

# SCOUTING

## FEBRUARY



# ANNIVERSARY

## 2005



**BOY SCOUTS:** Jeremy Meyer, Jacob Riedel, Scoutmaster Jerry Whitmore, David Meyer, Matt Whitmore. Not pictured: Robbie Herman, Jon Finley, Brendan Finley, and Chris Sundstrom.

## Boy Scouts



## Pack 120

Boy Scout Troop 120 of St. Francis Kansas is led by Scoutmaster Jerry Whitmore and includes Boy Scouts Matt Whitmore, Jacob Riedel, David Meyer, Jeremy Meyer, Robbie Herman, Jon Finley, Brendan Finley and Chris Sundstrom.

The Boy Scouts started out 2004 with a spring campout in March. Scouts who attended the campout were Jon Finley, Jeff Meyer, David Meyer and Jeremy Meyer. In April the Scouts helped out a neighbor with a spring clean up. In May the Scouts joined with the Lions Club for the Goodwill gathering. The two clubs were very successful in collecting much needed clothes and items to be donated and shared through Goodwill.

In May Troop 120 welcomed 3 new members. Robbie Herman and Brendan Finley advanced from Webelos of Pack 120 to Boy Scouts. Chris Sundstrom joined the troop as a new Scout.

In June, Scoutmaster Whitmore along with Scouts Matt, Jacob, Robbie, David, and Jeremy spent a week at Camp Hansen near Kirwin, Kansas. The Scouts earned several merit badges and learned some new skills. Some of the favorite activities at camp were the rifle and archery ranges, kayaking and canoeing, and of course the swimming pool. David earned the Silver Bullet award proving he was the best shot at camp.

Matt enjoyed participating in the COPE course (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience). COPE is comprised of group initiative games, low course (12 feet and under) and high course (above 30 feet high) activities, some involving group challenge while others test individual skills and agility. These activities include climbing walls, rappelling, ziplines, and rope bridges as well as initiative games that help develop confidence, leadership, trust, teamwork, self-

esteem, problem solving, communication and decision making skills.

Jacob advanced to Star rank at camp and was inducted into the Tribe of the Golden Eagle, a special leadership program at Scout Hansen. Its purpose is to reinforce the principles of the Scout Oath and Law and to encourage continued participation in Scouting by developing and recognizing youth leaders.

In October, the Boy Scouts hosted a weekend campout at the River Walk for the Webelo Scouts of Pack 120. Boy Scouts Matt, Jacob, Chris, Jeremy and David organized and led several activities for the younger scouts to enjoy.

There were several advancements during the year. Robbie Herman advanced to Tenderfoot rank and earned the Swimming and First Aid merit badges. Jon Finley advanced to Tenderfoot rank. David Meyer advanced to Second Class rank and earned the Rifle Shooting and Motor Boating merit badges. Jeremy Meyer advanced to Second Class rank and earned the Rifle Shooting and Archery merit badges. Jacob Riedel advanced to Star rank and earned the Emergency Preparedness, Swimming, Citizenship in the Community, Art, and Motor Boating merit badges. Matt Whitmore advanced to Star rank and earned the Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Sports, Wood Carving, and Archery merit badges.

The Scouts are already looking forward to the 2005 summer camp and other camping opportunities. They are eager to help with any community service projects large or small. They would like to thank the community for its support by buying popcorn and the generous donations that were made.

## Cub Scouts



## Pack 120

Every year, Scouts across the nation celebrate National Scouting Anniversary week during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February. For Cub Scout Pack 120 of St. Francis Kansas, February is also the beginning of a new year in Scouting.

The Scouting year kicks off with a Blue and Gold Banquet/Celebration. This is a time for Scouts and their families to join together and celebrate the birth of Scouting and have some fun. Last year's event found the Scouts and their dad's making and decorating cakes for the father/son cake bake contest. Scouts who participated were Lucas Carmichael, Dalton Davenport, Zach Gienger, Billy Ray Lee, Tony Meyer, Robbie Herman and Logan Whitmore. Those in attendance at the Blue and Gold Celebration voted for their favorite cake. The winning cake was a Scooby Doo cake baked and decorated by Dalton Davenport and his dad, Gary.

In March of 2004, the Cub Scouts held their annual pinewood derby. This is a highlight of the Scouting year, where the Scouts build racecars out of a block of pinewood, and then race them against each other. New this year was a "Judge's Favorite" trophy for the car deemed to be the best in design. Elmer Kellner and Greg Wolters were the judges. The winner of the 2004 Judge's Choice trophy was Lucas Carmichael. The 2004 winner of the races and the Cub Scout Overall Champion Trophy was Logan Whitmore.

On May 8, Scouts Billy Ray Lee, Tony Meyer, Foster Grant, Robbie Herman, Zach Gienger, Dalton Davenport and Logan Whitmore enjoyed a trip to the Skate Park in Wray Colorado.

In May, Rank advancements were held. Advancing from Bear to 1<sup>st</sup> Year Webelo were Lucas Carmichael, Dalton Davenport, Zach Gienger, Foster Grant, Tony Meyer and Billy Ray Lee. Advancing from 1<sup>st</sup> year Webelo to 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelo was Logan Whitmore. Brendan Finley and Logan Whitmore advanced from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and officially joined Troop 120.

During the summer, the Coronado council holds summer campouts at Camp Hanson near Kirwin Reservoir. Attending the 3 day 2 night Webelo Campout in July was Dalton Davenport, Tony Meyer and Logan Whitmore along with Leaders Jerry and Lila Whitmore. The Scouts enjoyed many activities including archery, bb shooting, swimming, science experiments, and crafts. Each of the Scouts completed requirements for the Outdoorsman Badge, Readyman Badge, Forester Badge, Scientist Badge and Aquanaut Badge. There was much excitement one night when a storm moved thru and tornados

were sighted in the area. The Scouts spent that night in the storm shelter!

In August, Dalton Davenport, Tony Meyer and Logan Whitmore along with Leaders Jerry and Lila Whitmore took a 3 day trip to the Colorado Springs area. They stayed in Cabins at the Lone Duck Campground in Cascade Colorado where they enjoyed fishing and hunting for crawdads in the pond. They visited Garden of the Gods, Cave of the Winds, Starsmore Discovery Center, North Cheyenne Canyon park, Helen Hunt Falls, Gold Camp Road and the North Pole Amusement park. They also played miniature golf.

September found pack 120 hosting the annual School Night for Scouting. New Scouts joining this year were Tiger Scout Blake Meyer, and 1<sup>st</sup> year Webelo Scouts Josh Teeters and Casey Keller.

In October, Dalton Davenport, Zach Gienger, Foster Grant, Billy Lee, Tony Meyer, Josh Teeters and Logan Whitmore enjoyed the Cub Scout Fun Day in Colby. The Scouts enjoyed archery, bb shooting, crafts and an obstacle course. Logan won a prize for having the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest time in the obstacle course.

Also in October the Webelo Scouts joined the Boy Scouts for a weekend campout at the River Walk. Scouts arrived Saturday morning and enjoyed a day of fun activities sponsored by the Boy Scouts. They made knife sheaths, went on a hike, made up secret codes and practiced knot tying. They made hobo dinners for supper and enjoyed a campfire complete with skits and songs and of course s'mores for dessert! It was a cold night and everyone awoke bright and early Sunday morning to warm up around the campfire before heading for home! Adults camping with the Webelos were Jerry and Lila Whitmore, Randy Teeters, and Cynthia Poling.

For the Fall service project in November, the Scouts joined efforts with the local Shriner's club to collect toys for the children's Hospital in St. Louis. The scouts organized a toy drive at the grade school and collected over 200 toys.

In January, the Scouts received their prizes from the annual popcorn sale. Top sellers for the Pack were Dalton Davenport and Foster Grant, each selling over \$1,500 worth of popcorn! They were each presented with new sleeping bags as the Top Seller award.

The new Scouting year kicked off on February 15, 2005 with the annual Blue and gold Celebration (see related article). Scouts and leaders are looking forward to another great year of Cub Scouting in Pack 120!!



**CUB SCOUTS:** Back row - Cheryl Lee, Webelo Leader, Jerry Whitmore, Cubmaster, Lila Whitmore, Committee Chairman; Middle row - Billy Ray Lee, Lucas Carmichael, Logan Whitmore; Front row - Casey Keller, Foster Grant, Josh Teeters, Dalton Davenport. Not pictured: Blake Meyer, Tony Meyer, Zach Gienger, Nicole Meyer, Tiger leader.

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