



# Troop 251 Hooter Gazette

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## Summer Camp 2010 — Camp Conestoga

Summer Camp week for Troop 251 ended on July 3rd this year, just in time for everyone to get home to celebrate Independence Day! By all reports, camp was a big success, with 20 scouts and a number of leaders enjoying the natural beauty and rustic accommodations of the Catawba campsite. On his first night in camp, one new scout remarked that he had never seen so many stars overhead! That, my friends, is what it's all about: getting outdoors and experiencing things that we can never see from our living rooms.

But it wasn't all about star-gazing. Summer camp is a great opportunity to work on merit badges, and the guys kept their schedules full. As part of their MB work, **Trevor** and **Raven** spent some time patching roads

around camp. After sessions, though, it was more fun and games. **Ben** showed smooth technique in winning the log-rolling competition with a 20-second time. And **Mitch** and **Adam** came home with a canoe-paddle trophy for winning the swamped canoe race. But alas, camp staff's water polo winning streak against the Scoutmasters remains unbroken.

**Kevin B.**, **Jacob**, and **Austin G.** were tapped out for the Order of the Arrow on Wednesday night, along with Mr. R. Gray and Mr. Flaherty. We're looking forward to hearing the reports from their respective Ordeals.

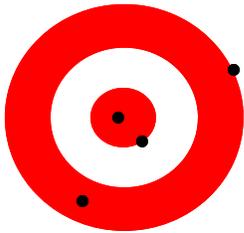
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## How Well Do You Know Camp Conestoga?

Regular readers of the Hooter Gazette will notice that this month's puzzle is a little different from the usual visual challenge. It does, however, have a lot to do with Camp Conestoga. (Otherwise, I'd have to change the name of this column.)

Hidden in the box to the right are the names of 10 campsites that should be familiar to anyone who has spent time at Camp Conestoga. That's the only clue you'll get. I couldn't make it too easy ...

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Don't  
forget  
to sign  
up !!!

**Shooting Sports August 8**



## Popcorn!

No, you haven't slept through August. But it won't be long until the annual popcorn sale starts. Mrs. Flaherty will be chairing the sale again this year. Let's show her how much we appreciate her ... by filling her basement with popcorn!

**Just \$600 in sales earns a  
marshmallow crossbow!**



## Eagle Project Benefits Larimer VFD

The hill that slopes from the road to the lower parking lot of the Larimer Volunteer Fire Department has always been covered in grass. Keeping it trimmed and looking good had become a problem for the all-volunteer company.

On July 24th, Solomon and his crew arrived with 10 tons of river rock and a bundle of rebar, with plans to turn the hillside into a maintenance-free zone. The highlight of the plan was the inclusion of the letters "LVFD STA1" in contrasting color among the rock.



The thermometer read 93° ("feels like 96!"), making the task of shoveling rock even less appealing. Frequent water breaks in the air-conditioned firehall kept the boys from getting overheated.



At the end of the day, only one small pile of rock remained at the top of the hill. Plans were made to meet again later in the week to finish the job.

### Training Future Scouts

Bushy Run District held its annual Cub Scout Day Camp on the weekend before Summer Camp. It's a yearly opportunity for us to help, but also an opportunity for the Webelos to meet some of our scouts.

This year, **Adam, Raven, and Kevin B.** spent their weekend teaching Webelos how to tie the three knots needed for their Tenderfoot advancement, and how to pitch a quick shelter.

### GoodSearch for Westmoreland Fayette Council

Do you know about **GoodSearch**? It's a web search engine that gives money to non-profit organizations for every search done in their name. If you select the **Westmoreland Fayette Council** as your organization, GoodSearch will give the Council 1¢ for every search that you do. That may not sound like much, but think about how many times you search for things on the web!

GoodSearch offers a GoodShop feature that could save you money while making an even larger contribution to the Council. Simply remember to visit GoodSearch first, select the Westmoreland Fayette Council to receive your donation, and click on the icon for the online store that you want to shop. You'll be surprised at what stores you'll find there!

**Summer Court of Honor and Picnic** **Mark your calendars!**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2:00—5:00**

**Oak Hollow Park**

### More August Activities

**8/8 Shooting Sports**  
@ Monroeville-Pitcairn Sportsmens Club

**8/14 Bike & Float**  
on and along the Youghiogheny River

### Chairman's Corner

Troop 251 has always had a special affinity for the Catawba site at Camp Conestoga. This year, we returned there with twenty scouts — an increase of 50% over last year! Suddenly, Catawba didn't look so big. The word is that everyone had a great time, so I'm expecting most of those 20 to return with us next year. Wouldn't it be great to take even more of our friends along on this great adventure that we call Scouting?!

I heard rumor that we had seven leaders helping out throughout the week at Summer Camp. If you count the one who pulled the trailer up and down the mountain, that makes eight. I can't tell you how good that makes me feel to know that we have that many dedicated individuals who are willing to work together for the good of the boys. And I hear that those same leaders have a number of cool activities planned for the coming weeks. We are very lucky to have such a great team of leaders!

- 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](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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