

THE KNOWLES K"NEWS" - 2011

JANUARY

Julie started off the new year with a quick trip up to the Bay Area to help her dad out with an outpatient surgery to remove some polyps on his vocal chords. It was uneventful, but Julie loved spending the time with her dad!!

February 25 - This evening was the big Blue & Gold for Pack 685 and the big day that the 6 Webelos II boys in Jonathan's pack bridged over to their respective troops!! The theme was a Knight theme and Mrs. Willer made jester hats for the boys and me!!

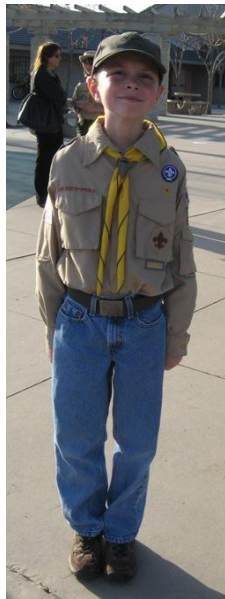
February



MARCH



March 12 - Jonathan's first belt test of the year and he earned his green belt in Tang Su Do (Korean Martial Arts). Congratulations Jonathan!



March 18 - Jonathan went on his first Troop 648 camping trip by himself to the Mud Caves near Anza Borrego Desert.



April

April 16 - Jonathan's Future Problem Solvers team was chosen for the California State Bowl up in the Bay Area...what an

honor! Although they didn't place, Julie and Richard were so proud of him!!



April 30 - Another camping trip to the Anza Borrego area known as Blair Valley...this time with Julie in tow! She understood that it was "primitive" camping,

but didn't quite understand the impact until she got there and realized she was the only female! She survived and Jonathan completed some work on his Tenderfoot requirements!

MAY

More camping for Jonathan this month and he's well on his way to 25 nights of camping! This month was the Camporee up at Mataguay Scout Ranch!



June 7 - Jonathan graduated from 5th grade with a Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. What a special morning that he shared with his parents, Grandma Knowles and Grandpa Schmidt! He followed it up that evening by

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testing for his green belt with white stripe and breaking his first ever board with his foot! Great job Jonathan!!



June 23 - We got reservations to Yosemite this year, so the Killens, Nelson boys, Julie and Richard and Julie's dad headed up to Yosemite

for the week! Julie got to see her grandniece Brooklynwhat a cutie!! Jonathan was at Summer Camp with the Scouts!



JULY

Jonathan spent a week at UCSD again during July taking a Programming with Robots class through iDtech

camps. They programmed Lego Mindstorm NXT robots and it looks like they had a lot of fun! Jonathan got to pie their teacher on the last day and he was very intent on doing it correctly!



August was a fun month

AUGUST

full of trips to Sea World, more camping (this time rifle and shotgun shooting with the Scouts) and Jonathan



turned 11 as well as started his first year of middle



school! I can't believe he's in middle school and his first quarter he pulled off straight A's!!

september

September 3 - Say it with me now.....MORE CAMPING!! Family camping trip with the Scouts to Fiesta Island for kayaking, canoeing and all around fun.

September 10 - Another belt test for Jonathan...this time blue! A lot of work left before his black belt, but you can see his second broken board in his hands!



September 24 - Jonathan attended the 25th Karate Camp put on by Manna's Martial Arts and he got a special patch for it.

October



October 8 - Camping with the Scout up to Trona this time to do some gem hunting in mud!!



October 10 - Julie got a job (contracting) for Cricket Wireless doing device requirements and has been busy ever since! Her contract has been extended, but she hopes to become permanent in 2012!

October 31 - Anyone guess what Jonathan was for Halloween? Anyone who plays Minecraft would know that he was a Creeper!!

November was actually a slow month for the Knowles. Thanksgiving was spent at home doing nothing special. Julie wasn't really in the mood to do much and was a little melancholy thinking about her mom, but it was a nice chance to relax and get a badly needed day off. Going back to work after being off for 18 months is hard!!

November

DECEMBER

December 3 - Rescheduled Webelos

Woods for Jonathan where the Boy Scout troops show off their skills to the up and coming Cub Scout Webelos. Jonathan attended camp last year as a Cub Scout and this year as a Boy Scout!

December 17 - Last camping trip of the year for Jonathan! Back to the



Mud Caves with a local Cub Scout pack.

December 25 - Julie's dad came down to visit from Portland and fun was had by all. Julie wishes he could've stayed longer, but she'll take what she can get!