

Some of the History of Troop 919 Evanston

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BSA Troop 19, later 919, was one of the two troops in the southern part of Evanston, the other being Troop 16 (916). I was the second last scoutmaster, and I probably have more records and pictures than anyone else. I know the history from about 1987 to 2003 when we disbanded.

A little of the early history of the troop can be found in the books about scouting in Evanston and the North Shore by John L. Ropiequet. There are 4 volumes about scouts in Evanston, *An Illustrated History of Boy Scouting in Evanston, Illinois*. Evanston was its own council before joining the Northeast Illinois Council (NEIC), and there are several other volumes about scouting in other parts of the North Shore. His books are at the NEIC office and are in some local libraries (including Evanston). Troops were numbered sequentially as they were formed, so 19 was the nineteenth troop in Evanston. In Volume 2, Ropiequet says:

Troop 19: Shown as the first colored troop since Scoutmaster A.H. Edmunds' Troop 7 disappeared by 1915, when Ebenezer A.M.E. Church held a benefit for it in February 1925. Registered in 1924 according to a February 1928 troop listing. Met at St. Andrew's [Pentecost] Episcopal Church as of the fall of 1926. Shown as a new troop again at Foster School with Scoutmaster Al Henry in March 1929, likely after a charter lapse.

Foster School closed in 1967 during desegregation, and a new Foster school, basically in the same place, opened in August of 2026. So the early history of the troop was to serve Black scouts. There may be other mentions of Troop 19 in Ropiequet's work, but at this point I do not know how Troop 19 moved to south Evanston.

To return to the history I know personally, Troop 19 met in the basement fellowship room of Grace Lutheran Church at the corner of South Boulevard and Wesley Avenue in Evanston, and they were our sponsor, along with Chute Middle School for a while. We did not have a close relationship with the church and, in my time at least, although they were welcoming hosts, we had no boys from the church, and we also had no relationship with Chute. We had a storage closet for our gear in the basement as well, and sometimes we would use the lawn or the parking lot across Wesley for games during part of the meetings.

To my knowledge, the troop never had a feeder cub scout pack, and essentially competed with Troop 16 for members from Cub Scout Pack 32 at Dawes Elementary School, although

we had a few scouts who joined while they were in middle school at Chute, which is a block from Grace Lutheran, and a few scouts from other places in Evanston, especially Pack 1, and from the Rogers Park area of Chicago. The troop sometimes had two patrols, but never more in my time. From 1987 to 2000 we averaged 15.6 scouts, according to my records, but the active group was smaller, probably about 10. We were always an integrated troop. South Evanston is quite liberal politically, and I think this clashed with the perception of the social conservatism of the national BSA, so we had more trouble with recruiting as time went on. So despite the great benefits that scouting provides, we ceased operations in 2003. We donated our equipment to Troop 903, which were our good friends, but I recently learned that they no longer exist either.

As I was preparing to take the Troop 919 flag to the NEIC, I took off all the ribbons that the troop had earned. The oldest was for something called the Roundup, which I think must have been a camporee, in 1965. Then there were just a few from the 1970s, and more from the 1980s and 1990s and again a few after 2000, a total of 122 ribbons. I catalogued these and have included a spreadsheet of them. Some of the ribbons must have been transferred from the older Troop 19 flag, which I also kept and gave back to the NEIC.

Despite its small size, the troop was quite active. We scheduled at least two events per month during the school year, in addition to the Tuesday evening regular troop meetings. Some of the calendars are attached as an appendix. The one from 1996-97 is especially complete. We took part in Wildcat (later Potawatomi) district activities and NEIC activities. In my time, we participated annually in the Klondike Derby and First Aid Meets, and went to the camporees when there was one. We went to the Grant Pilgrimage at least twice, and tried to have a campout once a month, even in the winter. We usually had a swimming event at the YMCA and an ice skating party at Robert Crown Center and skiing in Wisconsin. We always had a picnic for families in June and a potluck dinner in the winter. These were accompanied by Courts of Honor, and there was another Court of Honor to start the year in September. We never went to Philmont in my time, but we did take a trip to the Black Hills, where we camped at Custer State Park. We also took trips to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, and Greenfield Village and the Ford Museum in Michigan.

We used all the NEIC camps – Dan Beard, Oakarro, and Sol Crown. Oakarro was great because of the pioneering kit, which we used several times, making a tower and a rope bridge at least. The coldest outdoor campout I was ever on, with my son Jeremy, was also at Oakarro. Usually we tried to stay in cabins in the coldest winter months, but this one was outdoors. One of our members, Mark Tredray, was for a time the caretaker at Dan Beard, an unpaid post, but it did come with a house. (Dan Beard has now reverted to the Forest Preserves.) Mark was also on staff at Makajawan.

We explored other sites as well, among them Camp Lakota, Illinois Beach State Park, Kankakee River State Park (where we canoed), Starved Rock State Park, Mississippi Palisades State Park, and Pere Marquette State Park in Illinois; Turkey Run State Park, Spring Mill, and Tippecanoe River State Parks in Indiana; Kettle Moraine and Devil's Lake (with rock climbing), and Indian Mound Reservation in Wisconsin; Sterling State Park and Warren Dunes in Michigan; Hueston Woods in Ohio.

We sent a contingent to Makajawan every summer, almost always in West Camp. We took part in all the merit badge possibilities, and of course the OA ceremonies. In 1996, for instance, the 9 scouts who were there completed 36 merit badges and earned parts of others. I do not know how many members of the troop and leaders were called out for OA. I could tell a couple of personal stories about my boys and I at Makajawan (all of us were inducted into OA), but will refrain because this is about the troop. I have four Baden Powell awards from Makajawan, from 1992, 1995, 1996 and 1999. Three are plaques, and the last is a framed certificate. We generally went on a rafting trip while at Makajawan, and once we went to Porcupine Mountain State Park, in the UP. Unfortunately, our trip to the UP was cut short, because our campsite, on the shore of Lake Superior, was positioned between a mother bear and cubs. One of the leaders stayed up most of the night checking that this did not cause a problem for us and he did not want to stay a second night. It was also a very cold and rainy June, and despite telling the boys to pack warmly for this, a couple of them were not well prepared.

Troop 19 had what we think was a unique method of fundraising. Every year we had a free carwash on a Saturday in June in the Chute Middle School parking lot. We made money by sending scouts (and some adults) out to solicit small contributions from local businesses – really all over Evanston - and listing them on a flyer that we gave to everyone who had their car washed. In 1993, for instance, we listed 59 businesses on our flyer. I think 51 of them donated \$25, and the rest donated less, probably \$10, so that generated \$1355. And then people also tipped us, accounting for more. I don't have a record of the number of cars we washed, but I think it was usually close to 100. The flyer for 2001 says that it was the 23rd annual car wash. Scouts, leaders, and other family members participated, and the Evanston Fire Department loaned us their old hoses, valves and nozzles, and they let us connect to a fire hydrant. This event was much more successful for us than popcorn sales, which we also did when that became available.

I started my involvement as Camping Chair in 1988, a year after my older son David joined the troop, and stuck with leadership after my younger son Jeremy graduated as a Life Scout. It was always parents who were scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters (with one exception noted below) and committee chairs, but sometimes we had other people as

members of the committee. George Fabie (1941-2002) was scoutmaster at first, and I think he had been for some time. His son Christopher (1968 – 2025) was in the troop. George was an Eagle himself. He was a great role model as a scout leader, and I did my first camping with him, because I never camped in my youth. Much later, we were lucky to have Jay Sharping, an Eagle who was a postdoc in physics at Northwestern, as an assistant scoutmaster for a few years, which really helped us out. We had four Eagles and a lot of Life Scouts.

Scoutmasters (years)

George R. Fabie (? – 1988)
 Murray Swanson (1989 – 1990)
 David Fairless (1991 – 1993)
 Robert Tredray (1994)
 Robert Linsenmeier (1995 – 2001)
 Wendell Brown (2001-2003)

Committee Chairs

Patricia Frank (? – 1987)
 Sandy Swanson (1988 – 1993)
 Joe Ballway (1993 – 1998?)
 Wendell Brown (1999 -2001)
 Robert Linsenmeier (2001-2003)

Eagle Scouts (from 1991 -)

Theodore M. Frank	March, 1991
David M. Linsenmeier	December, 1994
Christopher R. Larson	January, 2003
Aaron L. Kahn	July, 2003

Pictures

I have scanned a lot of pictures, and they are available on request:

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Appendices

Ribbons from Troop Flag
 Troop Calendars
 Car wash flyer

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 19
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS
1988-1989 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 9/6: First Troop Meeting at Grace Lutheran Church

Wednesday 9/14: Round Table

Saturday 9/17: Recycling Service Project

Monday 9/19: Troop Committee Meeting at 1118 Sheridan Road

Tuesday 9/20: Board of Review

Friday 9/23

Sunday 9/25: District Camporee

Tuesday 9/27: Court of Honor. All Parents should plan to attend.

Oct 3: Troop Committee Meeting at 1118 Sheridan Road

Oct 14, 15, 16: Junior Leader Training

October 26: Chute Middle School Open House

October 28, 29, 30: Camping Trip, Kettle Moraine, Hickory Woods Group Camp

Nov 7: Troop Committee Meeting at 1118 Sheridan Road, 7:30 p.m.

December 2, 3, 4: Camp Dan Beard

Dec. 5: Committee Meeting at 1118 Sheridan Road

Dec. 13: Board of Review

December 20: Ice skating at Robert Crown with the Court of Honor afterward: 7:45 to 8:45

Dec 27: No meeting

Jan 3, 1989: No meeting

Jan 9, 1989: Committee Meeting at 1118 Sheridan Road, 7:30 p.m.

January 28: Day Outing: Possibilities: Trip to Murray Swanson's Club as we did last year or swimming if we can find a place.

February 4: Winter Event

Feb 6: Committee at 1118 Sheridan Road

February 18: Merit Badge seminar

February 25: Chute Middle School Souperama

Feb 28: Board of Review

March 7: Court of Honor/Committee Meeting

March 10, 11, 12: Camping Trip

March 18: First Aid Meet

March 28: No Scout Meeting

April 3: Committee Meeting at 1118 Sheridan Road

April 14, 15, 16: Camping Trip - CROWN

May 1: Committee Meeting at 1118 Sheridan Road

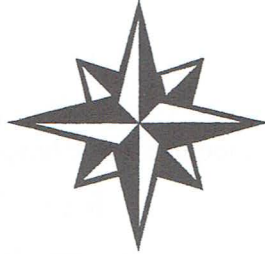
May 20: Car Wash

May 30: Board of Review

June 3: Court of Honor combined with an all families picnic.
Also Committee Meeting

**TROOP 19 BSA, EVANSTON
CALENDAR
FALL, 2000 ~ SPRING, 2001**

Troop 19 meets at Grace Lutheran Church, Wesley and South Blvd; Wednesdays, 7:30-9 PM



Other weekend events will probably be added to this calendar. Events in *Italics* are primarily for leaders.

Wed Sep 13: Court of Honor

Sat Sep 16: Day outing- Bike trip

Fri Sep 29- Sun Oct 1: **Campout:** Van Buren St. Park, MI.. FAMILY CAMPOUT

October 7, 12, 27-28: Scout leader training

Thu Oct 12: Roundtable

Thu Oct 19: Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges - 7 Thursdays at New Trier HS

Fri Oct 20- Sun Oct 22: District **Camporee:** Camp Oh-Da-ko-ta, Burlington, WI

Sat Nov 4: Merit Badge Seminar – Great Lakes Naval Base; sign up by October 4.

(Aviation, Cinematography, Computers, Drafting, Electricity/Electronics, Fire Safety, First Aid, Law/Fingerprinting, Music, Photography, Weather)

Thu Nov 9: Roundtable

Fri Nov 10- Sun Nov 12: **Campout:** Starved Rock State Park

Wed Nov 22: Thanksgiving Eve, no troop meeting

Sat Dec 9: 2000 Scouting Expo 9 AM-12 PM

Sat Dec 9: Annual Swim (YMCA)/ Gym / Pizza Party - good opportunity to meet swimming requirements!

December 14: Roundtable

Wed Dec 27, Jan 3: School Out: No meetings

Christmas break sometime... Ski trip to Wisconsin?

And, coming in the winter and spring:

Thu Jan 11: Roundtable

Sat Jan 20: Klondike Derby - Camp Sol Crown

Jan or Feb: **Campout:** Dan Beard or Indian Mound (cabins)

Feb or Mar: Merit Badge Seminar

Feb or Mar: District First Aid Meet

Mar 2-5: **Campout:** Pulaski Day weekend 3 day campout; site to be determined

Sat Mar 3 and Sat Mar 10: Scouting for Food

April 7 - 14: Evanston Spring Break; No meeting

April 20-22: Campout: TBD

May 11-13 or 18-20 Campout: TBD

Sat Jun 9: Annual Carwash, Picnic, Court of Honor

Sun Jun 24 - Sat Jun 30: Summer Camp: Camp Makajawan

Contacts for further information:

Rob Linsenmeier, Scoutmaster, 869-6672 (H) or 491-3043 (O); r-linsenmeier@northwestern.edu

Jay Sharping, Asst Scoutmaster, 475-6414

Wendell Brown, Committee Chair, 864-2053

(Dues and Boy's Life for Scouts joining in September: \$6.75; in October, \$5.40)

BSA TROOP 19 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
1991 - 1992

- September - Campout at **Silver Spring State Park**
- October - Greenfield Village, Ford Museum and Campout at **Sterling State Park**,
Michigan (3 day trip)
- November - Campout at **Starved Rock State Park**
- December - Ice Skating Party/Court of Honor at Robert Crown Center
Day Outing at The Meadow Club
- January - Campout at **Camp Dan Beard**
- February - Northwestern Basketball Game
Merit Badge Seminar
Troop Dinner/Court of Honor
- March - Tour of AMOCO Refinery, Whiting, Indiana
Campout at **Camp Lakota** and Cross Country Skiing
Scouting for Food
Wildcat District First Aid Meet
- April - Bike trip to Chicago Botanical Garden
Council First Aid Meet
- May - Canoeing at Skokie Lagoons
Campout at **Camp Sol Crown**/ Canoeing on Fox River
- June - Annual Car Wash, Troop Picnic and Court of Honor
Trip to Great America
- July - Summer Camp at **Makajawan Scout Reservation**, Wisconsin

**BSA TROOP 19 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
1992-1993**

September - Campout at **Warren Dunes State Park**, Michigan/Bike Trip at Three Oaks

Bike Trip - Chicago Lakefront

October - District Camporee - **Turnbull Woods Forest Preserve**

November - Family Campout at Starved Rock/ **Evergreen Valley Campground**

December - Day outing - The Meadow Club

Troop Dinner and Court of Honor

January - Campout at **Camp Max McGraw**/Cross Country Skiing at Moraine Hills

Council Merit Badge Seminar at Great Lakes Naval Base

February - District Merit Badge Seminar

Ice Skating Party and Court of Honor

March - Scouting for Food

Campout at **Camp Sol Crown**, MARCH 26-28, **WEBELOS ARE WELCOME**

District First Aid Meet

April - Campout - Site to be determined - **Kettle Moraine South?**

Council First Aid Meet

May - Campout - Site to be determined - **Kankakee River State Park?**

June - Annual Car Wash, Troop Picnic and Court of Honor

Summer Camp at **Makajawan Scout Reservation**

TROOP MEETINGS: 7:30 Tuesdays at Grace Lutheran Church

Chartering Organizations: Chute Middle School PTA and Grace Lutheran Church

Committee Chairman:	Joe Ballway	328-9893
Scoutmaster:	David Fairless	492-9475
Assistant Scoutmasters:	Rob Linsenmeier	869-6672
	Rob Tredray	(312) 764-0164

AN INVITATION FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 19

The scouts and leaders of Troop 19 invite you to be our guest at a Troop meeting and at any of the activities listed below as you determine whether you wish to join Boy Scouts and investigate which Troop to join. Parents are welcome at all activities. Troop 19 is cosponsored by the Chute Middle School PTA and Grace Lutheran Church.

Troop meetings are held at **Grace Lutheran**, at the corner of Wesley and South, every **Tuesday night from 7:30-9 PM** on Tuesdays when school is in session. Coming on a campout usually requires coming to the preceding troop meeting, but just the day outing part of several of the outings below can be done if scheduling is a problem.

Several events will be added to the partial **1994-1995** calendar shown below. Some dates may change, so to be sure, or just to chat about the troop, call **Rob Linsenmeier, Scoutmaster (869-6672)** or **Joe Ballway, Committee Chairman (328-9893)**.

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| September 16-18: | Family Campout at Warren Dunes, Michigan. |
| September 20: | Troop meeting and Court of Honor |
| September 30-Oct 2: | Scouting on Parade (a mini-Jamboree/Campout) at Lakewood Forest Preserve |
| October 15-16: | Jamboree-on-the-Air (learning/demonstration about amateur radio) followed by Campout at Illinois Beach State Park |
| November 5: | Football - Northwestern vs. Michigan State |
| November 11-13: | Bike Trip/Campout along the Illinois and Michigan Canal |
| December 10: | Day outing - details TBA. Possible activities include swim/gym party, laser tag, planetarium visit. |
| December 13: | Troop Dinner and Court of Honor |
| Dec ? - Jan ?: | Downhill Ski Outing |
| January 21-22: | District Klondike Derby - "Northern Exposure" at Camp Dan Beard followed by Campout |
| February 10-12: | Winter "not-for-wimps" Campout at Camp Sol Crown |
| March 3-6: | US Air Force Museum/Hueston Woods Fossil Hunting Campout - Dayton, Ohio (Monday the sixth is Pulaski Day) |

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 19
EVANSTON
Potawatomi District, Northeast Illinois Council

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SEPTEMBER, 1996 through JUNE, 1997

Please keep this calendar handy and check it often. If you have questions don't hesitate to call:

Rob Linsenmeier, Scoutmaster, 869-6672 (H) or 491-3043 (off)

Joe Ballway, Committee Chairman, 328-9893

TROOP MEETINGS: We think that there will be fewer conflicts if we hold Troop meetings on **Wednesdays, 7:30-9**. If this turns out to be a bigger problem than we anticipate, we may return to the monthly alternation between Tuesday and Wednesday that we did last year.

Events for all scouts are in **BOLD TYPE**. Please attend as many meetings as possible, and come in uniform. Events primarily for adults are in *italics*. The calendar does not show Order of the Arrow meetings, which will probably be on the third Sunday of each month. Other events to be added include a skating party, possibly wall climbing, junior leader training, Troop service projects, etc.

SEPTEMBER, 1996

Wed Sep 4: **Troop Meeting, 7:30.** Troop organization and planning.

Sat Sep 7: Indian Summer Scout Day, Milwaukee. We will not be attending as a Troop as we did last year.

Sun Sep 8: * Installation of Pastor Stefan Rickman, Grace Lutheran, 3 PM
* *Troop Committee Meeting, Ballway home, 1117 Forest, 7:30 PM.*

Wed Sep 11: **Troop Meeting.** Court of Honor.

Th Sep 12: *Round Table*

Sat Sep 14: * *Pioneering kit orientation - 8:30AM-2:30PM - Oakarro*

* Patrol Leader's Council Meeting sometime this weekend - details to follow

Wed Sep 18: **Troop Meeting.** Bring money for campout! Scouts planning to attend the family campout must come to this meeting.

Fri Sep 20 - **FAMILY CAMPOUT.** Tippecanoe River State Park, IN, with a canoe
Sun Sep 22: trip for those who are interested. Let us know by Sep 11 how many are attending. Please call Rob Linsenmeier or camping chairman Alan Rubin (475-6292). There is also an **OA Fall Conclave** at Camp Dan Beard this weekend.

Wed Sep 25: **Troop Meeting.**

Sun Sep 29: **BSA Canoe Challenge** (a new district event - details to follow)
and/or **Chicago Area Orienteering Club Meet**, Fabyan Woods, Geneva, IL.

TROOP 19 CALENDAR, continued

OCTOBER, 1996

- Wed Oct 2: **Troop Meeting**
Sat Oct 5: *Adult Leader Training - Session 1. Sessions 2 and 3 on Thu Oct 17 and Sat/Sun, Oct 26/27.*
Sun Oct 6: *Troop Committee Meeting - Ballway home 7:30 PM*
Wed Oct 9: **Troop Meeting.** Bring money for campout.
Thu Oct 10: *Roundtable*
Fri Oct 11 - **COLUMBUS DAY CAMPOUT.** Possible sites are northwest
Mon Oct 14: Michigan, Brown County Indiana, or Air Force Museum (Dayton). Depart Friday, return Monday. Boys in Districts 65 and 202 have Friday afternoon off, so we may try to leave in the midafternoon depending on adult availability.
Wed Oct 16: **Troop Meeting**
Sat Oct 19 - National Model and Hobby Show, Rosemont Convention Ctr. Not a
Sun Oct 20: Troop event, but scouts and leaders in uniform are admitted free.
Wed Oct 23: **Troop Meeting**
Wed Oct 30: **Troop Meeting**

NOVEMBER, 1996

- Sun Nov 3: **BSA Soccer and Softball** (new district event- details to follow)
Troop Committee Meeting - Ballway home 7:30 PM
Wed Nov 6: **Troop Meeting**
Sat Nov 9: **Merit Badge Skill Center** - Great Lakes Naval Base
Sun Nov 10: **Chicago Area Orienteering Meet** - Crystal Lake
Wed Nov 13: **Troop Meeting**
Thu Nov 14: *Roundtable*
Fri Nov 22 - **CAMPOUT** (Commando or pioneering or bike trip - site and details
Sun Nov 24: to be determined)
Wed Nov 20: **Troop Meeting**
Wed Nov 27: **No Troop Meeting**

From here on, only major events are listed. An updated calendar with details will be issued before December. Some other events will probably be added.

DECEMBER, 1996

- Sun Dec 8: **3 on 3 Basketball** (a new district program - details to follow), and
Holiday Caroling
Sat Dec 14: **Laser Tag and Swim/Gym Party**

JANUARY, 1997

- Sun Jan 12: **Ski Outing** (probable)
Sat Jan 18: **Scout Troop 97** (training)
Fri Jan 31 - **CAMPOUT - District Winter Event**
Sun Feb 2:

TROOP 19 CALENDAR, continued

FEBRUARY, 1997

Sun Feb 2: Scout Sunday
Wed Feb 5: Troop Dinner and Court of Honor
Sat Feb 8: Scout Sabbath
Fri Feb 21 - CAMPOUT - Cabin campout, Oconomowoc (Milwaukee) possible
Sun Feb 23

MARCH, 1997

Sat Mar 1: District Merit Badge Seminar
Sat Mar 8: Scouting for Food
Sat Mar 15: Scouting for Food
Begin pledge solicitation for Carwash
Fri Mar 21 - CAMPOUT - Commando or pioneering
Sun Mar 23

APRIL, 1997

Sat Apr 12: *Adult Leader Training - Session 1. Sessions 2 and 3 on Wed Apr 23 and Sat/Sun, 5/3 and 5/4.*
Sun Apr 13: District First Aid Meet
Sat Apr 19: Council First Aid Meet
Fri Apr 25 - CAMPOUT - Grant Pilgrimage, Galena
Sun Apr 27

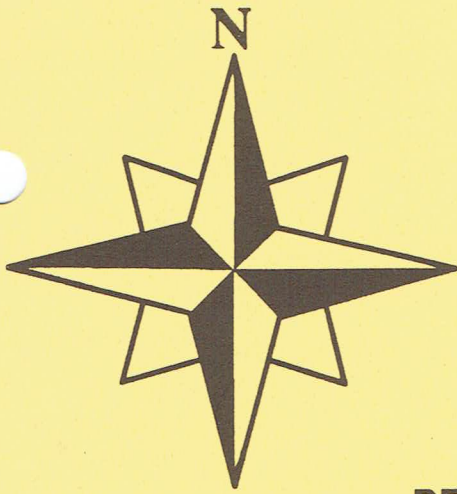
MAY, 1997

Fri May 16 - CAMPOUT - Bike or Backpack
Sun May 18:

JUNE, 1997

Sat Jun 14: Annual Carwash, Picnic and Court of Honor
Sun Jun 29 - Makajawan and/or high adventure
Sat Jul 12:

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Northeast Illinois Council**

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DECEMBER, 1996 through JUNE, 1997**

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ADVANCEMENT: Achieving LIFE Rank will require service projects involving other scouts. Some ideas: Making inside tarps for troop tents, preparing new carwash posters. Several scouts should be working on progress toward the EAGLE rank, by planning service projects and initiating merit badge work. This should be done in the winter. Some merit badge counselors in Evanston who can be contacted for these last, time-consuming, individual Merit Badges, are:

Citizenship in the Community, Nation, World - Jane Haeger 475-5117
George Fabie 677-4525

Communications - Kathie Cervený - 562-4035, Phil Carlsen 491-9302
Emergency Preparedness - Jon Haring - 864-0706

Family Life - Rob Linsenmeier

Personal Fitness - Merle Royce 864-2132, David Fairless 328-5231

Personal Management - Jane Haeger, Kathie Cervený, George Fabie, David Fairless, Joe Ballway - see above

Safety - Jerry Frank 864-6528, Jon Haring

DECEMBER, 1996

Sun Dec 1: *Troop Committee Meeting - Ballway residence, 1117 Forest.
7:30 PM*

Wed Dec 4: Troop Meeting

- Sun Dec 8: **3 on 3 Basketball**, followed by **Holiday Caroling** at Dobson Plaza (3 PM) and St Francis Extended Care (4 PM). Meet at the church at **noon**. Families are encouraged to help with the caroling. Meet us at one or both Nursing homes at the times indicated. For caroling, scouts should be in uniform.
- Wed Dec 11: **Troop Meeting**
 Thurs Dec 12: *District Recognition Dinner - Northshore Hilton*
 Sat Dec 14: **Laser Tag and Swim/Gym Party**. Details are still being worked out, but plan on afternoon/early evening. This outing will cost \$5 for our scouts, and \$10 for any boy who a scout wants to bring as a potential recruit. If the recruit joins the troop, the \$10 will be refunded.
- Wed Dec 18: **Troop Meeting**
 Wed Dec 25: No Meeting
 Mon Dec 30: OA Banquet. Call Council (433-1813) or see Whippoorwill for info.

JANUARY, 1997

- Wed Jan 1: No Meeting
 Sun Jan 5: *Troop Committee Meeting - Ballway residence, 1117 Forest. 7:30 PM*
- Wed Jan 8: **Troop Meeting - Troop Elections**
 Thurs Jan 9: *Roundtable*
 Sat Jan 11: Webelos Orientation Day - Lincolnshire (an informational meeting for cub scouts. A couple of scouts may be asked to participate.
- Sun Jan 12: **Swimming Program at Northwestern** - first session (Jan 12 - Feb 23 on Sunday evenings). This will probably cost \$10-\$15 for the entire program. Details to follow, but the preliminary announcement is that "learn to swim" will be from 7-8 PM and merit badges from 8-9 PM.
- Wed Jan 15: **Troop Meeting**
 Sun Jan 19: OA Chapter meeting
 Sun Jan 19: **Ski Outing** - Grand Geneva Resort. Leave at about 12:30 PM and return about 9PM. There is no school on the 20th. This will cost \$18 for equipment and a lift ticket.
- Wed Jan 22: **Troop Meeting - BOARDS of REVIEW**
 Wed Jan 29: **Troop Meeting** - Bring money for campout
 Thurs Jan 30: *Life to Eagle process - Council office*
 Fri Jan 31 - **CAMPOUT - District Klondike Derby**. Camp Sol Crown. The
 Sun Feb 2: Klondike is a day event on Saturday, but the troop will camp both nights.

FEBRUARY, 1997

- Sun Feb 2: **Scout Sunday**
 Sun Feb 2: *Troop Committee Meeting - Ballway residence, 1117 Forest. 7:30 PM*
- Wed Feb 5: **Troop Dinner and Court of Honor** - 6:30 PM - All family members

are encouraged to attend. The Scouts will do the cooking!!

Sat Feb 8:	Scout Sabbath
Wed Feb 12:	Troop Meeting
Thurs Feb 13:	Roundtable
Sat Feb 15:	Scout Troop 97 (Training for scouts in leadership positions and leaders. Call Rob for details.)
Sun Feb 16:	OA meeting
Wed Feb 19:	Troop Meeting
Wed Feb 26:	Troop Meeting

MARCH, 1997

Sat Mar 1:	District Merit Badge Seminar
Sun Mar 2:	<i>Troop Committee Meeting</i>
Sun Mar 2:	Swimming Program at Northwestern - second session starts
Wed Mar 5:	Troop Meeting
Fri Mar 7 -	CAMPOUT - Cabin campout, Indian Mound Reservation,
Sun Mar 9:	Oconomowoc (near Milwaukee), WI
Sat Mar 8:	Scouting for Food - Bag distribution
Wed Mar 12:	Troop Meeting (No school, but we will have a meeting)
Thurs Mar 13:	<i>Roundtable</i>
Sat Mar 15:	Scouting for Food - Bag pickup
	Begin pledge solicitation for Carwash
Sun Mar 16:	OA Meeting
Wed Mar 19:	Troop Meeting
Wed Mar 26:	Troop Meeting
Sun Mar 30:	Easter

APRIL, 1997

Wed Apr 2:	Troop Meeting - bring money for campout
Fri Apr 4 -	CAMPOUT - Commando or bike trip; location to be determined
Sun Apr 6	
Sun Apr 6:	<i>Troop Committee Meeting</i>
Wed Apr 9:	No Troop Meeting - Spring Break (Apr 5-Apr 13)
Thurs Apr 10:	<i>Roundtable</i>
Sat Apr 12:	<i>Adult Leader Training - Session 1. Sessions 2 and 3 on Wed Apr 23 and Sat/Sun, 5/3 and 5/4.</i>
Sun Apr 13:	District First Aid Meet
Wed Apr 16:	Troop Meeting
Sat Apr 19:	Council First Aid Meet
Sun Apr 20:	OA Meeting
Mon Apr 21:	First night of Passover
Wed Apr 23:	Troop Meeting - Bring money for campout
Fri Apr 25 -	CAMPOUT - Grant Pilgrimage, Galena, IL
Sun Apr 27	and camping at Mississippi Palisades State Park
Wed Apr 30:	Troop Meeting

MAY, 1997

Sun May 4:	<i>Troop Committee Meeting</i>
Wed May 7:	Troop Meeting
Thurs May 8:	Roundtable
Wed May 14:	Troop Meeting - Bring money for campout
Fri May 16 -	FAMILY CAMPOUT - Canoe trip - Tippecanoe River State Park,
Sun May 18:	Indiana. Family members are encouraged to come.
Wed May 21:	Troop Meeting
Fri May 23-	OA Memorial Day Conclave and workers' weekend - Makajawan
Mon May 26:	
Wed May 28:	Troop Meeting

JUNE, 1997

Sun Jun 1:	<i>Troop Committee Meeting</i>
Wed Jun 4:	Troop Meeting - Boards of Review
Wed Jun 11:	Troop Meeting
Sat Jun 14:	Annual Carwash, Picnic and Court of Honor. Details to follow, but save the day!
Wed Jun 18:	PreMakajawan Meeting for all scouts and leaders going to Makajawan or on high adventure
Jun 22 - Jun 28:	Brownsea Junior Leader Training - Makajawan
Sun Jun 29 -	Makajawan (first week) and/or high adventure (second week)
Sat Jul 12:	

No further troop activities until planning meetings in August.

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