



# TROOP 246 NEWSLETTER



April, 2000

## Meetings

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| 4/4  | Sharks Set up/Clean up     |
| 4/11 | Eagles Set up/Clean up     |
| 4/18 | Lightnings Set up/Clean up |

4/18 - meeting at Church, others at Nut Swamp

## Events

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| 4/7-9   | Philmont Shakedown                      |
| 4/15-16 | Belle Plains - Cape May Historic Trails |

### March Court of Honor

### Scouts of February

**Paul Ehrenreich  
Dan Feldman  
David Palframan**

*Congratulations, guys!*

### Rank & Badge Activity

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| Scout:      | Jim Cunningham, Andy Feldman, Frank Illiano, Alex Kouvel, Matt Morrison, Mark Palframan, Matt Tacheron |
| Tenderfoot: | Chris Boston, Jim Cunningham, Dan Lewis, Brad Rice, Jonathan Schneck                                   |
| 2nd Class:  | Brian Bosch  |
| Star:       | Kevin Boston   |
| Life:       | Chris Bosch, Dan Feldman   |

### *Merit badges:*

Art - Brian Bosch, Chris Bosch, Paul Ehrenreich, Jonathan Schneck;  
Astronomy - Brian Bosch, Paul Ehrenreich, David Palframan;  
Camping - David Palframan;  
Citizenship in the Nation - Jason Benda, Kenny Blankertz, Brian Bosch, Chris Bosch, Kevin Boston, Ryan Carretta, Mike Cunningham, Phil Detwiler, David Diprima, Matt Ehrenreich, Dan Feldman, Chris Hespe, David Palframan, Brad Rice;  
Communications - John Benda;  
Family Life - Brian Bosch, Chris Bosch, Paul Ehrenreich, Dan Feldman;  
Gardening - Brian Bosch;  
Home Repairs - Chris Boston;  
Personal Fitness - Scott Mackay;  
Personal Management - David Diprima;  
Reading - Brian Bosch, Dan Feldman;

### **Other awards:**

Shed Maintenance - Special Adult Leader Award - John Benda, Doug Irwin;

### Recent Events

Smithsonian DC Trip took place March 24-26. We spent two nights in a very nice cabin (two bunk rooms, each with its own showers and bathroom facilities!) at a 4-H farm in Prince George's County, just east of D.C. We took the Metro into the city and explored the various Smithsonian museums.

Habitat for Humanity Service Project took place on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the H.F.H site in Long Branch. 11 Scouts and 5 adults helped with the construction of two new homes. Our main job was moving what seemed like several tons of fill dirt to build up the ground profile around the houses. There was lots of shoveling, wheel barrowing, and raking over a six hour period. After a hard day's work, we left the site tired and a little sunburned, but happy in knowing our work will help two families achieve their dream of affordable housing! Thanks to all who attended.



### Coming Events

Philmont Shakedown 4/7-9. Scouts going to this summer's Philmont will be having a weekend shakedown in preparation for the trip.

Belle Plains/Cape May Trip 4/15-16. During this camping trip to South Jersey, Scouts will follow the Cape May Historic Trail and possibly earn a patch in the process.

Summer Camp will be at the Goose Pond Scout Reservation in northeastern Pennsylvania from **Sunday August 6 to Saturday August 12, 2000** Summer camp will offer the chance to earn a wide range of merit badges. Here's a great opportunity to get 4-5 new badges!

See the handout for detailed information and visit Goose Pond's website at: <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Gorge/9292/>

**If you haven't handed in your camp sign-up with the \$165 fee, you're late!**

### Items of Note

Newsletter Input Do you have a story, announcement, or other item of interest for the Troop that you would like included in the newsletter? Send items by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to appear in the next month's issue. Items can be submitted via email (plain text or Word 7.0), regular mail, or by phone. Email is preferred.

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