



Troop 16 News:
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41 Scouters attended the Elroy-Sparta Bike Hike weekend trip. A large caravan of 12 cars with bicycle racks and a trailer carried the bicycles. The attendees stayed at Wanna Bee Campground on Friday evening. That night, the camp left the pool open for the troop's use. After the fairly warm swim session, the swimmers were treated to pizzas. The campers woke up on Saturday to thunder. After quickly packing up, the campers enjoyed coffee in the camp store while it rained. The scouters also partook of an all you can eat Paul Bunyan breakfast in the dells. After eating, around 36 bikes trekked the trail from Elroy to Sparta. Along with the bikers 4 vans carried the rest of the gear. This trail included 3 tunnels and towns along the way, proving to be good rest stops. Once reaching Sparta, the scouters camped in a primitive campsite. Dinner was then cooked by families and other groups. One group had grilled shrimp as an appetizer and for a meal, steak, baked potatoes, foil fresh vegetables and Memphis Molly (cobbler) for dessert. Other groups ate fajitas, chicken, chicken zip packs, spaghetti and grilled cheese. Come Sunday, the group took the trek back to Elroy with a ice cream stop in Norwalk. After loading up the gear, the group ate at a Culver's in Mauston and then headed back to Waukesha.

At Andrew K's Eagle Project, a group of scouts helped him construct two raised flower beds for residents at the Lutheran Home in Milwaukee. Wheelchairs can be guided under the beds for use. The project was all finished in one day.

A bike rodeo was held in the St. Johns parking lot. The rodeo was planned by Max M. The scouts played many bicycle racing games. Candy prizes were given to winners of the games. Also at the event was a bike repair station that the boys could have their bikes checked out.



25 Scouters helped the Hoepplers move boxes from their old house on Rip Van Winkle Dr. to George Hunt Circle. The scouters made the job easier by creating handoff lines leading outside. It took just a few hours to move the boxes to the apartment or storage. It was a great service project for the scouters. Mrs. Hoeppler put on a nice barbecue lunch after the job was finished.

Other activities this month consisted of a Drug Awareness presentation, a Rights and Obligations presentation, Zachary L's Eagle Project dedication at Christ church, yard cleanup at St. Johns, and a parent/scouts softball game.

Monthly rank advancement had Nick H and Dan W achieving First Class. Dennis S earned his life rank.

May Participation Honors went to Max M and Zac W first place, Joe B and John C at second and Dan W, Joe B and Josh B at 3rd place.

