
TROOP 246 NEWSLETTER

October, 1999

Meetings

10/5	Sharks Set up/Clean up
10/12	Eagles Set up/Clean up
10/19	Lightnings Set up/Clean up
10/26	Aquabats Set up/Clean up

10/26 meeting at the Church, others at Nut Swamp

Events

10/08-10	Philmont Shakedown
10/23-24	Council Fall Camporee - Battlefield State Park
10/26	Court of Honor

Rank & Badge Activity

Merit badges

Space Exploration - Brad Rice;

Swimming - Ryan Carretta;

Congratulations!

Recent Events

Order of the Arrow Jason Benda, John Benda, Mike Cunningham, and Matt Ehrenreich participated in their Order of the Arrow ordeal weekend on September 17-19. After completing various service projects at Quail Hill Scout Reservation, they went through the induction ceremony and are now confirmed honor scouts and life members of the Order of the Arrow.

Coming Events

Fall Camporee will be held at Battlefield State Park on October 23rd & 24th. Permission slips are due back at the

October 5th meeting. We need to be at the Camporee by 8 AM on Saturday morning so we will meet at the Equipment Shed at 6:30 AM. Activities and competitions will be from 9 AM to 12 Noon and then from 1 PM to 4 PM. There will be a campfire starting at 8 PM and then a closing ceremony at 10 AM Sunday. The competitions will be by patrols and will probably center on scouting skills and should prove to be quite interesting and exciting.

Court of Honor Due to the Tuesday schedules of the back to school nights, our Fall court of honor has been pushed back until the October 26th meeting. It will be held at the Lincroft Presbyterian Church. Moms and dads as well as brothers and sisters are invited and encouraged to come.

Philmont 2000 The following scouts signed up for the trip of a lifetime at the Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico: **Jason Benda, John Benda, Kenny Blankertz, Ryan Carretta, Mike**

Cunningham, and Matt Ehrenreich. They will be assigned to a crew of 8 boys and 2 dads. The council will have 10 crews going to Philmont in July 2000. During this year they will have monthly meetings where they will learn more about wilderness camping, hiking, and chose what special events and trails they will hike at Philmont. In addition they will have at least two shakedown camping trips. One is scheduled for October and the other for April. These trips will go out on Friday night and cover at least 15 miles of hiking and camping at two different locations along the trail. A special note is that **Mr. Blankertz** and **Mr. Cunningham** went to Philmont when they were Boy Scouts.

Items of Note

Scout Leadership – The following are the Leadership assignments for this half:

<i>Jr Asst Scoutmaster</i>	Chris Irwin & Scott Mackay
<i>Senior Patrol Leader</i>	Mike Cunningham
<i>Asst Sr Patrol Leader</i>	Kenny Blankertz
<i>Quartermaster</i>	Ryan Carretta
<i>Scribe (Dues)</i>	Chris Bosch
<i>Librarian</i>	Paul Ehrenreich
<i>Historian (pictures)</i>	Kevin Boston
<i>Troop Guide</i>	Jason Benda & Matt Ehrenreich

The Jr Asst Scoutmasters and Troop Guides, along with Mr. Schneck, will assist the younger scouts in their advancement towards the rank of 1st Class.

<u>Patrol</u>	<u>Patrol Leader</u>	<u>Asst Patrol Leader</u>
<i>Sharks</i>	David Palframan	Chris Aiello
<i>Eagles</i>	David Diprima	Brian Bosch
<i>Lightnings</i>	Brad Rice	Phil Detwiler
<i>Aquabats</i>	Jonathan Schneck	Dan Feldman

Troop Leadership – The following are the Adult Troop Leaders:

<i>Scoutmasters</i>	Jim Cunningham Fred Bosch (Star & Life Scouts)
<i>Asst Scoutmasters</i>	Doug Irwin (Venture and Life Scouts) George Schneck (New to 2 nd Class Scouts)
<i>Troop Committee Chairman</i>	John Benda
<i>Advancement</i>	Rich Aiello
<i>Merit Badges</i>	Jim Detwiler
<i>Record Keeping</i>	Ken Feldman
<i>Camping</i>	John Palframan MaryBeth Diprima
<i>Quartermaster</i>	Open
<i>Newsletter</i>	Ron Boston
<i>Membership</i>	Fred Bosch
<i>Fund Raising</i>	Fred Bosch
<i>Council Rep</i>	John Palframan
<i>At Large</i>	Gordon Mackay Jack Cashman

Scout Spirit – *Scout Spirit* is an important component of Scouting. It plays a major part in a Scout's advancement through the ranks. *Scout Spirit* means living up to the **Scout Law** and **Oath**. *Scout Spirit* means participating in weekly meetings,

service projects, camping trips, and special events. To advance, a Scout should participate in at least 75% of each type of the troop activities. This means that a Scout should attend at least 75% of the camping trips and 75% of the special events. Attendance at the meetings is crucial as that is when and where communication and planning takes place. It is good to see active scouts enjoying their scouting experience.

Dues First half dues of \$60 are due at the October 11th meeting.

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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TROOP 246
1999-2000 ACTIVITIES

			SCOUT	ADULT
SEP 99	Meetings	09/07 09/14* 09/21 09/28		
	09/17-19	OA Induction Camping Trip		
	09/25-26	Outback Canoe Camping Trip – Wharton St Pk	Chris Irwin	Doug Irwin
Oct 99	Meetings	10/05 10/12 10/19 10/26**		
	10/08-10	Philmont Shakedown		
	10/10	Walk for Diabetes	David Diprima	Jim Cunningham
	10/23-24	Council Fall Camporee – Battlefield St Pk	Ryan Caretta	Open
Nov 99	Meetings	11/02* 11/09 11/16 11/23 11/30		
	11/12-14	Patrol Leader Skills Tng – Quill Hill	Phil Detwiler	Jim Detwiler
	11/20-21	West Point Football Camping Trip	Matt Ehrenreich	Sam Ehrenreich
Dec 99	Meetings	12/07 12/14 12/21**		
	12/04	Scouting For Food / Rutgers Rock Gym	Kenny Blankertz	MaryBeth Diprima
	12/28	Bowl-a-Thon	Jason Benda	George Schneck
Jan 00	Meetings	01/04 01/11 01/18		
	01/08	Klondike Derby	David Diprima	Ron Boston
	01/22	Mtn Creek Ski Day	Scott Mackay	Jim Cunningham
Feb 00	Meetings	02/01 02/08 02/15 02/22 02/29		
	02/12-13	Winter Camping Trip – Stokes St Pk	Tommy Brunner	Open
Mar 00	Meetings	03/07 03/14 03/21 03/28		
	03/03-05	HS Venture Okimo VT Ski Weekend	Mike Cunningham	Doug Irwin
	03/17-19	Smithsonian DC Weekend	Chris Bosch	Cashman/Lewis
Apr 00	Meetings	04/04 04/11 04/18		
	04/07-09	Philmont Shakedown		
		Habitat for Humanity Service Project	David Palframan	John Palframan
	04/15-16	Belle Plains – Cape May Historic Trails Weekend	Brad Rice	Sam Ehrenreich
May 00	Meetings	05/02 05/09 05/16 05/23		
	05/20	Fleet Week – Intrepid Museum Trip	Kevin Boston	Craig Rice
	05/27	Car Wash Fund Raiser	Dan Feldman	Fred Bosch
Jun 00	Meetings	06/06**		
	06/02-04	OA Induction Camping Trip		
	06/09-10	Dam Release Whitewater Rafting Trip	John Benda	Ken Feldman
		* meeting at church ** Court of Honor at church		
Jun 28-	Jul 13	Philmont High Adventure		
Jul 23 -	Jul 30	Summer Scout Camp		
Ideas		HS Venture Fall Camping Trip		
		Deep Sea Fishing Trip		
		Golf Day		

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