



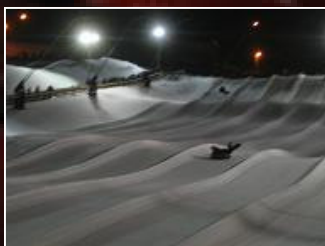
# Troop 251 Hooter Gazette



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## Tubin' at Seven Springs



It starts with the choice of the *best* tube, the one that you are sure will *fly* down that hill, barely touching the snow. Then it's onto the lift for a stand-up ride to the top of the hill. Lane 1 always seems to be closed, but it looks like you can get good air on 5 or 6. A good running start gets you going, and it's all downhill from there!



Feb. 6, 2009

Please welcome into the troop: Austin, Justin, Kevin, and Kyle !!!

## Klondike Derby Report

After a January postponement, this year's Klondike Derby was held the weekend of February 6th-8th. That was a busy weekend for Troop 251. With snow tubing on the 6th, and Scout Sunday service on the 8th, camping was not a possibility. Yet we fielded a patrol of eight Scouts, plus two Leaders, for the Saturday events. **Solomon, Drew, Mitch, Kevin B., Kevin T., Andrew, Adam, and John** got up early in the morning to meet Mr. Astley and Mr. Fuller for the trek to Camp Tenacharison.

Temperatures were in the 40's, which caused a little concern about how much snow we would have. But the ground was apparently cold enough to keep the snow around for most of the afternoon. By the end of the sled race — the last activity of the day — the sleds were running on grass more than they were on snow. But that didn't dampen the spirits of the patrol. They gave it their all, and walked away with 2nd place!

First Aid was the focus of most of this year's Klondike stations, and were scored separately from the Scout Skills stations. Enroute to their 2nd-place overall finish, Troop 251 earned a 3rd-place trophy in First Aid, and also took third in Scout Skills. Great job, guys!



To read a first-hand account, written by one of the participants, paste this URL into your browser: <http://t251.org/news/Hooter200902x.pdf>

## Sarris' Easter Candy Sale

This month brings a new opportunity to raise funds for your Scouting activities ... Sarris' Easter Candy. Everybody loves chocolate! And with Easter just around the corner, you should be able to *sell like crazy!* See Mrs. Bratkowski if you need an order form.

## Scouting Hierarchy: Part II — The PLC

Last month, we discussed the most basic unit of the Scouting hierarchy, the Patrol. This month, we'll look at how those patrols can work together to drive the annual program plan.

The Patrol Leaders Council, or PLC, is made up of all of the patrol leaders, including the Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and the Troop Guide. The Senior Patrol Leader presides over the meetings of the PLC.

Not all troops have an active PLC. Troop 251

has had one in the past, but currently does not. In those that do, the PLC typically meets once a year to lay out the program plan for the next twelve months. The program plan includes topics to be covered during troop meetings, as well as a schedule of camping and other activities. This special meeting, attended only by the PLC, is called the Troop Program Planning Conference. It may be a one-day event, or may be done as a camping trip.

During the remainder of the year, the PLC meets once a month to make adjustments to the program plan as needed.

Weaver Popcorn Company has issued a precautionary voluntary recall for the following product: **9.5 oz. Trail's End Caramel Corn with Peanuts, with code date markings of "102861 109 JAN 19 08" through "102861 297 JUL 23 09"**.

For more information, see the complete text of the recall at the Council web site: [http://www.wfbsa.org/news/popcorn\\_recall.html](http://www.wfbsa.org/news/popcorn_recall.html)

### Scout Sunday at St. John's

Troop 251 paid tribute to our Chartered Organization, and to the memory of Mr. Woleslagle Sr., through their attendance at the regular Sunday service at St. John's on Scout Sunday, Feb. 8th. About a third of the Troop, a couple of Eagle Scouts, and a number of Leaders and family members assembled in the rear of the church. On cue from Rev. Claudia Papenmeier, the Scouts presented the Colors and took their seats in the first two rows.

Rev. Claudia and her congregation extended a very warm welcome to the Troop, and expressed their wishes that this become an annual event. A group photo was taken, and was presented to Rev. Claudia at the Court of Honor.

### South Park Hike-n-Skate Cancelled

The South Park Hike-n-Skate planned for January 28th, was cancelled due to icy conditions on the paved trail.

### How Well Do You Know Camp Conestoga?



Last month's object was the right rear (bottom) leg of the frog on the totem pole in front of Rohrbacher Lodge. Did you guess it?



This month's visual challenge is readily visible at camp. This object doesn't fly, but it shows the colors of the flag.

Want to take a guess? Need a clue? Email [hooter@t251.org](mailto:hooter@t251.org).



## Bedford Camping Trip

The troop is making plans for what promises to be a unique camping experience. On March 28-29, Mr. Morgart will be leading the troop to a location near Bedford, for a weekend of camping ... and perhaps an opportunity to begin work on the Woodwork Merit Badge. That's all that's known at press time. You'll have to talk with Mr. Morgart for the details!

So, mark your calendar for that weekend ... and be sure to pack your cold-weather gear!

## Winter Court of Honor

Another winter Court of Honor goes into the books. Following a delicious meal catered by none other than the Troop Committee members, we celebrated the achievements of the Scouts over the past six months. A number of merit badges have been earned, and five Scouts earned rank advancements. **Kevin B.** received his Second Class badge, **Mitch** moved up to First Class, **Solomon** became our newest Star Scout, and two Scouts — **Steve** and **Adam** — were presented with their Life badges.

## Scouting for Food

Our Scouting for Food schedule will look a little different this year. Because of a planned camping trip on March 28th, Mr. Morgart would like to distribute door hangers on the evening of Friday, March 27th. Pickup will be on the morning of Saturday, April 4th, as usual.

## Chairman's Corner

Allow me to introduce ... Mr. Don Harrison, the new Executive Officer of our Chartered Organization, St. John's United Church of Christ. Mr. Harrison's introduction to the troop came in the form of a phone call from yours truly on his first day at his new post. Timing being everything, it just also happened to be the day that we needed to recharter the troop. So, only a few hours into the job, Mr. Harrison was being asked to fill out a membership application, and to sign one of the most important forms of the Scouting year.

Luckily for us, Mr. Harrison is quite familiar with these things, as he has devoted many years to Scouting. Some of you may recognize him as Bushy Run District's first Popcorn Kernel ... a post he created and held for over 20 years!

Welcome back to Scouting, Mr. Harrison! We're honored to have you aboard.

- Chuck Fuller, Committee Chair, Troop 251

## Write for the Hooter!

Your editor cannot be everywhere that the troop goes. Please send reports of events and activities to [hooter@t251.org](mailto:hooter@t251.org). Not only will it help to keep everyone informed, it's also a good opportunity to develop your writing skills! Articles from Scouts, Scouters, and parents are all welcome!

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