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## Baden Powell House by Ben

In 1942 Lord Somers, Chief Scout of the British Empire launched an appeal to the Scouts of Great Britain. The purpose of which was to raise a fitting memorial to B-P. In making this announcement the then Chief Scout expressed his strong desire to see the fulfillment of one of B-P.s most expressed dreams that there should be a scout home in London, the city of the founder's birth and the capital of the country in which scouting started. "This will be a great centre, dedicated to the B-P way of life", said Lord Somers, "a house where Scouts

from all parts of the world will be welcome and feel at home, a common meeting ground where the Scout Law can be seen in actual practice."

Baden-Powell House is the fulfillment of that dream, opened on the 12th July 1962 by her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Since that date the house has seen millions of Scouts and Guides from all over the world some passing through London for just a few hours or others staying for several days at a time. When it was opened the house was considered to be very modern with excellent facilities.

35 years later it was decided that the time had come to update those facilities to meet the requirements of visitors both now and in the future. And after a major redevelopment program Baden-Powell House was re-opened on 5th June 1997 by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent.

## My Trail to Eagle by Austin

I first started scouts as a friend Michael K. and sometimes fun. One word tiger cub and steadily joined Pack 97. I then of advice to all you is that progressed up to where I bridged into Troop 270. I planning is the most am now. The experiences steadily worked my way to important part in executing I took from those many a Life Scout. My Eagle an eagle project. years have helped and will project was planting trees. help me for the rest of my This required great life. I first started scouting planning and patience. in Pack 703. I then Planting these trees was switched packs with my sometimes hard and



## Troop Charter by Don Herweck

The troop committee has completed the charter renewal process as of December 9<sup>th</sup> with an expenditure of 618<sup>00</sup>. This assures that our 21 scouts and 28 adults will remain registered until 1-31-06. Thanks to Mr. Crilly and Mr. Weise for their expertise in helping complete this process. If you've not paid your share yet, be sure to see Mr. Crilly soon.

Thanks

Don Herweck

Committee Chair

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*"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."*

## Your New SPL by Brandon

Greetings. This is your newly appointed Senior Patrol Leader, Wookie. I would like to thank my fellow scouts for electing me as their leader. I will try to be good at my job and make sure everyone has a fun time in scouting. I would also like to congratulate the other scout officers.

William	Historian
Brennan	Guide
Michael	Scribe
Ben	Quartermaster, Newsletter
Nicholas	Librarian
Mark	Chaplain's Aid
Aric	Bugler



## Joshua Tree by William

During our trip to Joshua Tree, we climbed many mountains of boulders. I didn't really learn anything (besides the fact that I	REALLY REALLY hate heights). The younger boys, though, learned a lot. They learned how to rock climb; use a hatchet	& saw, and ax. All in all, it was an excellent trip and I am planning on going next year.
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Boys-

To help you on your trail to eagle, Troop 270 has the following adults signed up as merit badge counselors.

Elizabeth Houlihan-

- \*Citizenship in the Community
- \*Communications
- Disability Awareness
- Dog Care
- Pets
- Scholarship

Robin Woolsey

- \*Citizenship in the Nation
- \*Citizenship in the World
- Law

Tammy Kordic

- Cooking
- \*Personal Fitness

Kim Austin

- Dentistry

Marcelyn Beckwith

- \*Family Life
- Reading
- Scholarship

Gerald Dodds

- Safety
- Traffic Safety
- Truck Transportation

Debbie VerSteeg-

- Canoeing
- \*Lifesaving
- Rowing
- \*Swimming

Ray Beckwith-

- Atomic Energy
- Computers
- Electricity
- Electronics
- Energy
- Engineering

Robert Randleman-

- Aviation
- Computers
- Radio
- Small Boat Sailing

Tom Gebelin-

- Backpacking
- \*Camping
- Climbing
- \*Communications
- Electricity
- \*Family Life
- Hiking
- \*Lifesaving
- \*Swimming
- Waterskiing
- Photography

David Weise-

- Bird Study
- \*Environmental Science
- Nature
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Forestry

Frank Willette-

- \*Camping
- \*Citizenship in the Nation
- \*Citizenship in the World
- Fishing
- Geology
- Orienteering

Brad Austin

- Fishing
- Fly Fishing
- \*Personal Management

Janet Kilkoyne

- Gardening
- Reading
- Vet. Medicine

\* Eagle Required

## Quote of the Month

“Knowledge without  
Experience is just  
information”

-Samuel Clemens a.k.a Mark Twain

## Useful Links

[www.riversidescouts.com](http://www.riversidescouts.com)

<http://www.scoutarama.com/recipe/index.cfm>

<http://www.meritbadge.com/mb/index.htm>

[www.boyslife.org](http://www.boyslife.org)

[www.scoutarama.com](http://www.scoutarama.com)

<http://users.aol.com/randywoo/bsahis/b-p.htm>

[www.bsa-ciec.org](http://www.bsa-ciec.org)

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

<http://www.factmonster.com/spot/quiz/scoutboy/1.html>



## You Might Be Taking scouting too Far if..... By Tammy Kordic

You buy that '89 Chevy Caprice because you really like that fleur-de-lis hood ornament.  
Your favorite color is "Olive Drab".  
You decide to lash together the new deck on the back of your house.  
You plan to serve foil meals at your next dinner party.  
You walk the streets in broad daylight with a coffee cup and flashlight hanging from your belt.  
You raise your hand in the scout sign at a heated business meeting.  
You were arrested by airport security because you wouldn't give up your official BSA pocket knife until the cop said, "thank you".  
You didn't mind losing power to your house for three days.  
Your son hides his copy of Boy's Life from you.  
Your plans for remodeling the bathroom include digging the hole deeper.  
You trade your 25 foot center console fishing boat in on that great little 15 foot canoe.  
Your favorite movie is "Follow Me Boys" starring Fred MacMurray, and you spent months trying to convince Disney to release it on home video.  
You managed to find that 8th day in the week.  
Your patron saint is Ward Cleaver.  
You disconnect the automatic dishwasher in favor of the "3 pot method".  
You sneak a cup of "Bug Juice" after the troop turns in for the night.  
You can start a fire by rubbing two sticks together.  
Latrines at camp start becoming comfortable.  
You felt you won a moral victory when BSA brought back knee high socks.  
You think campaign hats are cool.  
You gave your wife a mummy bag rated for -15 F for Christmas.  
You name one of your kids Baden.  
Your favorite tune is "Camp Granada".  
You can recite the 12 points of the Scout Law backwards, in order, in 3 seconds flat.  
You bought 10,000 shares of Coleman stock on an inside tip they were about to release a microwave accessory for their camp stove line.  
You can't eat eggs anymore unless they are cooked in a zip-lock bag.  
You plan to get rich by writing a best selling Dutch Oven cook book.  
You took a chemistry course at the local college to help you develop a better fire starter.  
You actually own a left-handed smoke shifter.  
The height of your social season is the district recognition dinner.  
A trip to Philmont is a pilgrimage.  
You are convinced the center of the universe is Irving, Texas.  
The sales operators at the BSA distribution center's 800 number recognize your voice.  
Singing "Scout Vespers" makes you cry uncontrollably.  
You were disappointed when Scouting magazine didn't win the Pulitzer Prize last year.  
The Scouts in your troop chipped in to have you abducted by a professional cult de-programmer.



## Troop 270 Website - [www.riversidescouts.com](http://www.riversidescouts.com)

The website for Troop 270 is now fairly well established, and I believe that it is being used by at least some of the Scouts and Scouters. The site currently contains information that I think is useful and some that is even entertaining, including:

- Current and past calendars
- Information on upcoming events, as I get that information
- Medical certification forms and permission slips
- Photos, taken over the past year by adults and at least one Scout.
- Links to Scouting sites such as [meritbadge.com](http://meritbadge.com), CIEC, and other useful sites.
- A Journal Page
- Miscellaneous information

It is my intent that the website contain the type of information and documents that the Troop desires, and I would love to hear from anyone that would like to contribute in any way to the site. Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to contribute “content” to the site... and I can even set up special pages for any Scout that would like to have their own creative work posted for the world to see. I especially think that Scout projects, such as materials prepared for Merit Badges or Eagle projects would be great to post. Scouts can even design their own pages to post, if they feel so inclined. Of course, all submissions must be suitable for posting on a Boy Scout Troop website, and the last names of Scouts will not be posted. Stories, artwork and such creative works, if somewhat related to Scouting, would be a great addition to the site.

The website, which was formerly a Girl Scout site (Troop 207), has been hosted free of charge by a coworker, Bob Bell of Runware, since 2001. Mr. Bell is getting out of the website hosting business, and I will be moving the site to a new host in the very near future. Please bear with me if you find that the site doesn't work quite right during this transition period!

Please feel free to call or email your ideas or content!

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