

Troop 462 Newsletter

Spring 2007

Troop 462 hosted Wali-ga-zu 2007 at Saint John's !!

Troop 462 hosted the Northwest District Wali-ga-zu Scout Skills Challenge again this year at St. John's, on Feb. 26, and Mar. 5, 2007. Troop 462 has been hosting this District event for the past 8 years. A Wali-ga-zu is a Scout skills event to test the Scouts on their knowledge of five basic Scout skills; lashing, first aid, map and compass, nature, and knots. All these skills are taken from the Scout handbook in the first three Scouting ranks. The Wali-ga-zu is a hands-on, fun, and lively activity.

Two Patrols from Troop 462 participated in the District Wali-ga-zu again this year. Both the "Good Guys" patrol and the "Black Spruce" patrol achieved the 'Honor Patrol' ribbon for their patrol flag. And, each member of the Honor Patrol received a leather neckerchief slide to commemorate their achievement. Honor Patrol is earning more than 200 out of a possible 250 points. Congratulations to our Scouts. Troop 462 has been participating every year in the District Wali-ga-zu for almost 20 years, and every year our Scouts have achieved the Honor Patrol.



Troop 462 scouts building a tripod

Attention: Scouts, Leaders and Parents of Troop 462 !!

Troop 462 website is up and running:

<http://www.troop462.com>



Please, check the Troop's website regularly for the upcoming events, newsletters, forms, pictures are much more useful information. Thank you Ms. K . for updating the website.



Important Information regarding Boy Scout Fees for Troop 462

The governing policies of Troop 462 include the following sections regarding youth fees:

Section 2.01 Youth Registration Fees

Each registered member of Troop 462 shall pay, as designated by the Northern Star Council, the registration fee to become a member of, or to maintain membership in, the Boy Scouts of America. The Troop expects all members to participate with fundraising projects that provide the funds necessary to run the troop. If a family decides not to participate with fundraisers, they are expected to make an annual donation of \$100 to cover Troop expenses.

Comments: This annual fee of \$100 does not cover any camping expenses.

Section 2.02 Youth Activity Fee/Camping Account

Each youth member, in addition to paying the annual registration fee, shall maintain a minimum amount, set by the Troop Committee, in his personal camping account. This will be accomplished through fundraising, and if needed, by collecting an activity fee at the time of the Troop's rechartering. The Troop Committee may authorize the collection of additional fees from one or all youth members as their accounts diminish. This personal *Camping Account* cannot be depleted or the boy will have to pay for each event as they come up, or he might not be allowed to attend the event. The Troop Treasurer or his/her designate shall maintain accurate records of each youth member's *Camping Account*. When a scout leaves the scouting program with funds remaining in his account, that credit is transferred to the Troop's *Campership Fund*.

***Comments:** The current camping fee for a regular weekend camping is \$15, which covers transportation and food. Every scout that indicates or confirms to his patrol leader he is going to attend a camping event will be charged this camping fee even if the scout decides at the last moment that he will not attend the camping event. Scouts that are assigned to buy food for a camping trip need to keep receipts and give them to their patrol leader so that the Troop can reimburse them.*

Special camping events such as the annual High Adventure Camping trip or the Tomahawk summer camp have much higher camping fees that will be announced ahead of time. These camping fees should be paid in full before the camping event.

Please, pay your fees to Lisa Johansson, our new Troop 462 treasurer.

High Adventure Camping trips for 2007

Troop 462 is planning two exciting High Adventure Trips for this year:

1) Fishing trip to Canada from June 29 to July 4, 2007. This camping trip is in a remote lake surrounded by a boreal forest at a fishing camp. We have reserved a large cabin to accommodate a total of 12 people (8 scouts and 4 adult leaders). Scouts (no age limit) going to this camping trip must be swimmers according to the BSA regulations. Also, scouts and leaders are required to have a valid passport to be able to enter Canada, so if you want to go and do not have a passport, apply for it right away, as it can take up to 10 weeks to get it!

2) AirVenture Oshkosh, Wisconsin. We have reserved a camping site at the Oshkosh Air Show camping grounds (July 26 to 29 of 2007). This trip will allow scouts to get the Aviation merit badge and to learn about all kinds of airplanes. All scouts are welcome to this trip.



More information about these trips, including estimated cost, will be presented by Mr. Miller in the upcoming Troop meetings.

March and April 2007 Calendar

Troop meeting, winter camping, elections	03/19/2007, 7:00-8:30 p.m.	St. John's gym	Troop activity
Troop camping to Hayward, WI	03/23/2007, 6:00 pm	Leaving from St. John's	Troop activity
Service Project, Lenten Fish Fry	03/30/2007, 5:00 pm	St. John's	Service (help is needed from scouts and leaders)
Troop meeting, Orienteering	04/16/2007, 7:00 to 8:30 pm	Lake Elmo Reserve	Troop activity
Troop camping, Galena, IL	04/27/2007, 7:00 am	Leaving from St. John's	Troop activity
Troop meeting, Phys. Fitness	04/30/2007, 7:00-8:30 p.m.	TBA	Troop activity

For updated calendar events please check the Troop's website

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