



Ryan Weiche – Troop 570

Spark Plug Award

This Scouter's effervescent personality lights up any meeting, and he's always making people smile. Despite the fact he doesn't like camping, he puts his outgoing personality to use as his Troop's Recruiting Chair. The Troop doesn't have a specific feeder Pack, so he's always reaching out to the several Webelos II Dens in the area, promoting Boy Scouts and inviting them to Troop activities. When the boys and their parents visit a typical Troop meeting, he'll gather the parents in a room and tell them all about the Troop, challenging even the best revival preacher!

As mentioned, this Scouter isn't a camper, and managed to avoid campouts for the first few years of his son's Scouting career. When his son was elected Senior Patrol Leader, dad had to attend the Troop's overnight Planning Campout as a host parent. He showed up with a tent big enough for two Patrols, but the other parents convinced him a smaller tent might fare better in the forecasted storm. He gratefully accepted the offer of a more modest tent. The next morning he awoke, not only happy he'd survived, but energized enough to declare he might have to camp again - in five years when his younger son is old enough to be SPL!

To this brave non-camper, we proudly proclaim Ryan Weiche of Plymouth Troop 570 a Lake Minnetonka District Spark Plug.