

**TROOP 113 AND PACK 113**  
**HISTORY**  
**1917 - 1998**

- 1917 The student Minister of the Peoples Congregational Church organized the first Scout Troop in Bayport.
- 1918 The first Troop Committee was formed and chaired by Herbert J. Andersen.
- 1922 The Troop was registered with the National Boy Scout Office under the sponsorship of the Bayport Public School.
- 1927 The Troop was registered with the St. Paul Area Council as Troop #98.
- 1929 Hesley Jensen Post #491 assumed sponsorship of the Troop. Eldon Lomnes became the first Eagle Scout from this Troop.
- 1930 The Troop number became #113.
- 1937 Troop membership reached an all-time high of 62 Scouts. Boys were able to be active in Scouts from age 12 to age 22. Three boys from Troop 113 attended the National Jamboree in Washington, D.C.
- 1938 The Mens Club of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the First English Church, and Peoples Congregational Church organized the first Cub Pack in Bayport. The Pack was assigned #17 and had 22 registered boys.
- 1941 Due to the lack of available leaders during the early part of the War, the Pack became inactive.
- 1938-52 The Troop stayed active during the War years, and this time marked one of the busier periods of Scouting in Bayport as 19 Scouts attained the rank of Eagle Scout.
- 1944 Following the passing of long-time Scouting supporter, Dr. Strand, the nurses of Lakeview Hospital established the Dr. Strand Memorial Award.
- 1944 The Pack was reorganized with the assistance of Hesley Jensen Post #491. The Post assumed the responsibility of sponsorship of the Pack at this time.
- 1947 The Pack, under the leadership of Cubmaster Burnell Thompson, grew to a membership of 34 boys.
- 1950-60 The "baby boom" that followed World War II led to a growth in the number of boys in the Pack. Multiple Dens of Wolf, Bear, Lion, and Webelos Scouts sprang up throughout Bayport. The Pack became #113 during this time.
- 1956 Under the leadership of Scoutmaster Glenn Anderson, the Troop membership again increased. Over 40 boys were registered and active in the Troop.
- 1955-63 As the Troop and Pack grew it was common to see the Bayport School gymnasium packed with Scouts, Cubs, and parents for the Annual Blue & Gold Banquet.

- 1958 Troop 113 took the first of several "Huck Finn" raft trips down the St. Croix River.
- 1963 Troop 113 presented 6 Eagle Scout awards during this one year.
- 1975 Following the passing of Mr. Harold Rothschild, who had served the Troop Committee for more than five decades, the Rothschild Memorial Award was established.
- 1978 The Pack consisted of 4 Wolf and Bear Dens, and 1 Webelos Den.
- 1979 Hesley Jensen American Legion Post #491 was recognized for 50 years of continuous sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 113.
- 1983 The Pack was gradually becoming smaller and registrations were falling off.
- 1984 With the support of the Legion, past Troop 113 Eagles, the BCAL, many Scouting friends and the participation of the Bayport City Council, the Troop was able to build a new Scout facility in the northwest corner of Lakeside Park.
- 1984 The Pack reorganized and membership began to climb. The Tiger Cub program was started for the first time in the Pack. Five boys became Tigers the first year.
- 1985 Under the leadership of Bob Zawislak, Pack membership continued to climb, the Tiger numbers swelled to 17, and the Pack grew to 43 boys.
- 1986 Richard Carlson III attained the rank of Eagle. He was the 64th Scout from Troop 113 to receive this prestigious award in the 64 years that the Troop has been part of the National organization. Under the continued leadership of Scoutmaster Joe Reding, the Troop became very active, camping a total of 36 days and nights, including a 6 day - 5 night 62 mile canoe trip on the St. Croix River. Troop 113 hosted Expo at the Washington County Fairgrounds, highlighted by fireworks during a torrential rainstorm.
- 1986 A strengthened Pack program produced a huge growth in membership. A total of 74 boys are active in the Pack.
- 1987 The Troop was very active with a record 69 days and nights of camping, including canoe trips on the Gunflint Trail and on the St. Croix. The PLC also enjoyed three days of sailing on Lake Superior.
- 1987-93 Pack membership remained steady and high with leadership from Bob and Laura Zawislak, Don Aderman, R. Nathan (Rocky) Bliss, Kevin O'Keefe, and especially Committee Chair, Martina Plaster.
- 1988 Troop 113 hosted Klondike Derby this year, held at Barkers Alps.
- 1990 This year marked the retirement of Joe Reding as Scoutmaster of Troop 113. Joe served as Scoutmaster for 8 consecutive years, a length of service unmatched in the history of the Troop.
- 1991 Before his departure as Scoutmaster, Bob Zawislak organized a new Troop Committee of dedicated people; most had been leaders in the Pack. The Troop Committee worked closely with Pack leaders to increase membership in the Troop, and provide a very active outdoor program.

- 1992 Troop membership was 27 Scouts. The Troop camped 36 days and nights, and 22 Scouts attended Tomahawk. The Troop Committee established the Scoutmaster's Award in January of this year.
- 1993 Troop membership increased to 34 Scouts. The Troop's outdoor program included 32 days and nights of camping, a five day - 60 mile canoe trip on the Namekagon and Upper St. Croix rivers, and two back-packing trips. There were 27 Scouts from Troop 113 at Tomahawk summer camp. Through the efforts of Marilyn Selb and the generosity of the Andersen Foundation the Troop was able to purchase a trailer for transporting Troop equipment.
- 1994 There were 38 active Scouts in the Troop this year. The outdoor program was again quite active, with 34 days and nights of camping, a five day - 63 mile canoe trip, and 29 Scouts attending summer camp at Tomahawk.
- 1995 Membership reached 41 active Scouts - the highest since the mid 1950's. Matthew Peulen became Troop 113's 70th Eagle Scout. The Troop camped a total of 31 days and nights. This summer, 37 of our Scouts and 11 Adult leaders were at Tomahawk, the boys earned a combined total of 86 merit badges and numerous requirements for rank advancements. The new White Pine Camp opened at Tomahawk this summer and 16 Scouts and 3 adults from our Troop camped there. White Pine Camp will become Troop 113's new summer camp location beginning in 1996. The Troop's Pawnee site in Chippewa Camp was home for many, many years.
- 1996 The Troop Committee, most of which was formed in 1991, continues to work hard to bring a good program. Since 1992 the Troop has camped 137 days and nights, produced three Eagle Scouts, and sent several Scouts to Junior Leader Training. COMING SOON!! Troop 113's roster could approach 50 Scouts this year, exceeding any numbers except those of the 1930's when the eligibility limits for Scouts were age 12 to age 22. The Troop will honor it's 71st Eagle, Mike Selb, early this Spring. This Fall the Troop will host the LaCroix District Camporee.
- 1997 **FEBRUARY 1997 WILL BE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF TROOP 113.** The Troop will be honoring Tim Tschida as the 72nd Eagle Scout of Troop 113 later this Spring. Tom Selb led a crew of ten to Philmont in July '97. All came back with a love of New Mexico and a case of tired feet.
- 1998 January 1998 finds us at our first overnight of Klondike held at Fred C. Andersen. We have 37 active Scouts on our roster with another 11 Webelos crossing over in March. 1998 Looks to be a great year for Scouting. John Eiselt recently had his Board of Review & will be the 73rd Eagle Scout of Troop 113.
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