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Volume 1



Canada High Adventure Trip is **looking for more people!**

Date: July 8th – 23rd, 2006

The second installment of \$400 is due **March 7th**

We have room for 2-4 more scouts to sign up for the trip in order to fill up 2 crews.

Total cost will be \$900 each, with \$600 due from new participants on March 7th. If cost is the only issue preventing you from signing up, talk to Mr. Cutter. Scouts must be 13 years old, Star rank and have completed First Aid, Camping and Swimming merit badges. Please let Doug Cutter know if you can join us before March 6th by calling 282-3674.

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TROOP 188 TIMES

Klondike 2006 – Two Perspective Views

Once again, Troop 188 participated in Thompson-Poudre District's Klondike at the Gould Community Center in Gould, Colorado. For the first time in two years Klondike returned to the month on February bringing more snow and more fun. After driving over the continental divide on snow packed roads with heavy snow, Troop 188 arrived safely to Gould. The unique thing about Klondike is not only the three to four feet of snow, but also that camp is set up in the dark. After digging our tent sites and setting up our tents, we settled in for the night.

On Saturday morning we woke up, had breakfast, and went to flags. Shortly afterwards we headed out on the new Klondike Trail to participate in this years all new events. After a difficult sled race, exhausted scouts arrived at the City of Gold and were greeted by gold panning where one group earned over 100 gold nuggets. There were many different activities in Gold City, including paintball slingshot and fire building. There were many other activities, but because I was running gold panning, I was unable to participate. That evening we arrived back at camp and enjoyed some good free to relax by the fire.

When we went to flags that afternoon we were entertained by the songs of Jeff and Nathan, as well as Mr. Martin having a pie thrown at his face. For dinner we had a delicious serving of suicide stew prepared by our own Mr. Martin. There were some interesting things in the stew, but no one died, so it was good. Later on, the annual Klondike Auction was held and we were able to spend our hard earned gold in exchange for prizes, most of the prizes were great, but one of them was not so great. This not so great prize was a bag full of that wonderful suicide stew, and auctioneer Mr. Martin sold it to the Pico Ricos for more money than we had, but we got it anyways. The Pico Ricos were mislead to believe that we were buying a tray of brownies that was going be shared later with the auctioneer. During the auction, the Pico Ricos gladly donated the stew back to the auctioneer's car. All of the patrols went back to camp where they enjoyed their prizes of cookies and other good food.

After an eventful weekend we packed our bags and tents, cleaned up camp, and headed home on Sunday Morning. Klondike was really a great campout this year.

John Heikes

Klondike 2006 was held at the Gould Community Center, 8 miles west of Cameron Pass, on February 3-5 and we had a GREAT time. There was lots of snow – about 4 feet of it or so! Unfortunately it was also very dry snow, so it limited our ability to have a doozy of all snowball fights.

On Saturday we woke up to sunny skies, calm winds and a beautiful day. Mr. Martin showed up with a tray full of Vern's sweet roles. They disappeared in a hurry! Thanks Terry! After breakfast the three patrols headed out to the three Klondike stations – the "Klondike-ride" sled race, building snow shelters and also to work on various skills such as building a fire in the snow and to "pan" for gold nuggets in two feet of powder snow. It was great fun to watch. The Moose patrol (Paul, Cody and Kyle) put in a blistering performance to grab first place in the race.

Saturday evening was an affair to behold! Our own Mr. Martin was the cook this year for the Suicide Stew. Actually, he called it "Donner Pass" Stew. It was excellent unless you got one of the chewy orange "extras" in your bowl. Like a foot...Or an arm...Or an ear. Eech! The auction after that was very fun. Lots of prizes – camping gear, cookies, candy and other goodies. The patrols were all strategizing like crazy to maximize their "booty haul" while minimizing their gold usage. Everyone came away with something good, except for the Pico-Rico's. For some reason, they kept bidding on prizes and ended up with left-over suicide stew. We have **NO** idea how that happened!

Sunday morning, when we woke up, it was snowing like crazy – absolutely beautiful in the quiet and peacefulness it brought to the site. We struck camp and headed back to Fort Collins where the memories of the vast amounts of snow quickly faded. Not a lick of snow anywhere to be found at Linton! We did get about 60 Frost Points for the weekend so it was not too cold.

Thanks to everyone for coming prepared and coming to have fun! Join us next year!

Ken Colasuonno





Chimney Park Campout

We had a disappointing turn out for the Chimney Park campout in December, however no one that went was disappointed. We had 14 scouts and 5 adults, and fun was had by all. The weather turned out great with sunny days, not too much wind, and a star filled night sky with Venus and Mars making an impressive showing. 40 frost points were earned for the 5 tough scouts and 2 adults sleeping out in tents, while the rest had a comfortable (albeit noisy at times) cabin to sleep in.

Saturday morning the scouts went out to have some fun in the 1 to 2 feet of snow, and who would have guessed, but a snow ball fight broke out. Well apparently Eammon



“whitewash” Martin didn’t. After lunch, we had a game of football in the snow. At first it was the adults against the scouts, yes 14 against 5. For those of you concerned about the adults being out numbered almost 3 to 1, not to worry, as the adults with Joe “the ox” Glaser on their side dominated the game with skill, speed and mass. OK, mostly mass. After the initial slaughter, we split into different teams and played until we were tired out or too sore to continue. The evening was filled with various games of cards and of course, farkel.



Normally the adults cook for themselves as well as the senior patrol. This weekend we had a nice change of pace as the senior patrol planned and cooked the dinner. They made a fantastic chili, and for dessert, chocolate

brownies with ice cream. Great job guys, I think the adults may be getting spoiled.

Steve Urlocker

We have four new Scouts!!

Please welcome our 4 new scouts into our Troop!!



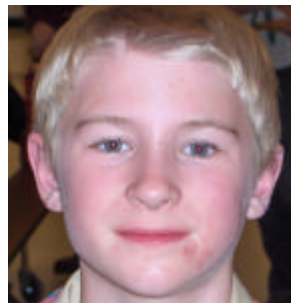
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Jacob Clark

Cycling Merit Badge Spring and Summer of 2006

As the weather warms and the streets are swept clear of sand from the winter snows, it will be time to dust off the bicycle, lubricate the chain and pump up the tires. It will be time for cycling merit badge!

The cycling merit badge is an opportunity to learn how to take proper care of your bike, learn how to ride safely with the other moving objects on the road, and have some serious fun riding your bike on short, medium and long distance adventure outings.

As April approaches, you'll hear more details about this exciting merit badge. A number of this troop's leaders enjoy cycling and will be providing a hand with the instruction and ride partnering so we can support as many scouts as are interested.

Let's ride!

Gene Whitney

SCOUTMASTER'S

Hi Scouts,

Now that Klondike is behind us it's time to start thinking about spring and summer. Summer camp and the high adventure trips should be a lot of fun. I would like to do even more. As I mentioned in one of my scoutmaster minutes I'd like for some of the older scouts to organize some high adventure weekends. If you're Star, Life, or Eagle, and active in the troop I encourage you to find a friend or plan a trip yourself. The minimum requirements are that the trip be considered high adventure, be a one or two day event, be approved by the committee, it has at least 8 scouts going and 2 adults, and the scouts need to be at least first class and active in the troop.

If you have any ideas, or are interested but don't have any ideas, come and talk to me. Last year we went spelunking, climbed a 14er, and went white water rafting. I've heard talk of biking campouts and would love to go snowshoe camping to a Yurt or something.

Thanks,

Mr Rosing

CORNER

February 2006 Court of Honor

LIST OF AWARDS

Joshua Adams	Cit In Nation* MB Public Speaking MB 5 Year Service Star
Ian Barry	Electronics MB
Tor Bomgardner	Chemistry MB Cit In Nation* MB Engineering MB
Aaron Canney	Cit In World* MB
Paul Canney	1st Class Cit In Nation* MB 2 Year Service Star
Jason Clark	Life Public Speaking MB 3 Year Service Star
Paul Colasuonno	Emergency Prep* MB
Matt Collins	Public Speaking MB
Ryan Cutter	Cit In Nation* MB 4 Year Service Star
Michael DeBonte	Family Life* MB
Joshua Ginsborg	Star Camping* MB Emergency Prep* MB
John Heikes	Engineering MB Family Life* MB Public Speaking MB 4 Year Service Star
Bobby Hyatt	First Aid* MB
Mitchell Kinney	Star Cit In Nation* MB Computers MB First Aid MB
Ian Lancaster	Cit In World* MB
Jason Lewis	Public Speaking MB
Zach Lund	Star
Cody Main	Chemistry MB Electronics MB
Steven Mares	Public Speaking MB
Alex Meersman	2nd Class 1 Year Service Star
John Moore	3 Year Service Star
Alan Nash	First Aid* MB
Nathan Nash	First Aid* MB
Stephen Peters	Electronics MB
Rick Ramirez	Life Cit In Community* MB Family Life* MB Personal Management* MB 4 Year Service Star
Ryan Ramirez	Star Family Life* MB Personal Management* MB 4 Year Service Star
Eric Rosing	Cit In Nation* MB Electronics MB
Ryan Sanders	2nd Class
Jeff Topolski	Public Speaking MB
Neal Urlocker	2 Year Service Star
Gage Waldron	Gold Palm
Matthew Whitney	Star Cit In Nation* MB Emergency Prep* MB
Alex Yasumura	Chemistry MB Cit In Nation* MB
Kyle Zimmer	Cit In World* MB Cycling* MB Public Speaking MB
Craig Heikes	Training: Commissioner Training
Rich Nash	2 Year Service Star
Steve Urlocker	Training: Scoutmaster Specific Training