
TROOP 246 NEWSLETTER

January, 2002

Meetings

1/8	Eagles Set up/Clean up
1/15	Aquabats Set up/Clean up
1/22	Dragons Set up/Clean up
1/29	Lightnings Set up/Clean up

All meetings at Nut Swamp

Events

1/12	Klondike Derby
1/19	Ski Trip
2/2	Rutgers Basketball

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

Happy New Year!

Coming Events

Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, **January 12** at Quail Hill. We will have four teams this year. The teams will pull their sled and equipment around a course with about five "towns" or stations. The teams will be challenged at each town with a problem to solve which involves scouting skills. The towns for this year are:

Anchorage, Theme: Wilderness Survival
Fairbanks, Theme: First Aid.
Fort Selkirk, Theme: Fire Building.
Golden Nugget, Theme: Store.
Nome, Theme: Cooking.
Skagway, Theme: Soup Kitchen.
White Horse, Theme: Compass.
Yakutat, Theme: Lashings.
Yukon, Theme: Team Building.

A "hidden" skill needed at every station is *reading and following instructions!*

At each town, the team can earn points based on their performance of the task at hand. In addition, the whole event is timed. The team with the most points and the least amount of time is the winner.

Ski Trip 1/19. Enjoy a day of skiing or snowboarding. More details at the Troop Meeting. For those who need to rent skis or a snowboard, you may want to consider renting locally. Renting at the slopes is often a very long process! You'll get more slope time if you bring your skis. The Outerlimits and Dosil's are good local places.

Rutgers Basketball 2/2 Rutgers is sponsoring Scouting Days - a reduced rate for Boy Scouts (and their families) for the Rutgers vs. Syracuse Basketball Game.

Date: Saturday February 2, 2002

Time: Game Starts at 7:30 PM

Place - RAC - Rutgers Athletic Center -

Piscataway, NJ
Transportation - make your own
arrangements
Cost: \$ 8.00 per person
Seating - Promenade Section

The Rutgers team is in the Big East Conference and is currently 8-3 and Syracuse is 10-2. It should be a very exciting game.
I will be ordering the tickets. If you would like to go, **please give me a check for \$8.00 for each ticket you would like by Tuesday, January 8.** Checks should be made out to Troop 246. I will distribute the tickets to you prior to the game.

If you have any questions, please call me at 732 671-8865

Submitted by Ken Feldman

Recent Events

Mt. Alpine Camping Trip On Dec 1st-2nd, the scouts trekked out to the Palisades for a weekend of camping and hiking. The word "camping" is used loosely, as these heated, bedded, kitchened cabins were the lap of luxury compared to a tent. Most of the morning and afternoon was spent hiking, with a bagged lunch eaten on the way. Water soon became a hot commodity as many scouts had forgotten to bring some. When we returned to the cabins, scouts commenced not one but *two* games of Axis and Allies. After dinner we went to bed. We woke early the next morning, had breakfast, and cleaned up the cabins. As we rolled out of camp, I think we all agreed that this was a fun and successful camping trip.

Submitted by Kevin Boston

NYC Museum Trip On November 3, a group of scouts and adults traveled to NYC to visit the American Museum of Natural History and the Rose Center for Earth and Space. Using the orienteering skills learned in scouts, we were able to navigate both museums and see everything in 4 hours and with hardly any backtracking. This included lunch in the museum cafeteria, the space show in the planetarium, the Big Bang exhibit and a visit to the gift shop. The major point of excitement was when Mr. Ehrenreich picked up an envelop he saw on the floor and had to wash his hands to remove any possible contamination.

Submitted by Sam Ehrenreich

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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