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# TROOP 246 NEWSLETTER

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September, 2001

## *Meetings*

9/10	Sharks Set up/Clean up
9/17	Dragons Set up/Clean up
9/24	Lightnings Set up/Clean up

## *Events*

9/8	Family Picnic
9/9	Chris Bosch's Eagle Ceremony
9/22-23	Kayaking at Wharton

### *Welcome Back!*

to our 2001/2002 season! I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. Now, let's make this a great Scouting season!!

**Please make every effort to attend the Picnic and Eagle Ceremony Saturday and Sunday, 9/8, and 9/9.**

Reminder: Please arrive for the regular Tuesday meetings **by 7:25p.m.**

### *Recent Events*

#### **Summer Camp** -

Summer camp was held this year at the end of July. We drove to Treasure Island in Pennsylvania. Along with the usual selection of Merit Badges, there was a plentiful selection of activities daily, many of which had to do with the theme of the week, which was life in 1776. The staff marched around in 1776 garb and the troops had an opportunity to set up exhibits about life in 1776, which included a quiz on the Revolutionary War, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, and a display of

everything a Continental soldier carried. Our troop's exhibit was a representation of Washington crossing the Delaware like everyone thinks it is, and then the "accurate" version. There were also other activities such as tubing down the Delaware (in which the scouts were stranded on the riverside by an encroaching thunderstorm), and a 5-mile bike trip (in which some scouts reportedly overshot the stop point by twenty miles[!] and had to be rescued). When the scouts weren't participating in any activities they passed their time by swimming in the pool, shooting at the rifle and archery ranges, working on their merit badge requirements, or playing cards or chess at the camp. Most people thought the food was okay, but some picky scouts were self-confined to salad and peanut butter and jelly for the whole week. After the week was over the scouts had earned many merit badges. Everyone had a fun time, but by the end of the week all were ready to return to the world of comfortable beds and warm showers.

*Submitted by Kevin Boston*

### *Coming Events*

**Family Picnic** Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll be starting off the new season with a Family Picnic at Bodman Park. Starting time is 3:00 PM. **If you haven't already, please get back to your Patrol Leader immediately as to how many people in your family will attend.**

**Eagle Ceremony** Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday at 7:00 PM sharp, we will be holding Chris Bosch's Eagle Ceremony. **All Scouts should attend.**

**Kayaking trip** Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our first trip for the new season will be to Wharton State Park where we will be kayaking.

**Note from the Editor**

**ATTENTION ACTIVITY LEADERS!!!**

This year, I'd like to continue to have activity leaders (Scout and/or Adult – Scout preferred) to provide a short write-up to announce details for upcoming activities, and a short report of the trip afterwards.

***Thanks to the Scouts who submitted write-ups for last season's newsletters. Let's get even more participation this year!***

**Send items no later than one week before the first meeting of the month.**

Items can be submitted via email (plain text or Word 97 compatible), regular mail, or by phone. Email is preferred.

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