
TROOP 246 NEWSLETTER

February, 2002

Meetings

2/5	Eagles Set up/Clean up
2/12	Aquabats Set up/Clean up
2/19	Dragons Set up/Clean up
2/26	Lightnings Set up/Clean up

All meetings at Nut Swamp

Events

2/8	Pack 205 Crossover
2/8-10	Winterburg Camping Trip
2/23-24	Venture Ski Trip

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

Coming Events

Pack 205 Crossover Friday evening, 2/8, We will be helping out at the Pack 205 Crossover. As a result, we will be having about 10 new scouts join us on Feb 12. Troop guides should be thinking about how to help with rank advancement.

Winterburg Camping Trip 2/8-10. Winter" camping at Winterburg! About 11 Scouts and three adults are signed up.

Venture Ski Trip 2/23-24. This is the annual ski trip for Venture scouts. Make sure you have your permission slips in if you're going!

Order of the Arrow Order of the Arrow elections are coming up. First class scouts who are 14+ years old are eligible. Joining the lodge is considered an honor. It also requires an investment in service time. We are also allowed to

recommend one adult to join the lodge.

Recent Events

Klondike Derby On January 12, fifteen scouts went to the Klondike Derby at Quail Hill. We started our journey by meeting at the church and packing the sleds. Once we got there, we registered our two sleds: *Captain Hampton and the Midget Pirates of Willygoat*, and the *Flaming Projectile Chickens*. After registration, we were off, yelling our patrol cheers as the sleds sped off into the woods! The various stations along the "Yukon" trail included fire building, teamwork, wilderness survival, lashings, compass, cooking, and first aid. At one of the two fire stations, *Captain Hampton and the Midget Pirates of Willygoat* melted through their garbage can lid and scorched the ground under it by making a roaring fire. The hapless patrol leader was almost burned while trying to recover from his "radiation poisoning." The councilor termed it the best fire he had seen all day and gave us an extra point. We all had a lot of fun during the

rest of our journey. Out of the 56 Boy Scout Sleds, *Captain Hampton and the Midget Pirates of Willygoat* came in 10th with 192 points. The *Flaming Projectile Chickens* finished in 17th place with 182 points. At about 2:00 we ended our treacherous journey through the "Yukon" and headed home.

Submitted by Andy Feldman



The Flying Projectile Chickens



Captain Hampton and the Midget Pirates of Willygoat

Ski Trip 1/19. We enjoyed a day of skiing and snowboarding at Mountain Creek Ski Slopes in Vernon, NJ. We actually had some new snow falling that day, to help cover up some of those icy spots! We all had a good day of skiing, despite the

crowds hoping to ski in the new snow. Mr. Boston again had what's becoming a tradition on this trip – another blowout on the way up. [*From now on, I'm going as a passenger! – Ed.*]

Rutgers Basketball 2/2 Who would of thought that Scout night at the RAC (Rutgers Athletic Center), would have ended up being the best game of the season, when Rutgers took on the number 10 Syracuse Orangemen in a Big East matchup. The RAC was sold out, and the atmosphere up in the nosebleed section was tense and frantic, as Syracuse took the early 12-point lead in the first half. Syracuse dominated at the foul line, and all over the court. At half-time, Rutgers had come back but Syracuse still had the lead. Rutgers was determined to win, and it showed during the second half. When Rutgers finally took the lead for the first time, it sent the RAC rocking, and the crowd went wild. The game continued to sway back and forth until late in the second period, Rutgers sunk a three-pointer, and that was the beginning of the end for Syracuse. The game ended with a giant upset, Rutgers beating Syracuse 82 to 74. The 17 Scouts and family members that attended went home hoarse after witnessing a game that will go down in Big East basketball history. We are looking forward to the next Rutgers Scout Day!

Submitted by Dan Feldman

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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