
TROOP 246 NEWSLETTER

December, 2001

Meetings

12/4	Eagles Set up/Clean up
12/11	Aquabats Set up/Clean up
12/18	Dragons Set up/Clean up
12/25, 1/1/02	NO MEETINGS – Winter break

All meetings at Nut Swamp

Events

12/1-2	Mt. Alpine Camping Trip
12/15	Rock Gym
12/26	Bowl-a-thon

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

Coming Events

Mt. Alpine Camping Trip Dec 1st-2nd
Camp out at this Palisades located campsite in heated cabins

Rock Gym 12/15. This year's trip will be to the Wall Street Rock Gym. Bring sneakers. A fee of about \$15 may be charged.

Bowl-a-thon 12/26 Join fellow scouts for an afternoon of bowling at Harmony Bowl for the annual Boy Scout fundraiser.

Recent Events

Venture Camping On the Saturday, November 17 a group of six venture scouts and three dads went to Stokes State Forest in Branchville for a weekend of camping and hiking. After unloading our things into the two small, cot-less cabins we set out for a hike along one of the trails. We hiked to the top of a large hill and picked a good spot to watch the

Leonid meteor showers early the next morning. After hiking for the whole afternoon, we returned to camp to have a scrumptious dinner of stew, rice and salad, followed by cracker barrel. We then lit the fires in the wood burning stoves and went to sleep at about 8:00, so we wouldn't be very tired while watching the meteors. At 4:00 sharp the next morning we got out of bed went to the top of the hill. We hadn't counted on the whole town showing up to watch the meteors, however, so it was a little more crowded than we expected. Nevertheless, the clear sky and new moon made for a spectacular show. There were meteors streaking by every few seconds, each met by oohs and aahs from everyone on the hill. After it started getting light out and the scouts started getting cold, we went back to the campsite. After a quick nap, we and packed everything up to go home. We were all too tired and cold to make breakfast at camp, so we stopped on the way back. We will all have fond memories of this trip because the meteor

showers turned an ordinary hiking trip into an experience we will never forget.

Submitted by Kevin Boston

Scouting for Food We collected 532 food items this year and delivered them to Calico Cat. Good work Scouts!

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.

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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