up the summer and start another school year, we look back and see that this was the most active in the troop's history. This summer, we attended scout camp at Camp Laramie Peak, had a high adventure trip down the Green River, and had 10 scouts attend another high adventure trip on Lake Powell. We had weekend campouts, service weekends at Ben Delatour Scout Ranch, service projects, a Saturday trip to the Renaissance Festival, and a backpacking trip. We had scouts participate in Mountain Man and the Fifty-Miler at summer camp. We also had our annual Patrol Leader's Council program campout at Chimney Park. All this in the span of about two and one-half months!

I would like to thank all the leaders and parents who helped with these events. It is no small undertaking to organize a weekend camp, let alone the entire itinerary for a weeklong canoe trip, or coordinate almost fifty scouts going to summer camp. All the hard work by everyone was evident as trips and campouts ended in success. Parents pitched in at the last minute and assisted in driving, or finding locations to meet.

At the PLC campout this year, the scouts discussed several ways in which they could improve the troop. While there were discussions regarding communication and meeting promptness, everyone resoundingly agreed that we need an established location to hold our summer meetings. I would like to ask everyone to keep his or her eyes open this coming year and assist us in finding a spot where we can call "home" during the summer. It is difficult to keep everyone advised of meeting locations when everything on the calendar is "to be announced" and last minute accommodations are not easy to come by for 58 scouts. Please talk to any leaders if you know of a place that might be available for the summer, and hopefully, by addressing this problem now, we can make next summer even more successful than this past one.

Norm Bastian  
Scoutmaster

## OA Report

Hey everyone, this is Gage. I've received news that several people in our Troop have passed the Ordeal, so congratulations to John Heikes, Eric Rosing, Nick Saltzgaber, Mr. Heikes, and Mr. Keen. Good job guys and either check the website or ask me about upcoming OA events. Also, two people got Brotherhood in the last year, Gage Waldron (me) and Mr. Waldron (as you might guess, my Dad). In case you're wondering, you have to be an Ordeal member for 10 mos. To be eligible for Brotherhood. In addition, Mr. Martin recently earned Vigil, the highest rank in OA. At the time being, Mr. Martin is our only Vigil member so I think it deserves recognition. So, whether you joined OA a week ago or three years ago, you must strive to be active with this organization as much as you can. So, goodbye and be sure to pay your OA dues. — Gage