



Troop 251 Hooter Gazette



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Spring Camporee Right On Target

The Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club played host to the 2010 Bushy Run District Spring Camporee held on the weekend of March 26th-28th. The focus for the weekend was shooting sports, with stations set up for BB, .22, trap, black powder, and archery.

Tents of all sizes and colors floated on a sea of mud that normally serves as the outfield for softball games. Some of our Scouts managed to keep relatively clean and dry, while others ... well, didn't. The first night was brutal, with temperatures dropping to 22 °F in the surrounding area, and one report of 14 °F received from one of the campers on the windy hilltop field.

A hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, and sausage prepared by **Jacob** and **Adam** was a welcome warm-up on Saturday morning. After breakfast, a WWII reenactment group put on a demonstration of equipment and shared some military history. **Raven** donned the uniform of the 82nd Airborne, complete with parachute, and took his first "jump" while standing on *terra firma*.

Many thanks to our ASM's, Mr. Gillham, Mr. Langford, and Mr. R. Gray, for going the extra mile to keep everyone comfortable and safe. Our thanks also, to the Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmen's Club, and to the National Rifle Association for their continued support of Scouting.



Photos by Mr. Gillham

Planning is underway for our trip to Gettysburg on the weekend of June 11th. Check your calendars now, and be ready to give your firm "yes" or "no" when Mr. Flaherty posts the sign-up sheet!

Snow Tubing @ Seven Springs

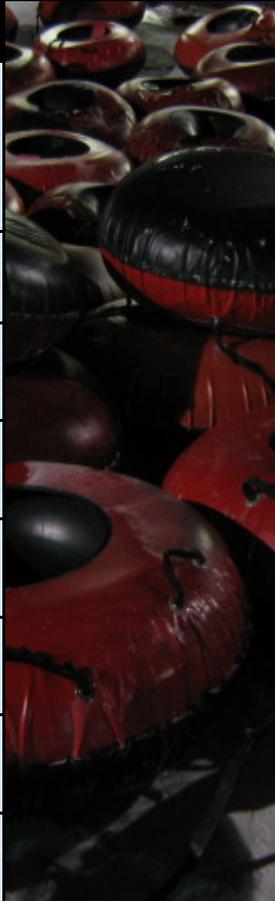


Photo by Mr. Gillham

The signs in the photo above tell the story. The frigid temperatures combined with the heavy snow-fall made for fast lanes on March 5th, the night that the troop went to Seven Springs for our annual snow tubing adventure.

Upcoming Events

APR 10	Opening flag ceremony for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology
APR 17	Scouting for Food Drop-off
APR 24	Scouting for Food Pick up
APR 29	Camp fees due to Troop
APR 30	Fish-'n-Fun Camp
JUN 11	Gettysburg
JUN 27	Summer Camp
SEP 24	Campaganza!



**A Call to Assemble !
On the 11th Day of June
In the Year Two Thousand and Ten
Troop 251 to Muster at Gettysburg !**



Make your plans now to assemble with the troop for a weekend of camping, hiking, and history.

Mr. Flaherty will have charge of the Troop for this campaign. You are requested to apprise Mr. Flaherty of your decision to attend as early as possible.

Troop Leadership

SPL	Solomon
ASPLs	Mitch Jacob Nick
Troop Guide	Adam
Quartermaster	Raven
Chaplain's Aide	Kevin B.
Scribe	Trevor
Librarian	Bradley
Historian	Austin G.
Custodian	Drew



Spring 2010 Court of Honor

"It's all about the boys" is a phrase heard frequently in discussions about the planning and logistics for our semi-annual gathering to celebrate the accomplishments of our Scouts.

On March 7th, seventy Scouts, Scouters, parents, and grandparents gathered in the gym at St. John's to watch a number of our boys take another step on their individual trails to Eagle.

This Court of Honor was made all the more special by the number of boys who were awarded their Scout badge, the first badge to be earned on the trail. This year saw nine who bridged from Cub packs, and two older

boys who began their Scouting days when they joined our troop. The resulting shift in the median age of our Scouts is breathing new life into the Troop.

The formal part of the evening was followed by a bountiful dinner, with way too many dessert offerings. Somehow, we managed to put a big dent in each and every one of them! Many thanks to our Troop Committee, who once again offered to donate and cook most of the meal.

Thanks also to Mr. Kyle Bryan, their District Executive, and Mr. Glenn Ament, District Commissioner, for joining us for the evening!



No-Name Patrol Leadership

Patrol Leader	Andy
Assistant PL	Austin P.

Chairman's Corner

As some of you know, the rapid expansion of the troop this year led to a very unfortunate situation. The Spring Camporee had a limit on the number of Scouts who could attend. Lo and behold, troop sign-ups for the Camporee exceeded our allotment, and four of our younger Scouts were asked to stay home that weekend. Our Leaders did everything possible, but there was simply no good solution to be found. Our most sincere apologies go out to those who could not attend.

So how can we prevent this from happening again? One of the few factors that we have control over is time. Early registration may have given our Scoutmaster more time to look for a creative solution. As a Scout (or parent), please be aware of upcoming events, and be ready to commit when asked.

- 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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