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TROOP 505
The Prairie Troop
1964 · 2014
50 YEARS
Naperville, IL
Designed by Jonathan Bloch

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1964 Sept – Troop 505 is Chartered by Knox Presbyterian Church
Richard Cornbeak's first troop meeting, goes well, decides to have another.
1969 Jan – David G. Brown earns 505's First Eagle
1969 July – First High Adventure
Canoeing the Namekagon River in the Chippewa Flowage of northern WI, 6 days on the trail.
1969 Dec – First Survival Campout
Scouts survive, starts new tradition, the campout, surviving is still optional.
1970 July – Troop's First Philmont Trek
Contingent group of mostly 505 scouts, hike the mountains of NM.
1972 Backpacking the San Juan Mountains of southern CO
1984-1991 Summer Camp at Owasippe, Whitehall, MI
Red Randall hosts 7 years of 2-week summer camps at Owasippe, Look out for the blow up mosquitoes.
1987 Feb – First Pancake Breakfast
Red Randall borrows the idea from the Kiwanis Club and starts the function that funds the troop for the next 25 years.
1989 Jan – Robert J. Sado Jr. earns 505's 50th Eagle
What a way to start our 25th year on a fresia.
1995 Aug – High Adventure Backpacking Colorado and the Maroon Bells
The group had to turn around because of the snow pack in the beginning of Aug. Hiked over to the Collegiate Peaks, climbing Mt Yale = 14,000 ft, and rafted through the Royal Gorge = breathtaking scenery.
1996 Nov – First Troop Thanksgiving Feast
Troop explores the Maquoketa Caves for the first time, Turkey is great.
The tradition begins!
2000 July – High Adventure Appalachian Trail Maine
After a 2 day hike on a brutal trail rafted for four days on whitewater, Also had a lobster/clam boil on an island... the boys loved it, for many of them it was the first time that had eaten lobster and clams.
2002 Feb – Alan T. Bernardi earns 505's 100th Eagle.
2001 July – First Summer Camp at Ransburg
Troop 505 attends Summer Camp at Camp Ransburg in Bloomington, IN for the first time.
We like it and keep going back to this day.
2006 – The Troop Purchases our First Troop Trailer, the one we use today
2009 Jan – Joe Caruso's 100th Eagle
2009 April – Devil's Lake, WI
Hiking in a monsoon. Several scouts completed canoeing merit badge without leaving their tents. The scouts brought back so much mud that some parents received property tax bills from WI.
2009 June – Mini-Adventure Returns
Elroy-Sparta Trail, bike, canoe and fish, 15 second year scouts looking like they have been camping for years
2010 Feb – The Big Deal Returns
Get on the bus let's go to Challenger Space Center & Wright-Patterson AFB, Just add Mt. Wilson's soaring for a perfect campout, Thanks, Mr. Curtis.
2010 July – True Spirit of Scouting – Camp Ransburg, Bloomington, IN
Jonathan Oakley faces down a group to recover a handicapped scout's rocket. He then covers half the camp to find him and return his rocket.
2010 July – National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, VA
10 scouts from 505 braved the heat with 50,000 of their friends to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.
2010 August – Des Moines Air National Guard Base
To spite being flooded out of our camp site Crew 505 enjoyed all the sites and simulators at Air Base before heading to Iowa State Fair, Now can anyone please explain that movie?
2010 Oct – Ranch-O-Ree, Scout Ranch, Rochelle, IL
The Flying Squirrel patrol shatters the district scout skills competition record, shaving 40 minutes off the record reducing it by more than half.
2011 July – 40 Scout & Adults, 5 crews head to Seabase, FL
All the snorkeling, fun, sand and jelly fish that you can handle in 7 days.
2011 July – Robert Stein earns 505's 150th Eagle
2012 June – Our First Seabase Scuba trip
Crew comes up just short of breaking the Seabase record for most dives. Oh for one more night dive.
2012 July – Missouri River High Adventure, SD
Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse & Minuteman Missile what more can I say but a ghost town that was a real ghost town all at 117°, Hiking the Badlands was awesome,
A fast 50 miles on the Missouri River and it was time for shooting, horseback riding, swimming and more shooting.
2013 July – Philmont NM
5 Crews head out on the troop's most ambitious treks yet, can you say a 33.
2014 Feb – The Big Deal
Great Chartered Bus Ride to Kentucky to Visit the Louisville Slugger Factory & Museum, Mammoth Cave National Park, Corvette Factory Tour, National Corvette Museum (Look Out for the Sink Hole).
Like all true Scouts Repaired the Charter Bus with Duck Tape!"
2014 Troop 505 Turns 50
• After 50 years, thousands of campouts and service projects and 175 Eagle Scouts the state of the Troop is good.
• We are grateful to all those Scouts and Scouters that provide all the wonderful leadership that guided us through the first 50 years and set the Troop up for the future.
• Many thanks to Knox Presbyterian Church for all the support through out the years!!!