

# Troop 4 Tribune

A Columbia, Missouri Troop founded in 1963

## Spring 2013 – Into Summer!



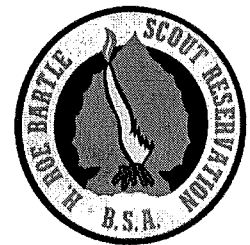
This year has flown by and summer is upon us! It is hard to believe summer camp is on one month away. Like last year, Troop 4 will be camping during 3<sup>rd</sup> session (June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>) and we will

be at Ft. Union in Camp Piercing Arrow. We will meet at the McDonalds in Warsaw at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 27 and then continue in a caravan down to Bartle. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Special thanks go out to Matthew Reilly, Troop 4's new Historian, for writing two articles in this issue. We hope you

enjoy reading the Tribune and wish everyone a happy and safe summer!

*Yours in Scouting,  
Ken Baker, Editor*



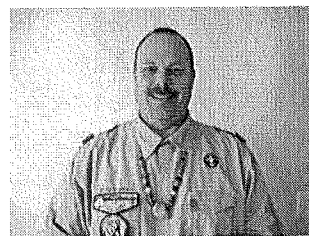
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## Scoutmaster Minute – Patriotism

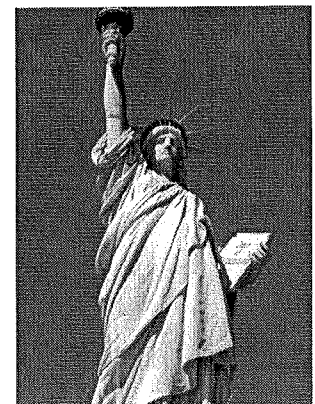


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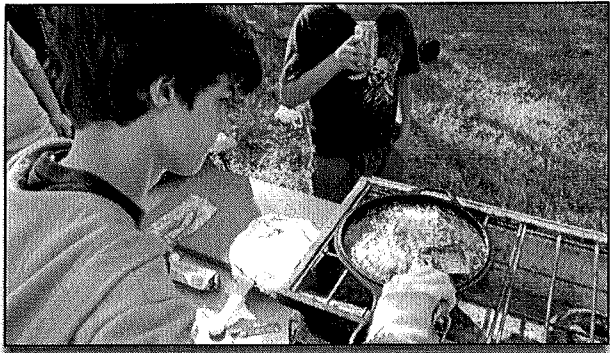
With Memorial Day, Flag Day and Fourth of July upon us, I saw this Scoutmaster Minute on The Insane Scouter website and wanted to share it with you. "True patriotism is more

than getting a lump in your throat when the flag passes by. It involves determination on your part to see that America remains free. It involves your willingness to put the best interest of the nation ahead of your own self-interest. Single interests may be important. But the art of democracy is the ability to recognize the common good. It requires the ability to give and not just to take. 231 million

people can pull our nation apart or pull it together. Which way did you pull today?"



## Photos from Historical Campout May 11-12 (Lexington, MO)



## BSA Health Forms

➤ *John Hiley,  
Troop 4 Health Form  
Coordinator*

Just a quick reminder that if you haven't turned in a new BSA Health Form, there's no time like the present to do so! Summer Camp is rapidly approaching, and the new form has changed quite a bit. The information is mostly the same however. The electronic PDF form has the ability to be saved and edited at a later time. This is a great feature for keeping this up to date as things change.

Some points to keep in mind:

- Parts A, B, and C must be fully completed!
- Immunizations **MUST** be dated! This is for

EVERYONE; if you aren't sure a ball park guess is close enough in most cases.

- Sign and date the form! Make sure the examining physician does so as well!
- Copy your health insurance cards front and back and attach them to the health form.
- When you turn in the form please make sure you keep the ORIGINAL document.

Please do NOT attach any additional paperwork other than the items listed above. Anything beyond the needed form will be returned or shredded; Bartle's doesn't

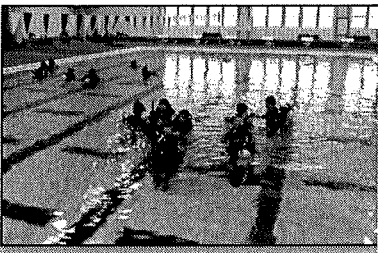
have the room to store large amounts of forms so printing them in duplex (copied front and back) REALLY is appreciated!

Thanks for your assistance in getting these forms turned in as soon as you can. I realize not everyone will be able to get this done before the last Troop meeting. Feel free to email any questions or concerns you may have as I prepare the Troop's health form bundle for summer camp. Getting your form reviewed prior to summer camp will ensure you or your scout will avoid any issues during check in!

Hope everyone has a safe and fun camping session, and a great summer!



*Above and Below:  
Scuba Diving Merit Badge Class-  
Preparing for Sea Base 2014*



## Patrol News

### Cobra

We have six scouts working on their Eagle ranks. Sam Studer, Cory Rackers, Noah Kopriva, John Hiley, and Jacob Fleming. Soon we will all be Eagles and shall go out into the world as changed men.

### Lightning

The Lightning Patrol has been recently trying out new experiences with the addition of better culinary ideas such as salmon and better skit ideas such as our look last skit last campout. New thing: Our patrol is missing cooking our own meals from Perry and Vance fine dining. Our next meal plan is rigatoni. Lastly, as Scouts we will pursue a new area of awards and achievements.

### Minutemen

The Minutemen are continuing to move along. Gavin Shackelford has joined and Hayden Haller is

almost to his First Class rank. We had a wonderful time on the biking campout. There was nice weather. We look forward to the May campout.

### Monkey

The Monkeys have been doing a stellar job of advancing rank. My friend Mark Roques just got his Eagle. We have been spending lots of time on advancing our younger scouts. Our patrol's goal is to be Honor Patrol each month.

### Panther

Matthew and Ryan went to First Aid class at 6:30. We have two new scouts and a returning scout.

### Raccoon

We are getting lots of work done in the Raccoon Patrol. Our newest member, Kyle Taylor, earned his Scout rank and several rope

advancements. Eric earned his Second Class and First Class rank. We had lots of fun on the biking campout and can't wait until next time.

### Nighthawk

Adam came back from being SPL. We got two new scouts. Chuck has moved into the patrol and is the Patrol Leader. Simon is the Quartermaster. Theo is the Guide. Adam is the Instructor. Chuck is working on his Eagle Rank.

### Senior/Eagle Patrol

The Senior Patrol is pretty good. There is no conflict, nothing bad. It is pretty fun. Everyone is getting along. It's a lot of responsibility and, yeah, so it's pretty good.

## More Historical Campout Pics



*Hey Guys - Napping Merit Badge is only for Scouters! (Biking Campout)*

## Tent Tips

➤ *Tim Haller, ASM*

### Keeping the Water Out

Over the last year, Troop 4 experienced its share of rain or snow on campouts. A waterproof tent provides one of the best ways to combat the elements for a more enjoyable campout. Although completely waterproofing a tent is nearly impossible, one of the best ways to keep water from getting into your tent is to chemically seal the seams.

The weakest links in tents rain resistance are the seams. The seams are where the different parts of the tent fabric are sewn together. Most tents have some type of waterproofing on the seams but it breaks down quickly and the stitches open tiny pinholes where water seeps into your tent. Some of the worst areas are at the corners of your tent where several seams come together and more stress is put on your tent as this is where the tent is usually staked down.

Seam sealer is available at most sporting goods stores and online. It usually comes in a

small bottle from 4 to 8 ounces. Average cost is 3 to 10 dollars. Most bottles have a brush or sponge applicator to allow you to spread the sealant evenly on the seams.

Be sure to follow the directions on the container but most will require the same basic steps. Before applying the sealer, soak a soft cloth rag or cotton ball with isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol and rub it on the seams to clean off grime before applying the sealer. Allow the alcohol to dry a few minutes before applying the sealer.

Set up your tent in a well-ventilated area and get it as tight as possible so the seams are pulled out. Apply the sealer generously to the seams so that it fills all the tiny pinholes the stitching creates. You may need to go over the corners twice as the extra stitching will make it more difficult to fill in these areas. Leave your tent up overnight to give the sealer plenty of time to dry. A second coat on the seams on your rain fly is usually recommended for best results. The rain fly provides your greatest barrier against moisture.

Most sealers dry clear and the application of the product is barely visible but the water resistance performance of your tent is improved. By investing about an hour of your time carefully sealing your tent

seams, you can enjoy hours of comfortable camping even in some of the wettest conditions.

### Other Quick Tips for Better Tenting

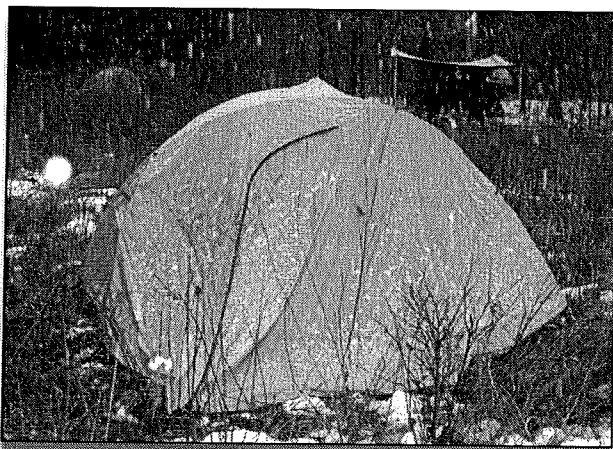
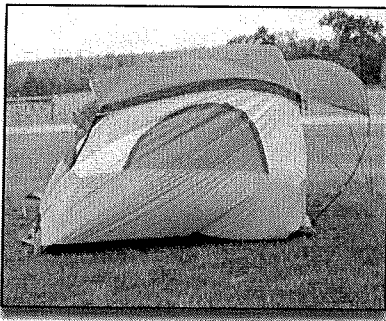
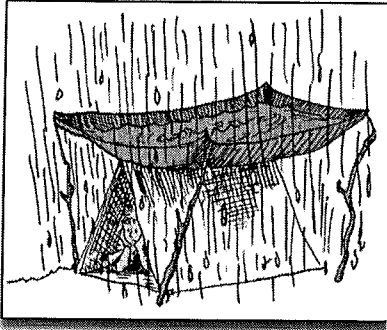
Don't zip your tent material up completely. Leave at least a small opening in the tent door or window or both to allow moisture vapor inside to escape. If moisture vapor gets trapped, it builds up and condenses as moisture on your inside walls and other items in your tent. (Now you know why everything is wet when it didn't rain.)

Set your tent up at least 20 yards from your campfire. Small embers from your fire can easily burn holes in your tent without you even noticing.

Tuck your ground cloth completely under your tent. The ground cloth protects the bottom of your tent but can also funnel water under your tent if it sticks out beyond the sides.

Never put your tent away wet. Always let it air dry after camping. Dampness will cause the tent to mold which will actually break the fabric and seams down faster, making the tent even less water proof and even worse, it smells bad.

Use these simple tips to make your camping experience more enjoyable. Be sure to share these and other camping tips with those scouts with less experience.



## Biking Campout

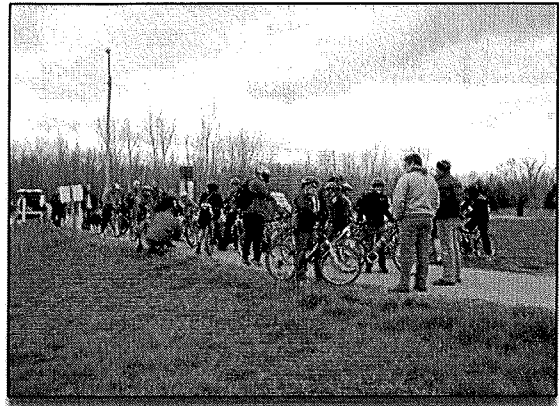
➤ *Matthew Reilly,  
Troop Historian*

The campout began on Friday night (April 12) with scouts meeting at Scott Boulevard. We rode several miles out on the Katy Trail to the Katy Katfish campgrounds. There we set up our tents and had some free time before we ate crackers, sausage and cookies provided by Mr. Nelson.

In the morning, we got on our bikes and rode to

where Mr. Lee works. We saw the fire truck and part of the fire station. We ate a spaghetti lunch with garlic bread.

Then we rode back to the campground. There Mr. Haller had some cool bones and artifacts to show us. Many scouts had fun playing some football and goofing around before dinner time. After dinner we did skits and then went to bed. In the morning we packed up our tents, ate breakfast and rode back to Scott Boulevard. It was a fun campout.



Above: Photos from Troop 4 Biking Campout

## Kiwanis Park Cleanup

➤ *Matthew Reilly,  
Troop Historian*

On April 6, Troop 4 participated in the annual Kiwanis Park cleanup. This service project had about twenty scouts and adults there to help. We met at the side entrance to the park.

We took attendance. We spread out and started walking through the park and picked up trash. We found everything from wrappers, to lighters, to misplaced doggie feces bags. The weather wasn't too bad and we hopefully helped the community.

### Congratulations to Troop 4's Newest Eagle Scouts

Matthew Caldwell  
Kaleb Jacks  
Scott McAfee  
Alan Perry  
Jacob Pohlman  
Joseph Pratt  
Mark Roques  
Ethan Seville  
David Sharpe



Eagle Scouts Ethan Seville and David Sharpe and Parents Court of Honor May

**MEETINGS:**

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
1600 West Rollins Rd  
Columbia, MO 65202

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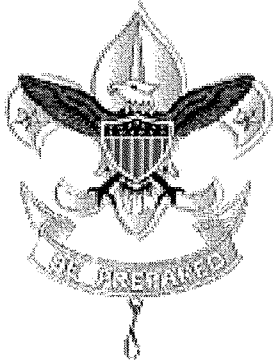
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## Troop 4 50 Year Celebration Picnic

Troop 4 was chartered to Trinity Presbyterian Church on Wednesday May 1, 1963. As of May 1, 2013, we were 50 years old.

### SAVE THE DATE

Reunion Picnic

Twin Lakes Park Pavilion 2500 Chapel Hill Road, Columbia, MO  
65203

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Parks/driving.php?loc=Twin%20Lakes%20Recreation%20Area>

### Saturday July 13, 2013

Gather 2:00 or after

Dinner 5'ish

We hope to gather old pictures. Send your favorites – identify when, where and the people if you can.

Do you have summer camp group photos? Mark the year and send them (electronically preferred).

Send pics to Dan Buchheit. More information to follow as we get closer.

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### Mic-O-Say

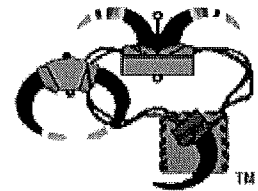
- *Mike Wise, Fire  
Builder Star Wolf*

Summer is fast approaching with only a few weeks until camp. Braves, be sure to be working on your sign language and finishing up regalias. Also coming up on May 31 thru June 2 is Tribal celebration. This is a get-together for

members of Mic-O-Say to help get everyone camp-ready for the scouts, play games, meet other members and see the new presiding Chieftain.

Whether or not you are going to camp, always remember you are a member of Mic-O-Say and to follow your promises. Remember the younger scouts are

watching and following your example! I hope for all to have a great and fun summer ahead.



### About Our Organization

Troop 4 was established in 1963 and is one of the most active troops in Columbia. Meetings are held on a regular basis during the school year on

Monday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1600 West Rollins Road. Please remember every boy

between the ages of 11 and 18 is welcome to be a part of a great Scouting experience with Troop 4.

# Boy Scout Troop 4

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A Scout Is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Dear Cub Scout,

Thinking about becoming a boy scout? We strongly encourage you to continue in scouting; the best years of the scouting program are ahead of you. One of your biggest decisions in the next few months will be deciding which troop to join. A boy scout troop will offer you opportunities for fun and learning, but it is important that you join a troop which has goals and activities that match your goals and interests. We encourage you and your friends to visit several troops this fall to learn what a boy scout troop does and how it does it. Even though troops attempt to achieve the same goals through the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program, boy scout troops are not all the same.

During the next few months, you will have the opportunity to visit Troop 4, meet our scouts and adults, and discover if we will provide you with the opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors and help you become an outstanding and respected young man. We encourage you to join our Troop if our program matches your goals and aspirations and you are willing to make a commitment to work towards earning the Eagle Scout rank while living the Scout Oath and Law.

Please visit one of our regular Troop Meetings or one of our planned open houses or visitor campouts listed below. Email Jeff McCann and Kelly Whitaker at [jmccann@socket.net](mailto:jmccann@socket.net) and [r.kelly.whitaker@gmail.com](mailto:r.kelly.whitaker@gmail.com) with any questions you may have **and at least one week in advance if you plan to visit a meeting, open house or campout.**

Sincerely,

Troop 4 Scouts and Adults

**Open House Dates:** September 30, 2013 from 6:50 to 8:30 pm  
November 11, 2013 from 6:50 to 8:30 pm  
January 27, 2014 from 6:50 to 8:30 pm

**Visitor Campout Dates:** Pioneering Campout – October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am – Private farm southeast of Harrisburg  
Feast Campout – December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am – Pinnacles Youth Park north of Columbia

## **About Troop 4:**

**General:** We have been a successful scout troop in Columbia since 1963. We are led by the boys with adult guidance for fun, service, and leadership training. We place a strong emphasis on the "Patrol Method", which has been a very successful aspect of the BSA program. A Patrol typically consists of six to eight scouts who work together as a functional unit. In the "Patrol Method", boys learn not only individual scouting skills necessary for rank advancement, but also leadership and interpersonal skills that will help them throughout their lives. We are a full scout uniform troop. Current yearly dues are \$52 for scouts and \$26 for adults. An optional Boy's Life magazine subscription from BSA is available for an additional \$12 per year.

**Troop Meetings:** We meet at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Mondays at 7:00 pm (typically every Monday Columbia Public Schools are in session). We encourage scouts and adults to arrive between 6:45 to 6:50 pm so our meetings can start promptly at 7:00 pm. Meetings will usually dismiss between 8:15 to 8:30 pm.

**Campouts:** We camp one weekend each month for the months of September thru June. Campouts are either one or two nights. We provide each patrol with a dining fly, propane cook stove and lantern, cookware, and serving utensils.

**Summer Camp:** We attend a 10-day summer camp each year at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation near Osceola, Missouri. Cost for Summer 2014 is \$325. Need based camperships are available.

**Troop Service Projects:** We participate in one to three hour duration service projects approximately five to six times per year to reinforce service to others.

**Adult Participation:** All parents and guardians are expected to participate in some way, making for a better Troop and better experiences for the scouts and adults. There are many opportunities to get involved with the Troop either involving direct interaction with scouts or in "behind-the-scenes" positions.