

Troop 251 Hooter Gazette

January 2008

Larimer, PA



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Can you believe a year has come and gone?
Here we all are at the beginning of 2008. Hope everyone
has a blessed, wealthy and prosperous New Year!!

Upcoming Events

- **Jan. 31:** Mtg @ 7:00 - St. Johns Church
- **Feb 1:** Snow Tubing @ Seven Springs 8-10 PM
- **Feb 3:** Scout Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM – St. Agnes Church
- **Feb 7:** Mtg @ 7:00 – St. Johns Church
- **Feb 7:** Turn-in Sarris Candy money & orders
- **Feb 14:** Mtg @ 7:00 – St. Johns Church
- **Feb 21:** Mtg @ 7:00 – St. Johns Church
- **Feb 24:** Court of Honor – 4:00 PM – St. Johns Church
- **Feb 23:** OA Winter Banquet @ Scottdale Elementary School
- **Feb 28:** Mtg @ 7:00 – St. Johns Church

Eagle Scouts News!

Tim [REDACTED] will soon be celebrating his Eagle Scout Rank. Congratulations Tim for becoming our newest Eagle Scout!!

Nick [REDACTED] worked hard and completed his Eagle Project at Norwin Elks which he constructed a Flag-Burning Pit, repainted the tree signs in the Veterans' Memorial, raking leaves, and assisting Mr. Bongartz in rewiring the Pavilion. Great Job!!!

Snow Tubing

Our troop is venturing to Seven Springs for our annual "Snow Tubing" which is scheduled for Friday, February 1 from 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Amount is \$12.00 Adult & \$8.00 Child 9 and under. We must have all money and release forms turned in by Thursday, January 24, 2008.

TROOP DUES

Troop 251 "2008" dues of \$50.00 is now due. Please have this paid no later than February 29, 2008 to Lori Smith.

Happy "November, December & January" Birthdays to.....

"November" – Ben [REDACTED] "December" – Adam [REDACTED] Joe [REDACTED]

"January" – Tim [REDACTED] & Dan [REDACTED]

"Easter" Sarris Candy Sale

The Annual Easter Sarris candy sale kick off started Thursday, February 24, 2008. All orders and money must be turned into Mrs. Martinelli by Thursday, February 7, 2008.

****SCOUT SUNDAY****

In celebration of Troop 251 and their 35th Year of Scouting, we will be having Scout Sunday Mass at St. Agnes Church on Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 8:30 AM. Please have all scouts there at 8:15 for line-up. The following "Eagle" Scouts will have their picture taken by Norwin Star:

Tim [REDACTED], Tim [REDACTED], Justin [REDACTED], Dan [REDACTED], Joe [REDACTED] & Marc [REDACTED]

Winter Court of Honor

Troop 251 Celebrating "35 Years" of Scouting!! Our annual Winter Court of Honor will be held on February 24, 2008 @ 4:00 PM. Dinner @ 5:00 PM. Final preparations are currently being planned and we will notify everyone once they're complete.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

When: Thursday, March 27, 2008

Where: Stratigo's Banquet Center
1331 Colonial Manor Road
North Huntingdon, Pa.

Who: All adult volunteers and their guests

Cost: \$22.00 per person, a sit-down dinner will be served.

Time: Registration 6:30p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

- **Deadline for reservations:** March 7, 2008
- **Highlight of the evening:** Dinner Chairman, Elaine Kessler of Uniontown
 - o District Sound-Off- Each district will have a chance to present a brief Skit, Song or Cheer
 - o Inspiring Ceremonies, Presentation of the Silver Beaver Awards and other awards.
- **Menu:** Pick our choice of Carved Top Sirloin of Beef Au Jus or Stuffed Chicken Breast with Crisp Garden Greens Salad with House Dressing, Roasted Red Rosemary Potato, Medley of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Oven Fresh Bread and Sweet Butter, Dreamsicle Cake and Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea
- This year at the Dinner, we will recognize from each pack, troop, or crew New Leaders with one to five years of tenure that have completed Basic Training. Units should select their new leaders to be recognized, complete the nomination form (see page 5), and return it to the Council Service Center by March 7, 2008. Each unit that submits a nomination (with the 5 qualified recipients attending the dinner) will receive a \$25.00 Campership for their unit to use for Camps at Eberly Scout Reservation.
- **Assigned Seating by Districts** -10 people per table. In order to sit together as a group, register together.

The Theme for the dinner is "100 Years of Scouting, Honoring William D. Boyce"

Please visit Westmoreland-Fayette County Boy Scout of America website at www.wfbsa.org for Registration Form.

*****REMINDER***** **UNIFORMS** *****REMINDER*****

“FIELD SHIRT” (Class A) MUST BE WORN AT THE FOLLOWING:

- All scout meetings (you will NOT be marked present without it)
- Scoutmaster Conferences
- Board of Review
- During Merit Badge Earnings
- Council or District Events

The uniform supports the first Aim of Scouting, that of character development. The uniform is a symbol of the boy's commitment to Scouting – his acceptance of the BSA's ideals and willingness to live by them. The boy knows that when he is in that uniform he is expected to act in accordance to the values of the BSA and the values he has made an oath to live by. This purpose of uniforming is as much a part of the method as uniting him with his troop or patrol.

The uniform also makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. To the community the uniform represents a welcome image, a reminder that not all kids are bad, and not all gangs are violent.

We need to communicate to Scouts that the uniform is a symbol of their commitment to Scouting, to the BSA, to their Council and to other Scouts and, not wearing the uniform is a sign to others that they lack that commitment. **Gentlemen – WEAR YOUR UNIFORMS AND BE PROUD!!!!**

2008 CAMP CONESTOGA

Our troop is scheduled the week of June 26 – July 5, 2008. We will again be staying at the “Shawnee” camping sight.

Camp fees for the 2008 season have been advertised as follows:

\$240 per Scout if paid before May 9, 2008.

\$260 per Scout if paid after May 9, 2008.

A **\$50** registration fee per Scout must be paid by March 14, 2008.

Please note that the dates you see here are the dates by which *the Troop has to have the funds turned in to the Council office*. The actual collection date at the Troop level will be two weeks earlier in each case:

\$50 registration fee turned in to Mrs. Smith by **Thursday, February 28th**.

Balance turned in to Mrs. Smith by **Thursday, April 24th**.

There is some good news in the pricing scheme this year.

- ❖ First, for those of you with more than one Scout in the family ... for 2008, the fee for the second Boy Scout attending camp from the same family is only **\$200**.
- ❖ Second, the Troop has an opportunity to earn credit towards necessary items purchased from the Council store. All we have to do is to have more Scouts in camp this year than we did in 2007, and the Troop will earn \$5.00 credit for each Scout in attendance this year. So, get the word out!

2010 National Scout Jamboree

Mark your calendar for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree to be held July 26- August 4, 2010 at Fort AP Hill in Virginia.

No fees have been announced by national at this point. No applications for staff or participants are ready at this time. The Council fee has not been determined.

Chairman Todd Rittenhouse reports that the Council plans to kick off the Jamboree with a rally to be planned for May on a date and location to be announced. We will share information as it becomes available.

Pet Merit Badge

For all those scouts working on the Pet merit badge, we will be approaching the 4-month period in about a month, so please be sure to have your care documentation up to date. If you started later, you will need to continue until your 4 months is up. Also, you need to do the following (1) write in 200 words or more about the care, feeding and housing of your pet, (2) show that you have read a book or pamphlet about your type of pet, and (3) do 1 of the following - (a) show your pet in a show, (b) start a friend raising a pet like yours, (c) train your pet in at least 3 tricks or abilities.

Additional Merit Badges

We will be scheduling a skiing trip in mid to late February for the snow sports merit badge. Take a minute to read up on the requirements for this badge!!!

There will be a special swim class at the Greensburg YMCA in mid-march to cover the swimming and water survival requirements for the first and second class ranks. Time and date to be announced later.

Chairman's Corner

Do you remember Watergate? Richard M. Nixon and Spiro T. Agnew? Skylab?

If you remember these, then chances are pretty good that you're not one of our Scouts! More than likely, you're either a Scout leader or a parent of one of our Scouts. The year was 1973. Gasoline was about 39 cents per gallon. Secretariat won the Kentucky Derby. And the Oakland A's won the World Series, defeating the New York Mets 4 games to 3.

Elton John's *Crocodile Rock* and Jim Croce's *Bad, Bad Leroy Brown* were at the top of the charts. You would have bought each of them as a 45-rpm single, or maybe you would have saved your money and bought the album.

We do know that one group of young men did more that year than sit around listening to their 45's. They, together with their Scout leaders, chartered Troop 251. That was 35 years ago ... and we're still going strong!

Happy 35th, Troop 251 !!!

Chuck Fuller

Committee Chair

Troop 251 BSA