

Troop 251 Hooter Gazette

March 2008

Larimer, PA



Welcome New Scouts!

We are so excited to have 4 new scouts in our troop. If you haven't met them yet, they are Jacob [REDACTED], Kevin B [REDACTED], Andrew and Kevin T [REDACTED]. Welcome boys!!!



Upcoming Events

- **Mar 16:** Ski Trip-Seven Springs @ 12:30 AM
- **Mar 19:** Scout Leader Mtg @ 7:00 - St. Johns Church
- **Mar 20:** Mtg @ 7:00 - St. Johns Church
- **Mar 27:** Mtg @ 7:00 - St. Johns Church
- **Apr. 3:** Mtg @ 7:00 - St. Johns Church
- **Apr. 10:** Mtg @ 7:00 - St. Johns Church
- **Apr. 17:** Mtg @ 7:00 - St. Johns Church
- **Apr. 24:** Mtg @ 7:00 - St. Johns Church
- **Apr. 30:** Trip to Westmoreland Youth Symphony Orchestra

Eagle Scouts News!

Congratulations go to our newest Eagle Scouts:
Nick [REDACTED] and **John [REDACTED]** Way to go guys!!

The following boys have stepped up to take charge of our troop for the next 6 months:

SENIOR PATROL LEADER =
ASSISTANT PATROL LEADERS=

ADAM [REDACTED]
NICK [REDACTED]
ZACH [REDACTED]
BEN [REDACTED]
DAMIAN [REDACTED]
BRADLEY [REDACTED]
JOHN [REDACTED]
STEVE [REDACTED]
SOLOMON [REDACTED]
MITCH [REDACTED]
ANDREW [REDACTED]

QUARTERMASTER =
LIBRARIAN =
SCRIBE =
TROOP GUIDE =
HISTORIAN =
CHAPLIN AIDE =
BUGLER =

Individual group leaders are:

Bat = Joe (PL) Edwin (APL)
Scorpion = Steven (PL) John (APL)
Eagle = Mitch (PL) Bradley (APL)
Falcon = Kevin (PL) Jacob (APL)

Happy "February & March" Birthdays to.....

"February" - Steve [REDACTED], Nick [REDACTED], and Drew [REDACTED]

"March" - None

*****Reminder*** TROOP DUES**

Troop 251 "2008" dues of \$50.00 are now due. If you have not paid this, please see Lori Smith. If you would like to pay out of the ISA accounts, check with Lori and see if there is enough to cover this.

SCOUT LEADER MEETING

Anyone interested in becoming a Scout Leader or just finding out what its all about, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 19 @ 7:00 PM at St. Johns Church in Larimer. All is urged to attend!!! Any questions, please contact Joe Woleslagle - [REDACTED]

"Fundraisers"

For those of you who are unaware of our Annual fundraisers.....the following is a list of fundraisers our troop does annually:

Sarris Easter Candy Sale

Mother's Day Flower & Certificate Sale

Virginia Nut Sale

Popcorn Sale

Sarris Christmas Candy Sale

Christmas Wreath Sale

Knife Sale

Please note that if our boys make every effort in selling these fundraisers, not only will our profit margin increase, but also you just can't imagine how the boys ISA can grow. The money in these accounts can be used for anything that our troop does. If you have any questions about these accounts, please feel free to contact Lori Smith.

Parents.....please help us in stepping forward and taking over handling some of these fundraisers, or if you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to speak up. We always welcome new help and suggestions.

Music Merit Badge

The boys, who are interested in working on this badge, please keep the date of the Westmoreland Youth Symphony Orchestra (WYSO) performance is Wednesday, April 30th, at 7:00 PM. The performance will be in the Cecilian Hall of Seton Hill University, Greensburg. **ADMISSION IS FREE.** If there are any leaders that are planning to attend, please let Chuck Fuller or Nancy Sudsina know. Also, if you can provide transportation, let them know so they can get you listed on the Tour Permit.

Snow Sports Merit Badge

Kevin Astley has been working with the boys at the meetings on this badge and has scheduled a field trip is scheduled for this Sunday, March 16, 2008. You should have all received emails from him.

Please take a minute to read up on the requirements for this badge and see if you need to work on something with Mr. Astley that you may have missed.

Penn State Nuclear Science Merit Badge Program

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 29th and Saturday, April 26th – 10:00 am at Penn State University.

\$10.00 fee per scout – Includes materials as well as breakfast and lunch.

Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the nuclear science merit badge in one day! The program is held at the Breazeale Nuclear Reactor, the oldest operating research reactor in the U.S. A number of interactive lectures, hands-on activities and facility tours. If you are interested, please let Mr. Morgart know and we can get a group together and do this.

Spring Stream Clean Up

Troop 251 will participate in the annual spring stream clean up at Haymaker Run. The local Turtlecreek Watershed Association sponsors the clean up. The creek lies between Levelgreen and Monroeville. Mr. Astley will coordinate and communicate directions at the Troop meeting. Due to some recent conservation efforts, the creek is stocked with trout. Stocking this year will be on April 9th.

In addition, the clean up also falls on a "fugitive tire collection day" sponsored by Westmoreland Cleanways. Scouts can earn money for any tires collected and turned in. Scout community service credit will also apply for the clean-up time!!!! More to follow.....

MAMMOTH PARK CAMPING

Mark your calendars - Troop 251 will be camping out at Mammoth Park from Friday April 25 at 7 pm to noon Sunday April 27. Scouts will work on various camp requirements, fish, and use the giant slide. More details will be announced at our meeting.

*****Reminder*** 2008 CAMP CONESTOGA**

Our troop is scheduled the week of June 26 - July 5, 2008. We will again be staying at the "Shawnee" camping site.

Camp fees for the 2008 season are as follows:

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

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

\$50 registration fee must be turned in to Lori Smith "Asap". Please see Lori to have her check your ISA and you may be able to use that money for your camp fees.

Final Balance must be turned in to Lori Smith before **Thursday, April 24th**.

SCOUTS_____don't miss out on this opportunity to attend camp this year. All boys have such a good time and this is one of the easiest ways to earn various merit badges.

Chairman's Corner

I once asked an Eagle Scout candidate, "Why do we do all of this Scouting stuff? What are we trying to accomplish?" He knew. It's all about building men, about building leaders. You may not realize it, but the experiences you have already had through scouting -- no matter what your rank -- have changed you, forever. You have seen and done things that other boys your age have never thought of doing. And you have succeeded! With every knot you've learned to tie, with every night you've spent in a tent, you have taken on a challenge, and you have won!

Each "win" is like a building block. You stack them up and climb on top of them to reach your next goal. The more goals you reach -- the more "wins" you stack up -- the higher you can climb the next time you are challenged in life. By presenting you with challenges, Scouting gives you the opportunities to earn those "wins" early in life.

Merit badges are "wins." Tackle as many as you can, because each one teaches you something new, gives you another building block to add to your stack. Build your own stack of "wins" and stand proudly atop it. Establish yourself as a leader.

Chuck Fuller

Committee Chair

Troop 251 BSA