

BOY SCOUT TROOP 132 2011 Annual Report

2011 Was another fun year for Boy Scout Troop 132. The boys in the troop continue to advance towards the Eagle rank, and have fun in the process. The troop currently has eight registered Scouts led by Senior Patrol Leader Patrick Lathrop. Scoutmaster Steve Panning, Assistant Scoutmasters Ellen Panning and Lorene Irons, Committee Chair Mike Brytowski, parent volunteers, and our Charter Organization Representative at Mt. Carmel, Dr. Charles Kirk, also help to support the Troop.

Troop 132 was able to add not one, but TWO new Eagle Scouts to its list of Eagles in 2011; Chris Brytowski and Mt. Carmel member Alaric Legler. The troop has now produced 44 Eagles during its 80-year history. The troop's first Eagle was presented to Burdette Aitchenson in 1934.

The Scouts continue to take an active role in the community. In January, the troop collected paper items for Camp Confidence in Northern Minnesota, and in July, while at summer camp, Troop 132 helped the camp by working with other Scouts and staff members to make improvements to the main campfire area. In October, the Boy Scouts and their families, volunteered to rake leaves for members of Mt. Carmel. In total, the members of Troop 132 have performed nearly 200 hours of service in 2011.

Each Scout also participates in fund raising functions that support their camping trips and other activities, as well as supporting the general operations of the troop. In 2011, Troop 132 held its annual pancake breakfast and silent auction in February, also held its annual Christmas wreath fundraiser during October and November, all in an effort to ensure that all members of the troop have a means to fully participate in the Scouting program. The troop started off the year on a rocky note, with the troop's two-year old trailer being totaled in a rollover accident while returning from Camp Confidence during a January blizzard. Fortunately the truck towing the trailer remained on its wheels, no one was hurt, and there was only minor damage to the items in the trailer at the time. With the replacement cost of the trailer only partially covered by insurance, the members of Troop 132 would like to give a bigger than normal thank you to everyone at Mt. Carmel who helped make these fundraisers a success.

The highlight of the Troop's 2011 outdoor program was the week in July that they spent at Many Point Scout Camp in northern Minnesota. This 2400 acre camp allows the Scouts the opportunity to participate in many activities that they may never otherwise experience. From leaning about, and sampling, edible plants, to kayaking, to sleeping on a raft in the middle of Many Point Lake, there is something to keep Scouts of all ages and interests busy all week long. In addition to several weekend camping trips during the year, in October, several members of the troop spent 4 chilly days backpacking on the Superior Hiking Trail overlooking Lake Superior – the first of several backpacking trips in the works over the next 2 years.

Scout Troop 132 continues to provide a quality experience for the male youth of Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church and Northeast Minneapolis. Visitors and new members are welcome at our weekly meetings held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in Room 101 at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church.

Submitted by Steve Panning,
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