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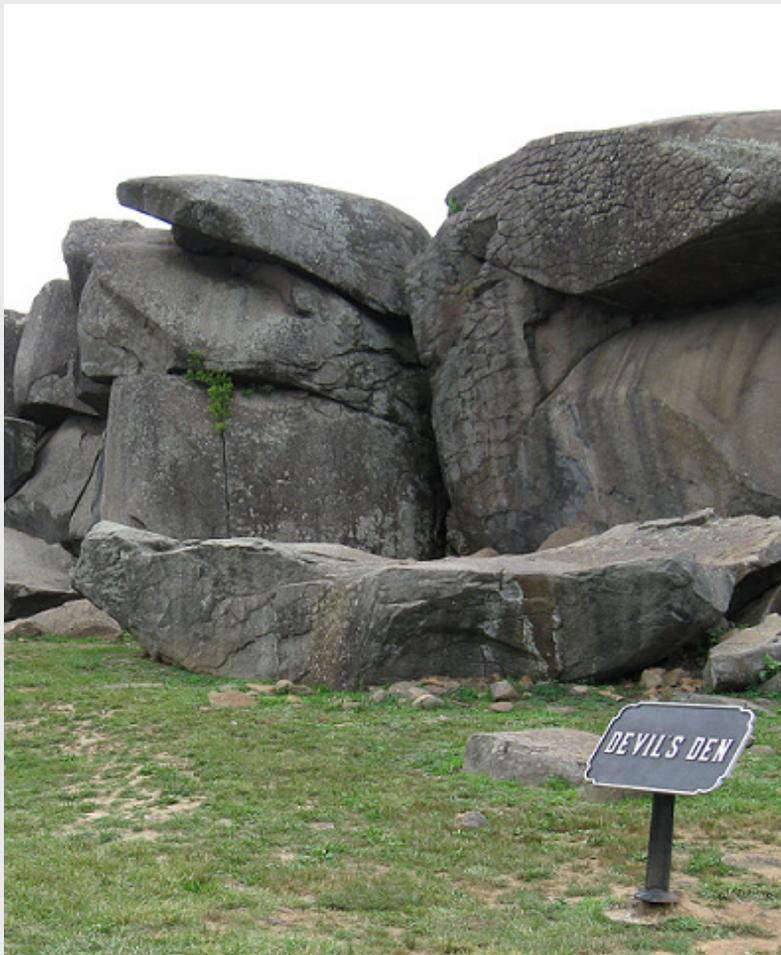
TROOP 251 MUSTERS AT GETTYSBURG!

On Friday, June 11th, thirteen Scouts set out for what is perhaps the most well-preserved Civil War battlefield in America. There, they made camp for a weekend of history and outdoor activity. The older boys camped adjacent to the battlefield, while the NoName Patrol made camp at the Gettysburg Campground.

The weekend was hot and humid, and the hiking arduous. As they made their way around the battlefield, visiting monuments and seeing for themselves the terrain on which the battle was fought, the weight of their day packs made it easier to imagine what it must have felt like to carry battle gear onto this field.

The Visitors Center offered an air-conditioned respite from the heat, and gave the Scouts an opportunity to recharge.

The trip was arranged by Mr. Flaherty, with help from Messers. Astley, Chenot, and Peshock.



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THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF JULY 1, 1863, THE UNION AND CONFEDERATE ARMIES MET IN THE HILLS WEST OF GETTYSBURG. THE FIGHTING THAT ENSUED PUSHED THE UNION TROOPS EASTWARD THROUGH TOWN.

AT THE NEXT SUNRISE,

GEN. LEE'S CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS ATTACKED FROM BOTH THE EAST AND THE WEST. BUT GEN. MEADE'S UNION TROOPS HELD THEIR POSITION.

THE FIGHTING CONTINUED INTO THE NEXT DAY, WHEN LEE'S ARMY MADE AN HEROIC EFFORT TO

TAKE CEMETERY RIDGE. ALTHOUGH THEY NUMBERED TWELVE THOUSAND, THEY WERE DRIVEN BACK. THIS BRAVE ACT WOULD LATER BE REMEMBERED AS "PICKETT'S CHARGE", AND MARKED THE TURNING POINT IN THE WAR. ON JULY 4, LEE WITHDREW TO VIRGINIA



Photos by Mrs. Bratkowski
 Photos by Mr. Gillham
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Adventure Base 100



With the David L. Lawrence Convention Center as a backdrop, seven Scouts — **Trevor, Raven, Jon, Kevin, Andy, Brandon, and Adam** — tackled the wall climb that was part of Adventure Base 100, BSA's traveling museum, during its visit to Pittsburgh.

AB100 is touring the country as part of the 100th Anniversary celebration. The centerpiece of the event is the museum, featur-

ing interactive exhibits and scouting displays. Surrounding the museum is an array of activities, including a zip line rig with three "crossing" challenges of swinging or pivoting footholds, and a green-screen photo booth with adventure scenes.

As the weatherman promised, the day was interrupted for a while by a heavy downpour, but Boy Scouts don't let a little rain ruin their fun!



Troop Shooting Event

Mark your calendars for **Sun., August 8th**, at the Pitcairn-Monroeville Sportsmens Club! A troop shoot has been organized to give those guys who couldn't attend Spring Camporee an opportunity to spend a day at the range.

We'll be shooting BB guns, .22 rifles, and shotguns. The total cost for the day will be \$18, for clays and shotgun shells (2 flights of 25). **Please pay when you sign up at the July troop meetings.**

All activities will take place under the direction of 6 NRA Certified Range Safety Officers, two at each of the three ranges.

Please see Mr. Peschock with any questions.



New! Inventing Merit Badge

Have a good idea? It could earn you a merit badge, even if it doesn't make you a millionaire overnight!

BSA recently partnered with the Lemelson-MIT Program to introduce a new merit badge to encourage Scouts to solve real-world problems through inventing.

Requirements can be found at Scouting.org.

BSA Motorsports Promotes Science and Technology Education

Did you know that BSA sponsors an IndyCar team? Car #19, driven by Alex Lloyd for Dale Coyne Racing, proudly sports the BSA logo on the panels of its red, white, and blue open-cockpit body.

The closest track is in Watkins Glen, NY, so it's not likely that we'll be visiting a track soon ... though I'm sure we could find a couple of leaders who may be interested. All of the IZOD IndyCar series races are televised, so you can watch your BSA team compete from the comfort of your living room. You can find the schedule at dalecoyneracing.com. Check out the rest of the site while you're there!

Chairman's Corner

As this issue is being written, twenty of our Scouts are at Summer Camp. It was great to see all of the activity on the day of arrival. It's been a number of years since this troop fielded 20 boys for this, the most important event of the scouting year.

We need to do everything we can to make the trend continue. One thing we can do is to invite our friends to join us. Summertime is a great time to introduce friends to Scouting. We've done some really cool things already, and summer is just getting started. Think about your friends, or the other boys in your neighborhood. How do they spend their weekends? Playing video games? Walking around the mall? If you think they might enjoy doing some of the things that we do, invite them (and their parents) to a meeting or to an activity. It doesn't matter if they've ever been a Cub Scout. If they're between the ages of 11 and 17, they're welcome in Boy Scouts.

- 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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