

Notice of an upcoming event mainly for TV stations, but sent to all media.

75 BOY SCOUTS TO REMAKE HISTORY FRIDAY NIGHT.

Notice for Coverage

Contact Fred Hinkman
Scoutsmaster Troop 643
555-1212 (home)
555-1213 (cell)

Boy Scouts from three area Troops will relive the historic “Relief of Mafeking” and in the process learn where the Boy Scouting movement originated during a sleepless Friday night.

Boy Scouting founder Lord Baden-Powell first conceived of training young teenagers in paramilitary skills to help his woefully undermanned military unit successfully defend the village of Mafeking against overwhelming numbers of enemy troops during the Boer War. Friday night, approximately 75 area Scouts will compete for prizes in displaying many of the same skills the Mafeking youth employed, skills which every Boy Scout is taught: night stalking, first aid, lashing sticks together to make ladders and other tools, starting a campfire with minimal resources, communicating over distances, and finding their way with only a compass.

The Scouts will convene after dark, rain or not, at the VanPloess Pavilion for a briefing and to receive their mission orders. Then each Patrol will be deployed to spy on “enemy encampments”, navigate over ditches and around obstacles in the two square mile County Park while avoiding “enemy patrols” (adult leaders), and providing first aid to any “wounded” they find. Part of the competition includes building a small campfire to cook a meal. The exercise ends at 4am when all return to camp.

FRIDAY MAY 10TH
VAN PLOESS PAVILION, COUNTY PARK
Briefing at 9pm.
Early photo opportunities for late news deadlines.

The briefing and all events are open to the media. The “Senior Patrol Leaders” are the youth leaders who coordinate this event. Josh Zarian of Troop 343, Tony Blake of Troop 283, and Phil Shaner from Troop 643 will be available for interviews, explanations and can assign a guide for any reporter wanting a first-hand account.