

!Special Edition!

Congratulations to Austin K. on the
Accomplishment of the Eagle Badge!



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Two-Seventy Times

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We Meet At the Scout House Around Back*

It's Back! By Ben W.

Finally what you have all been waiting for, the newsletter is back. I am sorry for the delay that has now lasted 6 months. I just started high school and with high school came marching band. It has been a busy 6 months. First off I have one apology to make and that is to

Brandon O. Over the course of the 6 months I have lost his speech. I hopefully still have it and am in the process of finding it. I have already taken measures to prevent this from happening again. If I do find Brandon's speech it will be on the front page. I am so sorry. Well aside

from that wee slip up enjoy the rest of the newsletter!



Experiences by Zach J.

My Experiences in Scouting have been a fun one. Some points I just wanted to quit because it was too hard but then I stick it out because it was worth it. When I go one of the campouts it is so fun that I wish I do not have to go home that early. My

favorite campout was the first year of Joshua Tree. I raced up and down or rock climbing and I bouldered a lot. It was so worth it to stay in scouts this long. So if you think about quitting just because it is a little hard just pull it off and you will

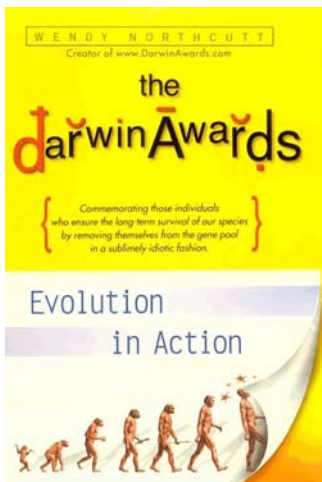
be glad you did. A scout is brave, right? So if you say you are a scout then stay in it and trust me, it will be worth your while.

BSA Uniform by Tom Gebelin



Troop 270 has received a uniform. Their apparent goal is to develop a uniform design that is more suitable for outdoors events. The following question is presented by our Scoutmaster to Troop 270: **"Should the BSA Scout uniform be redesigned, and if so, how?"**

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A West Virginia Alibi:
A suspected bank robber's alibi for the crime placed him in hot water, when he claimed to have been buying heroin in another state at the time of the robbery. He gave Charleston police a hotel receipt by way of proof, and sure enough, they found eighty four packs of heroin when they searched his room.
12 Jan 2001, references:

Associated Press
"You can learn a lot from a dummy."

Regular and Extra Crispy
The owner of a family entertainment center occasionally replaced out-of-date arcade and video games, and dismantled the old ones small enough to be put into the Dumpster. One day he gave a pair of intrepid game-room

employees, nicknamed Podunk and Donut, after their radio call signs, the task of destroying two outmodeled games. The first game was sent to Atari heaven with no fuss, thanks to a five-pound sledgehammer. the second was a little more obstinate.

Buckskin by Aric H.

Buckskin taught me a lot of leadership skills. It was really exciting and fun experience and at first I just wanted to do it to get to foxfire but actually I'm glad I went. I recommend Buckskin to everyone in the troop because you will have fun and meet new people and learn 11 leadership skills that will help you all the way through your life. This will get you a head start in front of everyone. This leadership training is not only positive to you but to the world because hopefully you will remember all these things through your life and pass them on and they will spread and everyone

will change for the better. Besides, even though you have to cook the food it is delicious. Basically in Buckskin they give you a rope, tarp, and a tent and you have to use your resources to get better and win awards. They have an inspection every day and give you suggestions on what to do better. Some of the leadership skills that you learn are how to conduct a camp fire and scouts own. Another is counseling other boys (to your limit), controlling a group, scout games, using resources and many more. In just a week I've learned at least 20

different things. I've made friends and learned how to communicate with others. I recommend this to everyone. This will not only help our troop a great deal but our campouts and at home lives. This has been a great experience to me and I'd do it again anytime. Buckskin is great and you will love it and learn a lot.

Scoutmasters Minute-A Scout is Obedient

What's the seventh point of the scout law? That's Right, "A Scout is obedient." Our handbook explains it this way: "A scout follows the rules of his family, school and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them. That tells us that some rules and laws may be unfair, doesn't it? Perhaps some are, but there must be

some reason for them. Think about the reason before you try to change them or ignore them. This month we're using some rules for water safety. The rules are called the Safe Swim, Defense, and there is a good reason for all of them. It's to protect your life. You may think you should be in a different swimming ability group. Well, if you can prove it, you'll be put in a higher group. But until then, stay with your buddy and your group. Obey your swimming

supervisors. Our rules have only one purpose, to protect you. Remember that when you're in the water

"Our rules have only one purpose, to protect you.."

What is a Scout by Tom Gebelin

"Always to 'Be Prepared.'"

He enjoys a hike through the woods more than he does a walk over the city streets. He knows the stars by name and can find his way by them. When he walks through the woods, he sees things others do not see. He speaks softly and answers questions modestly. He knows a braggart but does

not challenge him. His sense of honor is his only taskmaster, and his honor he guards as jealously as did the knights of old. A scout practices self control, for he knows that men who master problems in the world must first master themselves. A scout never flinches in the face of danger. He must

be alert to preserve his safety and that of others. He deserves a strong body, an alert mind, and an unconquerable spirit. Always to "Be Prepared."

Juneteenth by Ben W.

We all know of Independence Day on the 4th of July. We all know that this separated us from Britain and made us all equal. But did it make us all equal? Everyone but the African-Americans was set free. In fact their independence did not happen till June 19th of

1865 about 89 years later! This day came to be known as Juneteenth. It has been observed for over 140 years now. Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. This celebration can last a day,

a week, or in some cases even a month.

Fishing at Big Bear Lake by David S.

"Although, the fish was not edible, it was fun catching them."

What great fish stories the weekend of June 3, 4 & 5 the scouts can tell, Not! Except for the capsizing of an aluminum fishing boat, that sent me and my son into the lake on Saturday, the only fish caught were 1 to 2 inches in length. Not sure what they were. After retrieving the poles from the bottom of the lake and helping the boat rental staff bucket water out of the boat we were on our way to the promise spot. Never found it. We sped out to the dam where we heard

the fish were biting. There they were, or maybe it was the same fish we kept throwing back. Although, the fish was not edible, it was fun catching them. During the weekend we saw people with bows and arrows pointer at the water on and around Big Bear Lake. That's the only way to catch the fish targeted in the Second annual Big Bear Lake Carp Roundup, sponsored by the Big Bear Lake Municipal Water District. Big Bear is one of the state's most successful put-and-

grow fisheries and is one of the most heavily stocked trout lakes in the region. The fish must have heard about the success of our troop as they did not find their way to our hooks. At 3,000 Acres, Big Bear only has limited shoreline access. However, it's an excellent lake for float tubers and trollers. Professional Anglers saw that when temperatures rise, trout are forced to occupy deeper water. Well we tried various deep water spots that we knew of with little success. Oh well, maybe next time.

Quote Corner

The most successful men in the end are those whose success is the result of steady Accretion... It is the man, who carefully advances step by step, with his mind becoming wider and wider - and progressively better able to grasp any theme or situation - persevering in what he knows to be practical, and concentrating his thought upon it, who is bound to succeed in the greatest degree.

Who Said This? Tell Me and Receive a Prize.

"Music is a good thing; and after all that soul-butter and hogwash I never see it freshen up things so, and sound so honest and bully."

Who Said This and What Book is It From? Tell me and receive a Prize.

Important Dates

November 23rd
Troop Fundraiser 5:00-9:00 P.M @ Laser Family Fun Center in Corona

December 1st
Roundtable

December 2nd, 3rd, 9th 10th
Seussical the Musical starring our own Carlos Habash and Andrew Habash

December 3rd
Caroling at Air Force Village West

December 7th
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 8th
O.A. Meeting

December 10th
Daytrip to the U.S.S. Midway

December 12th
Troop 270 Christmas Party

December 19th, 26th
No Meeting

In History Today....

GENERAL INTEREST

1963 John F. Kennedy Assassinated

1718 Blackbeard killed off North Carolina

LITERARY

1819 George Eliot is born

WORLD WAR II

1942 Soviets encircle Germans at Stalingrad

AUTOMOTIVE

1985 Chrysler CEO Leads Immigration Ceremony

CIVIL WAR

1864 : Hood enters Tennessee

Happy Thanksgiving!

Shopping on a Budget

By Ray Beckwith

Have you ever wondered why the adults often eat so much better than the scouts? One of the reasons is we have learned the art of shopping on a budget. Now we would like to share some of these skills to you. The tips below will also help you as an adult when you are shopping for groceries for yourself or your family.

First make a complete menu and then create your shopping list from the menu. Don't forget to include condiments, seasonings and supplies you need. Here's a good example.

Second, shop for the important items first and then use whatever money you have left for extras. (Don't buy dessert until you have your Steaks, Potatoes and Vegetable.)

Menu: (6 people)

- Steak
- Vegetables
- Baked Potatoes
- Dessert

List:

6 Steaks
 3 bunch Broccoli
 6 Potatoes
 2 stick, butter
 Garlic/seasonings
 Steak sauce
 Sour Cream
 Dingdongs

Third, if possible, find deals on the more expensive items on your menu (especially the meats) even if you have to shop at different stores. Ask your parents or other adults to suggest where the best prices are on particular items.

Finally, here are some additional tips to use when you shop:

- **Keep track of your spending** – Use a calculator or piece of paper to add the prices of the items you pick up. Not only to you know how much you're spending, you also have an idea later on what you can put back if you run over budget.
- **Check the prices** – Most stores have tags on the shelf with the item price and the price per unit. These will help you make good buying decisions.
- **Find the bargains** – Don't just grab the Juice or Milk your parents always purchase. For many items, generic and store brands save you money and are just as good as name brands. Also, prices change and what is cheap this week is not next week. Look for store specials and instant coupons for more savings.
- **Stick to the budget** – If your menu is too expensive for your budget, you'll have to adjust while you're in the store. See what you can substitute. If steaks are too expensive, switch to pork chops or chicken. Get barbecue sauce instead of steak sauce. Improvise.

An 8th Grade Education by Ben W.

Remember when our grandparents, great-grandparents, and such stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, KS, USA. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS, and reprinted by the Salina Journal. 8th GRADE FINAL EXAM

Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of Capital Letters.
2. Name the Parts of Speech and define those that have no Modifications.
3. Define Verse, Stanza and Paragraph.
4. What are the Principal Parts of a verb? Give Principal Parts lie, lay and run.
5. Define Case, Illustrate each Case.
6. What is Punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of Punctuation.
7. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time, 1.25 hours)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel? Deducting 1050lbs. for tare?
4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find cost of 6720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20per meter?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance around which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

U. S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U. S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, and 1865.

Orthography (Time, one hour)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, and syllabication?
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, sub vocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals?
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u'.
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Also note that the exam took five hours to complete. Gives the saying "she/he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?