



Troop 251 Hooter Gazette

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Spring Camporee



Photo by Mr. Morgart

“Wilderness Survival” was the focus of the Bushy Run Spring Camporee, held May 15-17 at Camp Conestoga. Ten of our Scouts pitched their tents at the Blackhawk site ... nine of them on the ground, and one atop a stack of wall tent platforms. Some might say that the platforms sorta go against that “wilderness” concept. Be that as it may ...

On Saturday the fun began with breakfast at camp, followed by a day of activities. The First Aid station went “exceptionally well”, with our guys improvising twine from grass, and a t-shirt stretcher that they didn’t get to use.

The Scouts’ demonstrated knowledge of lashings wasn’t enough to get them through the Knot Challenge, but they navigated their way through the Compass Spelling Bee.

And just take a look at their “Wilderness Hilton” above. Add a couple of mammoth hides, and they’d be set for the night!

Next on the Calendar ...
Gerard Trail backpacking trek
May 29-31

The Year in Review

The Norwin school year will be ending within a week or so of publication of this issue, marking the end of another Scouting year.

Where have we been? What have we done?

- We helped in the community
 - Flag ceremony at Relay for Life
 - Veteran’s Memorial clean-up
 - Presents for Patients
 - Scouting for Food
 - Turtle Creek clean-up
- We attended Scout Sunday service
- We hiked over 65 miles!
 - Dead Man’s Hollow
 - “Ice Cream Hike”
 - Yough River Trail
 - Frick Park
 - Laurel Ridge backpacking!
 - Boyce Park
 - Ohiopyle
 - Pittsburgh’s Golden Triangle!
 - Coal & Coke Trail
- We camped!
 - Spring Camporee
 - Deerfield Beach, FL
 - Summer Camp
 - Laurel Ridge!
 - Bedford!!
 - Mammoth!!!
- We sailed the Florida Keys!
- We partied at Hallowe’en!
- We got certified in CPR and First Aid!
- We built a parade float!
- We went ice skating!
- We went snow tubing!
- We went skiing and snowboarding!
- We took 2nd place in a Klondike Derby!

What will we do next year ?!

Scouting Hierarchy: Part V — Troop Committee

In Part IV, we discussed the role of the Scoutmaster and his assistants. This month, we'll take a look at the "other" group of adult leaders, the Troop Committee.

It is the primary responsibility of the Troop Committee to ensure that the Scoutmaster and his Assistants have sufficient resources to conduct a quality Scouting program.

The Committee is led by the Committee Chair, who is responsible for managing the "business" of the troop. Indeed, if the Troop were a business, the Scoutmaster would be in charge of op-

erations while the Committee would oversee personnel and finances. The Committee Chair is assisted by the Committee Members, who perform such valuable roles as Secretary, Treasurer, Advancement Chair, or Training Chair. All Committee Members participate in the coordination of fundraising activities, and "pitch in" to help the Scoutmasters when needed.

One of the most rewarding responsibilities of the Troop Committee is conducting Boards of Review for our Scouts as they advance through the ranks. Troop 251's Committee will tell you, without hesitation, "It's all about the boys."

The kitchen at St. John's was in need of a little repair. The cabinets had begun to show their age, and a few of the shelves had collapsed from years of holding the weight of enough dishes to serve the entire congregation.

Edwin saw the need, and worked with Mr. Woleslagle to put together a plan to upgrade the kitchen for his Eagle project. At this printing, the remodeling

Eagle Project Gives Back to St. John's

project is still underway. The improvement, though, is readily apparent.



In addition to the new cabinets, countertop and sink, the crew also installed a new double oven which will certainly be put to good use in this active kitchen!

Nice work, Edwin and crew. The finished project is going to look great!

How Well Do You Know Camp Conestoga?

Many of the facilities at Camp Conestoga and Camp Buck Run are named in honor of an individual who has left their mark on Scouting. How many of these can you match with the feature that bears their name?

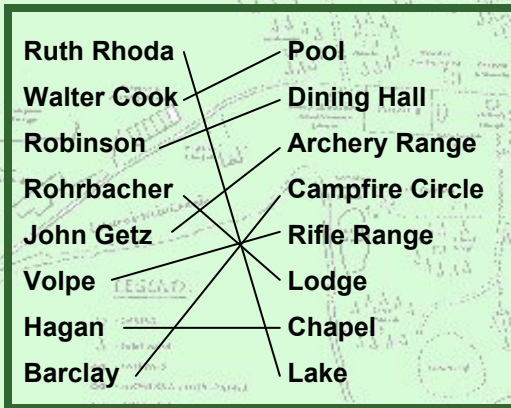
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| Ruth Rhoda | Pool |
| Walter Cook | Dining Hall |
| Robinson | Archery Range |
| Rohrbacher | Campfire Circle |
| John Getz | Rifle Range |
| Volpe | Lodge |
| Hagan | Chapel |
| Barclay | Lake |

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**How Well Do You Know
Camp Conestoga?**

ANSWER



Adam's Jambalaya

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| 1 lb Andouille sausage, sliced | 2 cups long-grain rice |
| 1 lb chicken breast, cubed | 5 cups chicken broth |
| 1 can stewed tomatoes | 1 tsp salt |
| 4 bay leaves | 2 tbsp olive oil |

In a large pan, heat oil and sauté sausage and chicken. Add tomatoes, bay leaves, and chicken broth. Bring to a boil. Add rice, stir and cover. Reduce heat to simmer. Cook for 20-30 minutes, or until most liquid is absorbed. Remove bay leaves and serve hot.

**Archaeology
Merit Badge**



Troop 251's *archaeologist-in-residence*, Mr. Morgart, has been presenting topics of interest to those working on their Archaeology Merit Badge. On June 13th and 14th, you'll have a chance to put what you've learned to good use. Mark your calendars now for a unique 251 camping experience!

Chairman's Corner

It was great fun writing the "Year in Review" article on page 1. It reminded me of all of the things we've done in the past twelve months, and all of the fun we've had. I hope that you have enjoyed this year in Scouting, and I trust that we will put together another year filled with new and exciting activities along with the more traditional ones. In my view, that's one of the things that set Troop 251 apart from all the rest.

Summer is upon us. How will we spend it? We need to get our hiking program restarted, for one thing. How about canoeing, or biking? How about something that involves a little travel? You can bet that there are some really cool Scouting activities in every state that borders Pennsylvania, or even in other parts of our own state.

Let's not forget that Scouting is also about giving back to the community. I'd like to see more community activities on our calendar. Those who participated in this year's events can tell you that there is fun to be had there, too!

- Chuck Fuller, Committee Chair, Troop 251 BSA

Write for the Hooter!

Your editor cannot be everywhere that the troop goes. Please send reports of events and activities to 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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