TROOP 246 NEWSLETTER

January, 1998

Meetings

1/6	Eagles Set up/Clean up
1/13	Sharks Set up/Clean up
1/20	Lightnings Set up/Clean up

All meetings are at Nut Swamp

Events

1/10	Klondike Derby
1/24	Ski Trip

Happy New Year!

Scout of the Month

November

Mike Cunningham

Congratulations on your achievement!

Recent Events

<u>Rock Climbing Trip</u> took place on Saturday, 12/6 at the Rutgers Rock Gym.

<u>Court of Honor and Holiday Party</u> took place at the 12/16 meeting, with 5 merit badges, 6 rank advancements, and 4 special awards given out. Rank advancements were:

Second Class: Dan Feldman

First Class: Matt Ehrenreich, Mike

Cunningham, Kenny

Blankertz, John Benda and Jason Benda

Merit badges:

<u>Communications</u> - Chris Bosch, Matt Ehrenreich, Dan Feldman; <u>Camping</u> - Mike Cunningham; <u>Family Life</u> - Scott Mackay;

Other awards:

<u>Bunyan Woodsman Award</u> - Chris Irwin; <u>BSA Lifeguard</u> - Eric Benson; <u>Venture Scouts</u> - Matt Ehrenreich, John Benda.

Congratulations, guys!

<u>Bowl-a-Thon</u> was held on December 28th with about 10 scouts participating.

Coming Events

Klondike Derby January 10, 1998. The annual district-wide Klondike Derby is a patrol competition simulating a race through towns on the Alaskan Klondike Trail. Dan Dunn is in charge, assisted by

Kevin Boston. John Benda, Jason Benda, Kevin Boston, Ryan Carretta, Steve Detwiler, Matt Ehrenreich, and Scott Mackay built a new sled for the event. Many thanks to Mr. Jensen for the use of his workshop and tools! Final details will be discussed at the 1/6 meeting. Bring a bag lunch!

<u>Windham Ski Trip</u> January 24, 1998. This is a one-day ski/snowboard trip. Rentals are available at Windham, although you may want to consider renting ahead of time at a local ski shop such as Dosil's. Steve Detwiler is in charge.

<u>Badge Activity</u>

<u>Citizenship & the World</u> will be taught through March. **Mr. Detwiler** will sponsor this badge activity.

<u>Family Life</u> continues with the help of Mr. **Ehrenreich**. If you haven't completed this one yet, try to do so within the next month or two.

Items of Note

New Scout Leadership will be appointed at the end of the month.

An Adult Leadership Meeting will be held one evening soon. Adult volunteers are needed. If you can contribute some of your time to the Scouts, please talk to Doug Irwin. Remember, our Troop will thrive only if the adults actively participate!

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