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## Scuba Crew 820 & GLSPS

### Phalen Lake beach cleanup

Saturday morning, May 27, 2017

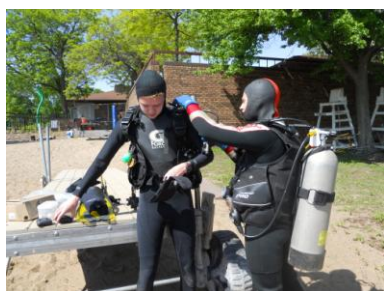
### 2017 Partial group photo after diving w/found treasures

Fourteen divers gathered for BSA Venture Crew 820's seventh annual Phalen Lake Spring Underwater Swim Beach Cleaning on 27 May. While it was a beautiful 70 degrees outside, the surface water was 61 degrees and at 23 feet below the surface, it was a chilly 53 degrees. Visibility was 6 to 8 feet as pairs of divers covered their assigned zones in depths from 4 feet to 23 feet. Nine divers



from BSA Scuba Venture Crew 820 teamed up with two divers from the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society (GLSPS) and three divers from Northland Scuba for the underwater cleanup. Two BSA parents served as shore support.

The lake bottom cleanup went quickly with the 14 divers spending 40 to 90 minutes under depending on the depth of their zone. BSA Venture Crew 820 was lucky enough to have KSTP Channel 5 News cover the event this year. The divers found the majority of debris in the shallow water near the beach and out in the 20 foot depth area, including: a lot of glass in the water, aluminum and tin cans, sun glasses, a cell phone, and other lost items. The divers also assisted the City of St. Paul by locating the existing mooring anchors for the 16 by 24 foot floating swim platform and attaching two new chains to them. The group roped the mooring anchor chains to large floats on the surface, so the city's lifeguards can finish connecting them to the swim raft in June.



Scouts helping scouts with dive equipment



Putting together the dive equipment and wet suits



Some of the debris found on the lake bottom

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