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## **Congratulations are in Order! We have another winner!!!**

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, our very own **Michael DeBonte** held his Eagle Ceremony at the Senior Center in Fort Collins. We would like to extend our congratulations on this great achievement.

Good luck Mike on all your future endeavors.

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# TROOP 188 TIMES

## Spring Camporee 2006

Spring Camporee was held this year at Ben Delatour Scout Ranch (BDSR) Outpost Camp in Red Feather Lakes, from Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>. We had a record 41 scouts and 16 adults attend. We got to test out all 6 patrol boxes with all 6 patrols in attendance.

We arrived late Friday afternoon at BDSR to set up our tents in daylight and enjoy a leisure evening with free time for the scouts. On Saturday, we woke to sunny skies and cooler temperatures. Eight scouts attended the first year camper program with First Aid, Knots, Totem Chip, and Flag Etiquette being taught. The rest of the scouts participated in Orienteering classes with maps and GPS skills and/or pioneering classes throughout the day. A big hit in the afternoon with the scouts was PartyBall which I am still trying to figure out. It has something to do with two teams being formed and a combination of throwing a ball back and forth between your team and/or running with it to the opposite end of the field. Your team is attempting to score points by hitting a tripod of sticks or throwing the ball into a bucket in the middle of the end zone per say. While all this is going on you had better be careful not to get run over by the opposite team.

Saturday evening calmed down with a large campfire for the entire camp. Skits were done by the different troops and I must say our troop skits ranked as among the best that night. There was an Order of the Arrow call out that night with Mr. Richard Nash, Neil Urlocker, Paul Colasuanno, and Phillip Adams all being called out as candidates. This is one of Boy Scouts most honored groups in scouting.

Sunday morning came and everyone awoke to face the reality that the fun weekend of activities and camping was about over. Each scout and adult did earn 8 frost points for Friday night and 4 frost points for Saturday night. This was another plus for the weekend but we still all had to pack up and head back to Fort Collins. Thanks to all of our great scouts and adult leadership, Spring Camporee was a grand success.

Tim Kinney





## Fort Fun Lock-In



It was touch and go but 25 plus scouts and 3 brave leaders gathered at 11:45pm on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> to spend an **entire** evening....that's right...six full hours without sleep having fun and games. We believe that all survived as shown in the picture to the left which was taken shortly after 6:30 AM on Sunday morning. Wow....anybody ready for bed. Thank you goes to Mr. Kerry Waldron for organizing a fine outing...or is it "in-ing".

**Does anyone recognize these fine scouters!!**



See the next page for answers. Clue.... they are in our Troop!



Nathan Keen



Jeff Topolski



John Heikes

## We Are Your Senior Patrol Leaders

### Senior Patrol Leader Corner

Hello to anyone who's reading this.

My name is Jeff Topolski, and I am the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 188. If you're reading this while the Court of Honor is going on I'm probably the one up front blabbing about something right now. Anyway, I was elected into this leadership position a little less than a year ago, and this Court of Honor is my last as SPL. The job of SPL is a lot of work; more than I expected it to be. Making sure people get called, making sure we have something to do at a meeting, appointing leadership positions, running campouts, writing articles for the COH Newsletter (which I haven't been too good at) and basically being responsible for everything are just some of my duties. When you're SPL things fall on you. If somebody didn't set up a meeting, you can play the blame game all you want, but all in all, YOU are the one who needs to come up with something. I'm not saying that this is a bad thing, because trust me, it teaches you more than you could imagine. I have learned far more than I imagined I would in this year. I could go on and on about all the hard things I've had to do and everything I've learned, but that's not what I'm going to do.

I would like to thank you. The scout, the parent, the little sister, whoever is reading this, I would really like to say thank you. Not so much for the little sister, I don't know what to thank you for. Way to be a little sister I guess.....mainly thank you to the scouts and parents. Scouts, you guys have dealt with me for an entire year. I can admit, I may be annoying at times....who am I kidding, I'm probably one of the most obnoxious people in this troop, and I've been leading you all. Wow. Seriously though, you have cooperated with me when I needed it and gone along with some of the stupid things I've done to make this year a fun and exciting one. To the parents; for the ones I don't know too well, thank you for keeping your kid in scouting. There are ups and downs, but all in all scouting makes young boys into great men. Keep your kid with it. For the parents that I do know, most of you that are in the committee, thank you for always joking around with me. Joking around with you and having serious conversations with you as well has helped me mature. You might not be able to tell, but I have matured this year.

Basically what I'm trying to say is, it's been a great year, thank you everyone for helping me through it. You've been great. Long live Troop 188. The Topo reign is coming to a close, but the 188 legacy will live on forever. Or at least until 188 gets so big that it just becomes Troop Colorado.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Topolski

## May 2006 Court of Honor

### LIST OF AWARDS

Phillip Adams	Family Life First Aid Personal Management Swimming
Chris Arnott	Swimming
Chris Bakel	Tenderfoot 2nd Class Public Health
Aaron Canney	Communications
Paul Canney	Swimming
Jason Clark	Cinematography Family Life Personal Management
Paul Colasuonno	Star
Matt Collins	Swimming
Matt Cranor	Life
Michael DeBonte	Eagle Citizen In Community Communications Personal Management
Daniel Elder	Scout Swimming
William Fowler	Scout
Taylor Glaser	Family Life Forestry
John Heikes	Personal Management
Nate Keen	Family Life Swimming
Mitchell Kinney	Personal Management Swimming
Ian Lancaster	Family Life
Cody Main	Swimming
Chad Maltby	Scout Swimming
Alex Meersman	1st Class
Alan Nash	2nd Class
Rick Ramirez	Citizen In Nation
Austin Rand	2nd Class
Neal Urlocker	Star Personal Management Swimming
Gage Waldron	Auto Mechanic Fire Safety
Matthew Whitney	Swimming
Chris Yasumura	Tenderfoot Traffic Safety

**Congratulations to all for a job well done!**

## Note: A short list of Summer Events to Come

Yeh!!! It is Class B time so all you old and new scouters come to the meetings in your Class B uniforms which are your red pull over shirts with Troop 188 logo.

Now here are some events that will be going on during the next few months. This is not the complete list but some highlights. Any up-to-the-moment changes can be found on our troop website at <http://www.troop188.org> .

**Relay For Life:** On Saturday June 10th we will be helping the Relay for Life at FCHS. This is a fund raiser for cancer research and support for the American Cancer Society. We need scouts for a flag ceremony and for general help. The flag ceremony starts around 11:30.

**Gray Rock Backpacking Trip:** On June 12th and 13th (Monday and Tuesday) there will be a backpacking trip to satisfy the requirements for camping MB not covered at summer camp. This includes a 4 mile backpacking trip and a 1000 foot vertical hike. We'll leave Monday early, hike in to a meadow, set up camp, climb to the top of Gray Rock, and go back to camp. We'll pack out Tuesday morning and be home before noon.

**Troop Summer Camp** at Camp Peaceful Valley (near Colorado Springs) from 6/18/06 through 6/24/06

**Northern Tier-Boundary Water High Adventure Trip:** July 8th until July 23.

**Dinosaur National Monument High Adventure Trip:** The highlights are rafting (3 days on our own, 1 day on rapids with a commercial company), fishing, fun, some history. Dates are the week of July 9th. Requirements include 13 years old by the end of the summer, 1st class, swimming and camping MB.