
TROOP 246 NEWSLETTER

December, 1998

Meetings

12/1, 12/8, 12/15

The 12/15 meeting will be at the Church, all others are at Nut Swamp School

Events

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12/15
12/28

Rock Gym POSTPONED until Feb 14
Court of Honor / Holiday Party
Bowl-a-Thon

Scout of the Month

October

Mike Cunningham

Congratulations, Mike!

Previous Scouts of the Month:

September	David Palframan
Summer	Jason Benda & Chris Bosch

Ed. note: In last month's newsletter, David Palframan was incorrectly listed as Scout of the Month for October; David actually was Scout of the Month for September.

Rank & Badge Activity

First Class: Chris Bosch
Life: John Benda

Merit badges

Citizenship in the World - Kevin Boston;

Environmental Science - Matt Ehrenreich;

Safety - Chris Bosch, Dan Feldman;

Weather - Dan Feldman;

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

An Eagle Court of Honor will be held on Friday, January 15th to honor **John Park** and **Dan Dunn**.

Recent Events

Scouting for Food Our Troop collected **382** items! The food was delivered to Calico Cat Food Pantry on Saturday, Nov 21st. Afterwards, some of the Scouts went to the Intrepid Museum in New York. A few others helped out at Granny's Attic.

Patrol Leader Skills Training Eric Astor, David Diprima, David Palframan, Brad Rice, and Jonathan Schneck attended the two day Patrol Leader Skills Training weekend at Quail Hill Scout Reservation on November 13 to 15. The event had

the best weather of the past four years, when in the past the participants had to brave stormy and rainy weather. The event was for young scouts from all troops of the Twin Lights District. Most of the training sessions were taught by older scouts in the district. They participated in learning how patrols work together and picked up many scout skills.

Mt. Allamuchy Camping Trip The same weekend (11/14-15), the alternate trip only met with semi-success as only **Kenny Blankertz, Chris Bosch, and Ryan Carretta** attended. Basically, we picked the wrong weekend - the five day school holiday weekend where most scouts had family commitments. The boys did have fun and went on a number of hikes.

Coming Events

Court of Honor for the first half will be held at the 12/15 Tuesday Meeting. All Scouts and their families are invited!

Bowl-a-thon The annual scouting Bowl-A-Thon will be held on Monday, December 28th. The event offers a good time with your fellow scouts and a chance to raise some funds for our council. We will bowl two games with a minimum score of 50 pins per game. Each scout must secure pledges of at least \$15. These pledges, from family, friends and neighbors, can be in whole dollars or so much per pin. Besides earning a patch, we will have a troop prize for the scout who raises the most money and for the scout who has the highest score. **Jason Benda** will lead this event.

Rock Gym Climbing Trip The annual rock climbing event has been postponed from December 12th to Sunday, February 14th. **Kenny Blankertz** is leading this event. We will have a couple of Tuesday night sessions on rock climbing safety and equipment. Each scout must be proficient in the knots used for rock climbing before the event.

Klondike Derby The annual Klondike Derby will be held on Saturday, January 9th. As of the last meeting, we will have two sleds participating - one lead by **Chris Irwin** and the other lead by **John Benda**. The location of the event has not been announced but has been held at Quail Hill and Tatum Park in the past. The teams will pull their sled and equipment around a course with about ten "towns" or stations. The teams will be challenged at each town with a problem to solve which involves scouting skills. These skills include first aid, pioneering, orienteering, fire building, and cooking, to name a few. At each town, the team can earn up to ten gold nuggets. In addition to these nuggets, the whole event is timed. The team with the most nuggets and the least amount of time is the winner. Our top team last year finished in third place! Maybe this year we can win this event.

Ski Trips Here's a run-down on the ski trips planned this season:

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| Jan 16 | Day trip open to all scouts. Steve Detwiler is in charge. Details will be announced at a December meeting. |
| Feb 5-7 | Venture (13 and First Class) weekend ski trip with the Green Mountain Council at |

Okemo Mountain. **Scott Mackay** is the scout in charge.

Mar 26-28 HS Venture and HS Girl Scout weekend ski trip with the Green Mountain Council at Killington Mountain. **Scott Mackay** is the scout in charge.

Items of Note

Summer Camp will be at the Ten Mile River Scout Reservation from July 25 to August 1, 1999. Located in the southwestern Catskill Mountain area, the scout reservation actually has four separate camps. Summer camp will offer a wide range of merit badges as well as COPE and high adventure

programs. Full details will be available at the December Court of Honor.

Newsletter Input Do you have a story, announcement, or other item of interest for the Troop that you would like included in the newsletter? Send items no later than the 20th of the month to appear in the next month's issue. Items can be submitted via email (plain text or Word 7.0), regular mail, or by phone. Email is preferred.

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