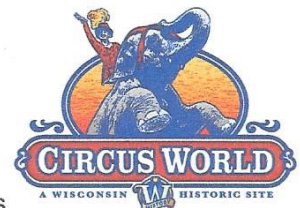




## Troop 16 News

Troop Historian: Will Mc



This month, we had our Baraboo Circus Heritage Camporee. Twenty Scouters went to hike the city heritage trail (walked around town). While we were there, we went to historical homes, the army surplus store, and the ice cream shop. In the afternoon, we went to many displays and activities. We cooked on hobo stoves. A hobo stove is a coffee can inverted with the cooking surface hammered flat with air holes made by a can opener, and the sides cut with tin snips for feeding fuel. For breakfast, each person made eggs and bacon; for lunch, each person made grilled cheese. There's nothing like circus burgers for supper! We saw an evening show of Lawnmower Races, but they were cut short by the rain. On Sunday, we went to the Circus Museum to see the Big Top Show. After that, we then stopped for a fast food lunch on the way home and took a ferry ride over the Wisconsin River.

Another outing we had this month was the Elroy-Sparta Bike Hike. On Friday, we went swimming and ate pizza while we camped at a Wisconsin Dells Campground. On Saturday, we had breakfast at Paul Bunyan's All-You-Can-Eat Buffet. Later that morning, we biked 32 miles to Sparta from Elroy, with many stops along the way. Chase vehicles with the troop gear rode the highway along the trail. When we got to the rustic campgrounds, we set up camp, cooked our own supper, and went into our tents when the rain came. On Sunday, we started early at 8 am to bike the 32 miles back to Elroy, with only two stops. Once we got back to Elroy, we went to a fast food lunch, then drove back. A good time was had by all, except for one breakdown and two crashes. All in all, 43 Scouters attended, 35 biked the trail, and 21 Scouters biked the whole 64 mile trip.



At our meetings this month, we had a wide variety of activities. At the meeting before Elroy-Sparta, we had a bike rodeo organized by Sean D'S for an Eagle requirement. We had five bike races-- track, slow, sprint, back road, and relay. Dennis Smith, with his bike shop knowledge, and other adults inspected 23 bikes. At another meeting, we had our swim testing for Long Lake Camp and extra fun swimming time at the YMCA. At a different meeting, we had a night of board games, with ice cream and donuts, organized by Alex Kempen for his Eagle requirement. At our first meeting in June, the "We Team" beat the "They Team" by 14-13 in a parent-Scout softball game.

Our troop's Troop Guide position is held by Nick H. He introduces and welcomes new Scouts, and helps and guides them through meetings like a big brother.

### Monthly Rank Advancement:

- William B. Scout
- Thomas M. First Class
- Daniel W. Star



### May Participation Honors:

1. Max M
2. Josh E
3. Joe B
4. John C
5. Jacob N
6. Joe B

