

BOY SCOUT TROOP 132

2013 Annual Report

The boys in the Pack 132 continue to work towards their Arrow of Light award, the highest award a cub scout can earn, and the boys in the troop continue to advance towards the Eagle rank, and have fun in the process. The cub pack, led by Cubmaster Ellen Panning, in a rebuilding year, has 6 members. The troop, led by Scoutmaster Vance Husen, has eight scouts, and the venturing crew also led by Ellen Panning, has 10 registered youth.

In March, the cub pack saw all but one of its scouts graduate from cub scouts to boy scouts. The new group of cub scouts, almost all of whom are new to scouting and from Mt. Carmel, are looking forward to exciting first year in scouting. Some of the activities in 2013 for the youngest members of the scouting program at Mt. Carmel included going to the Oliver Kelley Farm and the Fire Fighters Hall & Museum.

The highlight of the Troop's 2013 outdoor program was the week in July that they spent at Many Point Scout Camp located near Park Rapids, Minnesota, in July. The troop also ventured west, taking a trip to see Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park in August. In addition to several weekend camping trips during the year, several members of the troop spent 6 days backpacking the most remote sections of the Superior Hiking Trail as they finished up their work on backpacking merit badge.

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 2013, Troop 132 held its annual pancake breakfast and silent auction in February. The scouts served up 157 plates of pancakes at the 2013 breakfast and added scrambled eggs to the menu for the first time. The scouts of Pack, Troop, and Crew 132 also held their annual Christmas wreath fundraiser during October and November. All of this fundraising is done in an effort to ensure that all members of the scout units at Mt. Carmel have the means to fully participate in the Scouting program. The members of Pack, Troop, and Crew 132 would like to give a big thank you to everyone at Mt. Carmel who helped make these fundraisers a success.

The venturing crew also spent a week at Many Point, enjoying many of the programs that the camp has for the older scouts, such as sleeping on rafts in Many Point Lake, and sleeping in tree houses. These older scouts also spent a cold week in mid-June enjoying waterskiing, swimming, fishing, and camping on Lake of the Woods. Even though the ice had only been off the lake for about two weeks prior to their arrival, the scouts spend much of their time in and on the water. The crew also continued its tradition of participating in Camp Confidence's annual Diamond in the Rough camp clean up weekend, where they perform tasks such as leaf raking, painting, preparing firewood, and dock installation. The crew does many of its own fundraisers, which in 2013 again included selling concessions during the State Fair grandstand concerts.

Pack 132 (boys in kindergarten – 5th Grade) meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of each month, from noon to 1:00 in Room 101, and is always looking for new recruits.

Troop 132 (boys, ages 11 – 18) 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.

Venturing Crew 132 is a Boy Scout program for both male and female youth between the ages of 13 and 21. Visitors are welcome at any of our weekly meetings held Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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