Our Floor is a foot!

Calendar of Events:

April 5	Scout Show
April 12	Rapelling Trip
April 13	Rapelling Raindate
April 25	ExpNews Deadline
April 25-27	OA Campout
May 1	Recognition Dinner
May 13-15	Campout
May 19	EOA Meeting
May 23	ExpNews Deadline
May 30,31	Trade-O-Ree
June 20	ExpNews Deadline
June 29-July 5	Summer Camp
July 25	ExpNews Deadline
July 28-Aug5 1997	BSA Jamboree
August 22-24	Campout
August 22	ExpNews Deadline
September 12-14	Canoeing Campout
September 26	ExpNews Deadline
October 24	ExpNews Deadline
October 24-26	Campout
November 28	ExpNews Deadline
December 12	ExpNews Deadline
December 30	Leave for Australia
January 2-10, 1998	Australian Jamboree

Micro$oft
Off the Net

A helicopter was flying around Redmond, Washington, and got lost in the fog. The pilot pulled close to a building where he saw people in the window. He asked his copilot to write "Where are we?" in big, block letters on a piece of paper, and display it for the people in the building to see. The people in the window nodded, then held up a similar sign that said "You're in a helicopter."

Without further instruction, the pilot proceeded to the airport and landed. The copilot asked, "How did you figure out where we were?"

The pilot replied, "They gave me information that was 100 percent correct and totally useless. I figured it must be the Micro$oft building. I knew my way from there."

Who makes more money Windows or UNIX Programmers?
James D. Corder

Based on your personal experience and statistics, where can a good programmer can make more money - in Windows or Unix arena? Unix appeals more to me and is more advanced technically, but I am afraid that it is losing the market share to Windows 95. I want to be in the consulting field.

I am a recent college graduate in NYC and have offers to work in both fields. Your insighfull observations are appreciated.

Remember that all fields of work are a pyramid! There are more Jrs. on the Bottom and very view Srs. on the top.

There is more money in servers than in desk tops: Face it; if one desk top crashes then one employee is out of work. However, if the Server goes down 100s or even 1,000s of employes can not do their job.

Now there are more desk tops than servers. Therefore, there are more jobs for developing desk top interfaces than servers.

It takes less time to learn Windows than UNIX. But UNIX is more powerful than

The Explorer Code

As an Explorer-

I believe that American's Strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of my fellowmen and will use fair play and goodwill in dealing with them.

I will acquire the exploring attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

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Windows. You buy the system to fill your needs:

Mac	moped
Personal Computer	Car
Sparc 5	S10 Pickup Truck
Ultra	1ton Pickup
Sun 10,000	Mac Truck
Ahmdahl	Freight Train

Now think of it as a tool. All of them can deliver a gallon of milk. But some are over kill. All can deliver 6 gallons of milk. But the Moped has to make six trips and others are still over kill. Now lets deliver 1,000,000 gallons of milk: It is time for the freight Train. Ok, the Moped can still do it but it will take 1,000,000 trips.

Now how many people in your neighborhood own a moped? Car, Truck, Mac Truck, and/or Train. Ok, not many people are have a moped, those who have them love them, but there just isn't a moped shop on every corner. Now Car Garage/Gas station is on every other corner. Ok, how many places do you see on a daily basis to repair Mac Trucks or Freight Trains?

Ok, UNIX vs. Windows:

Ok, the average Windows Desk Top Environment Programmer that I have worked with makes about $25,000.00 fresh out of college and will make up to $35/40,000.00 a year.

The Average Novel Admin makes between $45/50,000.00 a year

The top I have seen: $55,000.00

The average UNIX Jr. System Administrator fresh out of College makes $32,000.00: SA = $55,000.00 Lead SA = $70,000.00 Sr. SA = $104,000.00

As a contractor I bill my services at $125.00 an hour plus expenses.

In short: Supply and Demand: There is more of a demand for Windows people but there is a far greater supply than demand. On the other hand there is more of a demand for UNIX dudes than there is a supply...

Our Floor
James D. Corder

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    $1,200.00
      -200.00   Wollongong Software
       -20.00   Spell Software
      -300.00   Monitor
    =========
    $  680.00
      -200.00   Pledges
      -250.00   Micro Dec Sale
    =========
    $  230.00   We still need
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The rest of the room should cost us about an additional $3,800.00.

Explorer Post 369's New Classroom Floor Plan!

It is our goal to have the funds to build the floor by the end of April and have with new classes in it before school is out!

Summer Camp

The cost for the 1997 Summer camp, if paid before April 1st will be $125.00: There will be an additional $15.00 fee for paying after April 1st.

369 will be attending Camp Chief Logan June 29th through July 5th.

Chief Logan Reservation is located in the rolling hills of Southern Ohio, on U.S. Route 35 between Chillicothe and Jackson. Established in 1962, the camp includes wetlands, miles of hiking trails, a lake and acres of evergreen and hardwood forests.

In 1978, Chief Logan adopted a radical new program for its summer camp. It started to offer merit badges on an open and flexible schedule. In such a program there are no merit badge classes. The average day has nine hours during which a young Scout can go to any area he wishes to accomplish the advancement goals that he has developed with his troop leaders. They only exception is at areas such as the Waterfront and Rifle Range that offer times when everyone can participate in their programs. The staff is here to work around your schedule. You don't have to work around ours!
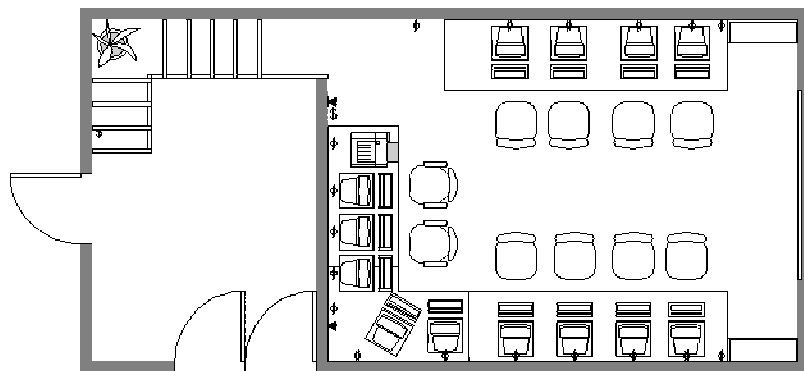
As an Explorer you get to set your own schedule and activities. There is no need to follow any set progressions. You can work towards your Palms, help the younger Scouts do their advancement, or just lie in a hamic all day! For other information about camp this summer, check out the official homepage at:

http://ww.muohio.edu/~tweedlts/clr/

1997 Scout Show
James D. Corder

Explorer Post 369 has chosen not to attend the 1997 Scout Show. I will be at a business function the day of the event. The majority of the Adults will be helping the Troop.

The UNIX System Administrator
James D. Corder

Someone who is a UNIX SA is probably already going to be "good" (at least good enough to hire) right off the bat...

Now, I don't know if I would go that far. It depends on what you are going to sell them for:-) I ran into problems where so-an-so had been the "top" System Administrator for company X and therefore, they thought they where a Sr. SA... Or they are good a one large system with hundreds of dumb terminals attached but have never had any time on a "network"...

The "single" system SA, the network of under 150 systems, the network of 150 to 1,000 systems and the network of over 1,000 systems are all different... The gig I just left had 15,000 systems. over 1,000 UNIX [Sun] stations. Then the size of the servers one work on is of major importance. I just designed an $8,000,000.00 UNIX Computer. Even if there are 2,000 users poking away at the data base. You could reload the operating system while they where using it. Even if the building was wiped out by a tornado people in another state wouldn't even know that the system was gone. They could still enter the data...

(anyone who calls himself a system administrator on his resume must know what he's talking about, I haven't come across any hoaxsters yet)

This has always been a pet peeve of mine. Not because they are "fibbing" but because management lumps the "pay" for the System Administrator into one category. This causes a high turnover... If you are a "Lead SA" why should you make the same as a Jr.? When you have been with a company 8 years and are making $45,000.00 and you start a new dude out of school at $32,000.00...

This is capitalism at its greatest! This web site allows you to use there services free of charge to send a Virtual Bunch of flowers to a friend. They receive an E-Mail message with the URL on where to "view" their flowers. They have also put a "purchase" button on their page so you can send real flowers if you like. People will get so use to sending the virtual flowers they will start going there to send the real FTD ones!

http://www.virtualflorist.com/

The Insurance company that I just left highered me away from AT&T. The VP called. I almost hung up on him, who wants to buy Insurance:-) I guess I was lucky I listened to his speech:-)

System Administrator	Manager	Pay
Intern		$ 32,000.00
Jr.		$ 40,000.00
SA		$ 50,000.00
Lead	Unit	$ 70,000.00
SA MTS	Division	$ 80,000.00
Sr. SA	Officer	$100,000.00+
Sr. SA DMTS	VP	$200,000.00+
	Guru/Owner	As much as you can get

The above is how the Pay should be broken up. A company should have about as many Leads as Unit Managers, Sr. SAs as Officers... The technical pay branch should be the same as the Management branch. However, it usually doesn't happen that way. Far to many companies want to pay all of the "employees" below their Management.

However, out of the dozens of resumes... only a few are worth scheduling a interview with...

We never received "dozens" of System Administrators' resumes. However, we did get over 150 for the "intern" position. What was sad is the fact that colleges do not teach their students any thing about getting a job. Schools tend not to teach them anything about the field they are going to enter. Or at least this is true in the UNIX System Administration field. Face it: Schools are just a big business. They are after money like everyone else. If you don't believe this, have a student not pay their tuition and see how long they stay in college...

If Schools are business then they must go after income. Therefore, [using the company I just left] would they want to teach a program for the 15,000 personal computer users, 3,000 programmers, or 18 UNIX System Administrators... Hence, schools do not teach UNIX system administration. Ok, some students may pick it up on their own while at school... These are the ones that I am looking for. With this as a foundation: I never looked at their college endeavors when highering them. It was useless...

I enjoyed reading your note:-) It is nice to find someone that thinks alike.

Exploring Recognition Dinner
The Scouter

You are cordially invited to the annual Exploring Recognition Dinner: Thursday, May 1, 1997. The program will include a keynote speaker. Induction of the 1997-98 Exploring Officers' Association Officers, and Presentation of awards to the recipients of: Project of the year, outstanding service project of the year, post president of the year, Roger W. Kerkman Post of the year, gold award, district Award of Merit, Hall of fame award, Explorer Leadership award, & Young American Award. I hope we have already turned in our nomination forms.

Up-an-Coming Post Expenses
12/01/97 Post Charter	$30.00
12/01/97 Post Insurance	$85.00
Monthly ExpNews	$75.00

Up-an-Coming Member Expenses
Registration 11/01/97	$15.00

Post Finances
Explorer Post 369 has	-$643.00
Floor Fund	$520.00

Our Principals:
1) Honor before all else.
2) The difference between a winner and a looser is that the winner tried one more time.
3) K.I.S.M.I.F.

Our Creed:
Exploring: Enthusiasm, Energy, & Excellence.

Explorer Post 369:

Explorer Post 369 was chartered on December 31, 1994 to the Reformation Luthern Church.

Explorer Post 369 specializes in UNIX for Programmers while emphasizing a deep theme of Engineering Computer Information & Science

Membership in Explorer Post 369 is open to young men and women between the ages of 14 [and in high school] and not yet 20. Annual Membership fees are $15.00.

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