

TROOP 188 TIMES

November 2004



HAUNTED HOUSE

During the month of October, Troop 188 had the great opportunity to run the haunted House at the Cub Scout Camp. This is a great, fun time for all involved and , is well attended by both the scouts and adults of our troop. I was very proud of Troop 188 of how well they worked together to set up everything, repair anything, and run everything, week in and week out. This year we had just under a thousand people go through either the non-scary or scary version at least once (many went through more than once) and the response we got from the visitors and the camp staff was great. Some of "us" had a secret agenda and that was to see how many visitors we could get scared enough to cry. Well we did a pretty good job of it, but I think Mr. Cutter won the top honor by getting one of the mothers to cry!

-Mr. Waldron

"TROOP 188'S VERY OWN LIBRARY"

For those of you who are new or just unaware of the fact, Troop 188 keeps a library of Merit Badge Books that are available to check out. We have over 150 books covering most of the merit badge subjects. The books include the most common interests like Citizenship, Personal Fitness, and Swimming to some of the more specific subjects like Pets, Fly Fishing and Graphic Arts.

The books are easy to check out, no ID required and no late fees! Just talk to Ryan Cutter, Troop 188's Librarian. He brings an assortment of books to each meeting, but keeps the others in storage. If you are looking for a book that you need, talk to Ryan during meeting or call him at 282-3674 so that he can bring your book to the next meeting.

Please remember to check out your book using the sign-up notebook in the library box. This is very important because we have a few books mysteriously missing and have no way of tracking them down.

-Ryan Cutter

Thank You so much to everybody in Troop 188 for giving me a chance to go through Boy Scouts in one of the best troops that I have ever seen. It is amazing how this troop works so well together without very many arguments. I would like to think that I had something to do with that. I like watching the younger scouts and thinking that I was like that once and hoping that scouting in this troop will have the same impact on them as it did on me. So thank you everyone that has participated in my scouting career and I will see you as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

-Eamonn Martin



TROOP STORAGE SHED

As you all know, the troop has been growing and so has the amount of gear required to support it. All of this gear needs to be stored somewhere and until October, 30 we had been sharing a storage locker with Pack 188. This locker was packed to the ceiling with our gear. But we still had more gear without a place to store it. Thanks to Assistant Scoutmaster Lorin DeBonte we were allowed to store some of our gear in one of Cargill's (Lorin's company) buildings this summer.

Well, I guess that Cargill got tired of us storing our stuff their building so they made us a deal that we couldn't refuse. If we were to paint Cargill's 5 storage sheds, then they would donate a shed for our Troop to use. Needless to say, we accepted.

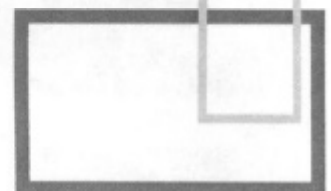
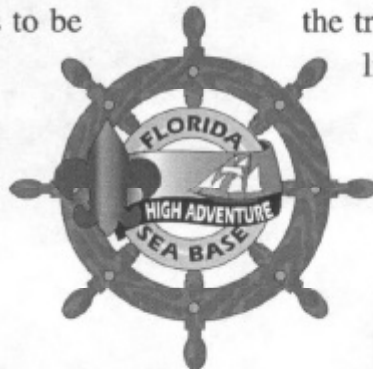
On October 30, 2004, approximately 15 of our kids and adults arrived at Cargill and painted the sheds. After this, we moved all of our gear into our brand new shed. We now have more than adequate room to store our Troop's gear.

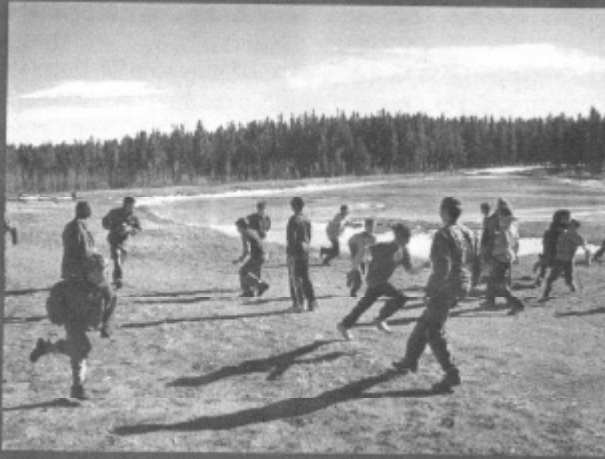
I would like to thank Lorin DeBonte and Steve Stadelmaier from Cargill for their support of our Troop by letting us have a shed. I would also like to thank Rich Nash for organizing this effort and Ken Colasonno for bringing his airless paint sprayer. Ken and his machine saved us many hours of work.

- Craig Heikes

FLORIDA SEA BASE 2005

For the first time in Troop 188's 7 year history, we will be attending one of Boy Scouts of America's three National High Adventure bases. On June 4th, 12 Scouts and leaders from the Troop will be attending Florida Sea Base, and participating in the Out Island Adventure. After a day of testing and training we will Kayak 5 1/2 miles across open ocean to a pristine key to spend the next 5 days snorkeling, deep sea fishing, sailing, sea kayaking, and learning to survive on a desert island. We still have 4 spaces available to Scouts 14 years old by September 1st, 2005 and First Class. This promises to be the trip of a Scout's lifetime.





REMEMBER

All interested parents are
welcome at the
Troop 188 Committee Meeting.

The meetings are held the last Wednesday of
the month at 7pm at Mr. Martin's house.

See Mr. Martin for directions.

Hope to see you there-
your opinions are important to us.

CHIMNEY PARK FUN88 CAMPOUT

Hi, my name is Jeff Topolski. I am one of the Assistant Senior Patrol leaders of Troop 188 this year and I recently attended the Fun88 Campout up at Chimney Park, WY. This was definitely one of the more fun Fun88 Campouts that I have been on. Even though I could not come up on Friday afternoon with the rest of the troop and had to come up Saturday morning, I feel that I still got the whole experience of the campout. The first thing I noticed when I got there was the snow. Not that much snow, but enough to make a whole lot of fun out of it. I got there just in time to listen in on the directions to a new game we were trying out, stratigo capture the flag. A game where each person gets a playing card. Then it is played like normal capture the flag, but if you are tagged, whichever one of you has the lower card is out of the game. We played it for a while, but it never got old. I think that the game will stay with the troop for a while. Another great thing about the campout was the food. It seemed all the patrols had very good food. Especially the adults! Instead of just the older scouts doing flag ceremonies, we had the younger scouts do the flag ceremonies, and they did a great job. That night, we had a campfire. It was a very fun one. Each patrol contributed with skits and we had 2 American flags retired. The first flag retirement was run by Mr. Keen, and the second was run by Eamonn Martin, which I thought was very cool considering this was Eamonn's last campout as a scout, before he turns 18 and becomes an adult leader. What is this world coming to? Now we have 2 Mr. Martin's in troop 188? After campfire, we headed back up to the cabin, and I don't know exactly how it got started, but the scouts went outside and started to howl. From all around us, we could hear Coyotes replying with howls of their own; this was a cool experience, talking with Coyotes. Then on Sunday morning, after a quick sweep and clean up of camp and a flag ceremony from the adults, we were on our way back to Fort Collins.

- Jeff Topolski

GET TO KNOW...

Gage Waldron

AGE: 14 RANK: Life
Favorite Book: War and Peace
Favorite Sport: Hockey
Favorite Movie: Airplane
Favorite Saying: "There would be no happiness without suffering" _Buddah



SCOUTMASTER'S

CORNER

This Court of Honor marks a special milestone for Troop 188 and me. On October 3, Nic Bastian received his Eagle Scout award in a ceremony at the Fort Collins Senior Center. Then on October 14, Eamonn Martin received his Eagle Scout award in a ceremony at the Lincoln Center. Both of these scouts started as tiger cubs in Pack 188 twelve years ago. They both earned their "All 20" awards as well as Arrow of Light. They bridged to Boy Scouts on March 17, 1998, just 5 days after the troop was started. They have attended every Summer Camp and High Adventure trip that they were eligible for. They are the first scouts to go through the entire scouting program as members of Troop 188. In fact, neither has ever worn a number other than "188" on their sleeve. Now both have expressed that they want to continue on as adult leaders with the Troop. Both of these young men exemplify what an Eagle Scout is all about.

Six and a half years ago when we started Troop 188, I had no idea what I was doing or where this would all lead. We sat around my dining room table and came up with a set of by-laws and said, "let's do it". Well these two Eagle Scouts have confirmed for me that I made the right decision. It has been great to follow them along their scouting career and hopefully have a positive influence in their lives. In the near future, we should have at least three more Eagle Scouts. This is just the beginning for Troop 188, and I am proud to have been here since its inception.

POPCORN WINNERS

1st place = Neal U _ \$600
2nd place = Jason C _ \$519
3rd place = Alex Y _ \$385



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