

## Upcoming Events

Summer Court of Honor, Okauchee Lions Park – Sunday, August 20

Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts Dining Fly Take Down, Sunday, August 20

Piggly Wiggly Brat Shack fund raiser – Saturday, August 26

Devil's Lake Camporee – Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1

Creep O Ree Camp – Friday, November 3 – Sunday, November 5

Legion Post 196 Golf Outing Set Up – Thursday, August 24

Legion Post 196 Golf Outing Help the golfers – Friday, August 25

## Troop Website

[www.t49.scoutlander.com](http://www.t49.scoutlander.com)

## Charter Organization Website

Delafield American Legion Post 196

[www.delafieldlegion.com](http://www.delafieldlegion.com)

## Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

## Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



# Boy Scout Troop 49 Newsletter August 2017

## Scoutmaster's Corner

### Work = Fun

by Mr. Neimon, Scoutmaster

I get it. We all like to have fun. Some think fun is great and work stinks. Spoiler ALERT! You cannot have fun unless you do the work. The question becomes how quickly and efficient will you do the work so that you can increase the amount of time you get to have fun. The biggest criticism I get from parents is that we work the scouts too hard and they miss out on fun. Come to think about it, the scouts think that as well sometimes. But the reality is that you cannot have one without the other. It really is a question of who rather than what. As parent's we have it ingrained in our work process to simply get to work so that we can have fun later. It is our job to teach that to the scouts. Is it tough on them? Yes. Does it take the fun out of some events? yes. However, the scouts need to incorporate work and a good work ethic into their daily lives in order to be successful and in order to gain the joy and fulfillment they desire. You can't get good grades if you do not do the work of studying. You cannot be a good athlete unless you do the work of practicing boring drills. You cannot be successful in life if you do not do the work. Here is a secret to scouting fun and success: Work hard and the fun will come. It's true. If you incorporate work in your approach to scout events/outings you will learn how to do things, you will learn how to do them quicker and you will learn to just do them right away and efficiently so that you can get to the fun. The patrols, scouts and troops that do not understand this do not have fun and they blame others rather than themselves when the fun is less than the work. The smartest scouts make the work part fun as well.

**RECENT RANK ADVANCEMENT**  
**Congratulations to the following scouts**  
**on receiving their rank advancement:**



Life

Ryan Konet  
Jonathan Ziehen



Star

Brandon Tobias  
Nathan Doughty  
Evan Hovila



First Class

Brett Kowal  
David Arnott  
Matthew McCarthy



Second Class

Spencer Ishizaki



Scout

Brandon Rausch  
Nick Voiles



**Sea Base 2017**





**Sea Base ~ Jacob Looman**

In June, I went to Seabase with 5 fellow Scouts and 2 leaders. This trip began with us loading up and driving to Chicago and checking into our hotel. This hotel had a pool that was only a few feet from our room. We ordered pizza and ate by the pool, then awhile later went to sleep, or so we thought. We hadn't fully noticed it until we tried to sleep, but the room was painfully hot. The hotel staff had claimed that our air conditioning unit was "broken but fixed" so we took their word for it. That night was spent rolling back and forth and sleeping in a pool of sweat. The next day, we woke up early and headed to O'Hare Airport in Chicago. We boarded the plane and flew to Fort Lauderdale–Hollywood International Airport. From there, we went to our Fort Lauderdale hotel. This hotel had a big pool, a built in restaurant bar, and our hotel room had working air conditioning. The next morning we got on a bus (which was 3 hours late) and drove to the Seabase Base camp. We learned the ropes from our guide, Moony, and spent the night in the base dorms. The next day, we woke up, ate and then started rowing the 6 miles out to Munson Island.

Once we got to the island, we waded to shore, walked over the sargassum (that smelled worse than raw sewage) and onto the island. Our campsite was in a pretty interesting spot. It allowed us to look out onto the beach and see way out into the ocean. Unfortunately, though, the campsite also backed right onto the salt flats. The salt flats are a flat part of the island that very rarely flood enough for water to be held there. The salt flats held a lot of water while we were there and the mosquitoes were insanely bad. At any given time you could look down and see at least five sitting on your legs. They were bad, but we didn't let it stop us. We went daytime snorkeling a few times, and night snorkeling (which was really fun). We were boated out to a retired fish hatchery, then anchored off of the coast of a different island one day to go snorkeling. We went deep sea fishing one day and caught a lot of fish (enough for us to give some to the captain of the boat, feed ourselves full, and then give the rest to another troop). All of us slept in hammocks, except for the adults. On the last day, we packed up really early and paddled the 6 miles back to base. When we arrived, we put our gear away, and played games before going to the skit contest, then ate the best meal of the trip yet. We had shrimp kabobs, crab patties and lemon meringue pie. The next day we woke up early, and boarded the bus that took us to the airport, for our flight home.

This trip was a great experience, and I would recommend it to any Scout looking for an adventure and a good time.



**Alex Neimon - 2017 VFW Eagle Scout of the Year**

Congratulations to Alex Neimon on receiving the 2017 VFW Eagle Scout of the Year award. Alex received the award on June 2, 2017 from the Hartland VFW.





**American Legion  
Post 196 - July 4 event  
By Ryan Konet**

We helped Our Charter Organization the American Legion Post 196 run and prepare for their annual July 4th parade and flag retirement ceremony. On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we handpicked flags that were beat up and unable to be used.

We would use those flags to be retired during the ceremony on July 4th. We also decorated a little on the third as well. For example, we stuck flags in the ground as decorations.

On the 4<sup>th</sup>, we finished setting up. We then did the legion's annual parade as a troop and we gave out candy and small American Flags. When we ended the parade at the legion hall we started the ceremony, where people from the audience announced flags that represented flags that flew at places like schools and libraries. We also retired the flags we picked the day before. The event was a great success.



**American  
Legion**

**Post 196**

**Our Seabase Adventure - What a Scoutmaster got out of it  
By Michael Neimon**

Who would not like deep sea fishing, catching black fine tuna, Dolphin Tuna, meeting an old salt like Captain Joe, shark fishing, snorkeling day and night or wading in the water with sharks. Perhaps kayaking through a mangrove maze or paddling a war canoe across 5.5 miles of open ocean to then stay on an exclusive island for 4 days and nights. Sounds like fun heh? All the stuff was fun, but I got something else out of it. I was told this was a medium adventure, not a high adventure. I will admit.... I let my guard down. Turns out High Adventures can sneak up on you. This trip initially involved hotels, airports and nice Ft. Lauderdale beaches. It is an SPL's nightmare as the patrol method is not desired in this environment. The base was fun and structure started to come back. Go here, go there, eat, then hurry up and wait. Then came the war canoe paddle to the island. As we finished this long hard trip, humped our gear to the shore and the fresh ocean smell gave way to.... well, lets' just say you have to go and find out. It dawned on me that this is going to turn into a high adventure. Sure, there is fun, sun, sand and breeze. But there is also mosquitoes, no sea'ms, sargassum, 100 degree tents and pesky key deer (note: only 2 and they are both named Steve). You have plenty of food but you have to cook and clean. The heat and fun are exhausting and you're on Island time (no watch, no electronics, no alarms), so the desire to just hang creeps in. Laziness creeps in. Not wanting to do anything creeps in. Not wanting to listen to the SPL bark orders creeps in. This to me makes these trips a High Adventure. It is holding to the patrol method. It is working hard when the work needs to be done. It is listening to the SPL and doing not only what is expected but helping when it is not expected. It is continuously thinking beyond yourself for the better of the entire Patrol. This sounds easy when your reading this from a comfortable place. Not as easy when you're constantly dealing with mosquitoes, gnats, heat, fatigue, uncertainty, constant wetness, foot issues and other issues that make you walk funny where only Gold Bond can momentarily give relief. It is at this time that I see all the hard work both scouts and adults put in pay off. You deal with it. You can deal with it. You don't let it overtake you. You still can enjoy the fun but know that to get fun you have to work for it. By the last day on the island all the issues that made it not a fun place the first day have been accepted and accommodated. I was proud of how our scouts dealt with the adversity. I was proud of how they each overcame some personal adversity. What I got out of this high adventure more so than the fishing and snorkeling is that I got to see how each one of our scouts dealt with adversity both as a Patrol and their own challenges. I can't wait for the next group to go, but don't expect a medium adventure, it might just turn high on you.



**Sea Base**  
**By Alex Neimon**

Have you always wanted to explore the bright blue and sunny Florida Keys? Paddle miles across warm waters inhabited by colorful tropical fish? Heck, catch and eat tropical fish, then hang on a tropical island to camp on a sandy campsite? Then welcome yourself to Munson island. From Chicago airport, my crew and I flew to Florida and stayed at a Hotel by the sandy beaches of Fort Lauderdale. The water was warm and the streets were alive with tropical prosperity. The next day, we traveled to the Florida Keys, crossing tropical water on many bridges that extended for miles along water. My crew and I then arrived at Sea Base (The Brinton Environmental Center Facility) to get our gear and prepare for our long kayak paddle to Munson!! When my crew and I finally arrived at our tropical island, we sought our campsite and got ready for the rest of the day; sunscreen, sandals, and cool shades man. The first day on Munson my crew got to explore the island; seeing salt flats, mangrove trees, and the tropical forest. The second day we went deep sea fishing and ate what we caught; a ton of tuna. The third day we did hermit crab racing. We lost this year, sorry. After we left Munson island and got back to the Brinton center, everybody put on Hawaiian shirts (we forget ours) and did a

luau that involved tug of war, limbo, and a seafood buffet. Sea Base is a fun and relaxing experience, well worth my time, but it is very challenging. It's very hot and humid, but pays off with beautiful cool nights. I recommend Sea Base to anyone who loves nature and appreciates the hardships of enduring the outdoors.



**NYLT**

**By Daniel Tahtinen and Spencer Hong**

NYLT stands for National Youth Leadership training. At NYLT Scouts are split into two groups. Daniel was in the Fishy group and Spencer was in the Squishy group. Each group has many patrols which the scouts were assigned to. We were with Scouts that we were not familiar with, but we got to know them after spending a week together. We learned about Leadership skills so we can bring those skills back to our troops. Michael Kluz and Hunter Hollenbeck were on the NYLT staff and they were part of the Fishy group. It was a very good experience for us and we learned a lot.



### Expect the Unexpected By Michael Kluz

I just got back from Philmont, the High Adventure camp in northern New Mexico. I had the privilege to go on the Rayado Trek which is one of the individual treks that Philmont offers. It is a 21 day backpacking adventure where you literally do not know anything about the itinerary ahead of time.

As a participant, we were paired up with a group of 8 other scouts from across the country and two of Philmont's top rangers. My crew came from Maryland, North Carolina, Texas, Connecticut, Wyoming, Pennsylvania and Hong Kong. The cool thing about Rayado is that you literally have no idea what you are going to do! The Rangers are selected from Philmont's best and they plan out your trek, meaning no two Rayado treks are ever the same. You go all over Philmont and do things that normal treks never get to do and even some things that normal treks are not allowed to do. The goal of Rayado is to test you physically, mentally and spiritually. It was one of the hardest, but best experiences of my life. Even though I had no idea what I was going to be doing, or how far I would be going, I learned many valuable skills like going with the flow and maintaining a positive attitude regardless of how hard we were pushed. You better believe me, they didn't just push our boundaries and make us go out of our comfort zone, they smashed any preexisting boundaries and pushed us to our limits. Even though we were pushed as hard as we were, we had an absolute blast! I'm not allowed to tell you about all of the things we did but some of the things that we got to do included a 100 foot rappel, climbing 12 mountains (maybe more, we climbed a lot of mountains), seeing the sunrise on top of Baldy and hiking over 175 miles with some very heavy packs!

### Expect the Unexpected

Rayado definitely tested me and at times it was extremely challenging, but in the end it was one of the best experiences I have ever had. If I know one thing, it's that I will never forget the experience I had or the people that made it truly memorable. If you ever have the opportunity to go on Rayado take it. I can assure you, that you will not regret it! Expect the Unexpected!



Michael Kluz



### Delafield American Legion Post 196 Boy Scout Service Award

Starting January 1st through December 31st Troop 49 scouts are eligible to earn the Legion Scout Service Award Patch. This award will be presented by the American Legion for noteworthy service to the Legion and to the community.

All service will be recorded by event, date, total hours at that event and signed approval for the event. See the service form for all information on the different Legion events throughout the year and for examples of types of approved community service allowed. **Requirements:** Minimum total 20 service hours, participate in no less the 3 Legion events, list any additional service hours to your community as needed. Hours reset on January 1st.